January 26th, 2025

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Confessions: **Tues:** 11:30am **Thurs:** 8:30am **Sat:** 11am-12pm
Baptisms: Baptisms take place on the First (😊) Sunday of the month. If you would like to schedule a baptism, please call or visit the office

Mass Times & Intentions
January 27th – Feb 2nd

Monday 9:00am
Souls in Purgatory
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Tuesday 12:00pm Noon
+Bob & Louise Boulanger
+Anne Marie Gauthier

Wednesday 9:00am
+George & Lily
+Jocelyn & Jean Lavoie

Thursday 9:00am
+Clifford & Theresa Gallant
+Marjorie Skerry

Friday 9:00am
+Brenda Wartman
+Arvilla Roach

Friday 9:30am
Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday 4:00pm
+Norma Hashie
+John Raymond 'Ray Poirier

Sunday 9:00am
+Fedora & Baby Melanson

Sunday 11:00am
Intentions of Parishioners

A cross (+) before a name indicates intentions for a deceased person

St. Peregrine Prayer list… If you have a loved one who is battling cancer and would like to have their name added to The St. Peregrine prayer at our Thursday Masses, please call or visit the office.

Prayers for the Sick

Reggie Blanchard, Shirley Veal, Norma & Kenny DesRoches, Joshua Gallant, Malvin Laviolette, Betty Gallant, Edmund Gallant, , Wayne Sharp, Ian Robinson, Lynn Chaisson, Marie Cameron, Tyler Taylor, Kaitlin McGarry, Douglas Gaudet, Wayne Keough, Lilian Gallant, Bobby Gallant, , Roger Gallant, John Arsenault, , Barbara Gillis, Tim McNulty, Jeanette MacKenzie, , Ronnie Macleod, Troy Thibideau, Sherry Gallant, Mervyn McNally, Joe Peters, Leona MacDonald, John Richard, Derek Rowe, Trista Roddick, Heather Wolfe, Della van Vliet, , Maurice Gallant, Kathleen Gaudet, Jean Gallant, & Florence Rooney. **That Jesus may bring them healing.**

Offerings.
Regular Sunday Offerings: $4,596.90
Auto Debit: $1,677.00
E transfers: $210.00
Building Fund: $150.00
Total: $6,633.90

Cost to operate St. Paul's Parish each week**: $7,440**
Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!

50/50 Legacy Fund Fundraiser... Thank you for your support! As of January 22nd, 2025, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **$840.00 (The winner receives $420.00)** Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in The Parish Centre Lounge, this Sunday, January 26th.

Memorial Book… On the 30th of each month, **Mass intentions** are offered for all our loved ones who are listed in the Memorial Book.

St. Vincent de Paul (902)-724-3454… Suggested items this week are: laundry detergent, dish detergent, tea, juice, beans. Thank You! We would like to sincerely thank all St Paul's Parishioners, other local parishes, local businesses and individuals who so generously support our foodbank at Christmas and throughout the year! The generosity the foodbank receives is overwhelming! We could not do the work we do without your ongoing support. Official tax receipts for monetary donations will be available sometime in February. Thank you!!!

Monthly Rosary Intentions: Rosary intentions for this month is that peace may begin to reign in every heart and prevail over every evil.

Sisters of the Sacred Heart (902) 436-5386… Along with their daycare center, the sisters visit the hospitals and seniors' homes regularly, have you got a loved one that you would like for them to visit? Please call or email the sisters for more information. sacredheartpei@gmail.com

Mass Readings for Sunday Feb 2nd
1st Reading: Malachi 3.1-4
2nd Reading: Hebrews .10-11, 13b-18
Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

Prayer Partners for First Communion and Confirmation students … You will find 2 baskets of envelopes in the church entrance. Please consider taking an envelope with a student's name in it and begin praying for that student. Write them a note (with their name on it) and leave it outside Tawnya's office in the inbox or put it in the collection basket.

Classes for First Communion students… all students preparing for their first confession are required to attend class with Sr. Marian in the parish centre hall on Sunday, Jan 26 and Feb 2 from 10:00-10:55am. For more information contact Tawnya Stanus.

First Confessions… Students preparing for their First Holy Communion will be making their first confession at their retreat Saturday, February 8th. Please keep them in your prayers.

Coldest Night of the Year… Some of our Confirmation students will be participating in a fundraiser for LifeHouse emergency shelter in Summerside. They have formed a team called St Pauls for Life and would love to have you join them on their walk on February 22nd. If you are interested please go to cnoy.with.me/stpaulsforlife

Catholic Women's League Membership Contest 2025: Every CWL council on PEI is encouraged to sign up new members! As we approach the Jubilee of 2025 let's reach out to all Catholic women and offer the **sisterhood of love and support that characterizes this great Canadian Catholic women's organization.** Please reach out to Cheryl Boom, PEI Provincial Council VP, for any questions at 780-982-0724.

CWL Meeting … Next meeting will be the Annual meeting, **Saturday, February 1st, 2025, at 1pm.** A reminder that January is membership renewal month. **No executive meeting this time.**

Attention all women… there will be a CWL Area meeting, **Saturday, February 15th** from 9:30 – 1:00pm. Lunch will be a sharing table, please bring a small item to share. **All women** whether you are a member or not, are invited to attend this meeting and see what the CWL is all about! **We would love to see you there!**

CWL Religious Bookstore will be opened after Masses, cash only.

PEI Catholic Girls Bursary Applications… The PEI Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites Catholic girls and women attending colleges and universities to apply for the PEI Catholic Girls Bursary by the **deadline of January 31st, 2025**. Applications are available at the back of the church, parish office or online at www.cwlpei.ca.

Knights of Columbus… Knights meet on the third Tuesday of the month.
Grand Knight: John van Vliet (902) 303-3798

Bible Study… Men's bible study will resume this Sunday evening 19th, at 6:30pm. All are invited.

Pancake Breakfast… The Knights will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 9th, after the11:00 am Mass. in the Parish Hall after 11:00am Mass! Good Will offering towards assisting proceeds to St. Vicent de Paul. Everyone is invited to come & enjoy delicious food, **take out will also be available.**

RCIA…. If you are interested in taking the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults course this year, please note that it will begin **this Monday night** in the conference room at the church starting 6:30pm. It will be held every Monday night for 10 weeks. We ask for the prayers of our whole church community for a fruitful and spiritual outcome. For further information please contact the parish office

Summit - a night of Worship & Adoration… Join us in a night of Worship & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Sunday February 2nd** , beginning at **7:00 until 8:30pm** at St. Paul's Parish and is open to all ages. There will time of musical worship and silent prayer and a short reflection. You are welcome to come for a few minutes or for the entire event. Bring a friend!

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life … - February 2, 2025: In our diocese, we have been blessed with religious communities who have dedicated their lives in ministry, prayer and community to the Church and have been part of our diocese for over 150 years. ***Did you know that we currently have nine religious communities in our diocese? Three women's religious orders and eight priests from six different congregations and religious orders serve in our diocesan parishes.*** This year, in a spirit of gratitude for their presence, ministry, and apostolate in the diocese, Bishop Joseph wishes to acknowledge that commitment during a **Diocesan Celebration of Consecrated Life on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Holy Redeemer Church at 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to come, meet our consecrated men and women, and express gratitude to them for their fidelity, service and dedicated witness to the Gospel.**

Senior Reflection Session ….at Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre, Tues, Feb 4, 10:30 – 12pm followed by lunch. Tawyna Stanus, will lead us in a reflection and sharing on this year's theme: "Pilgrims of Hope". A warm welcome to all. Donations toward lunch is greatly appreciated. For information, place call Sister Joan Marie at (902) 330-4559.

MAID Presentation.... Sunday, Jan 26th, at 3pm at St. Paul's for a presentation offered by PEI LIFE on the dangers of medical assistance in dying (MAID).

Christmas Dinner Thank You… The St. Paul's Community Support Committee would like to thank those who generously gave of their time, talents, monies and prayers for our free Christmas Day Turkey Dinner. The loonie-toonie collection held in November at the weekend masses raised $1,182.85! Thank you to the many who gave at the masses and those who made donations of food and money following this collection! We recognize that in this economy, it is difficult to give which makes your gifts that more special. This year we served a total of 60 plus meals which included take-out meals for those in special circumstances. In addition to this, 10 take-out trays containing turkey dinners were placed in the Summerside Community Fridge.
A very special thank you to the volunteers who came to help on Dec. 24th and Dec. 25th. Again, this year we had more calls with offers to volunteer then were needed. To those who called to volunteer but were told no more were required, your generous offer to serve was very much appreciated! We are humbled and in awe of the generosity of so many people who supported this effort. We would like to acknowledge the businesses who have supported the dinner this year in hopes that you will support them. Thank you to City Glass, Cavendish Farms, Brookfield Farms, Water St. Bakery, Gary Murphy of Old Dutch Chips and Kevin Morell of Ben's Bread. Also, to our parish staff, Jackie, Karen, and especially the support of our pastor, Fr. Benedict! Above all, we thank our God to whom we entrusted everything and whom we saw work in extraordinary ways!! **May He bless all who helped to support this event in any way!!**