February 2nd , 2025
Presentation of the Lord

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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
Feb 3rd – Feb 9th

Friday 9:00am
Catherine Macintyre

Monday 9:00am
Marie McKenna

Friday 9:30am
Holy Hour of Adoration

Tuesday 12:00pm Noon
+Donna Dunphy
Sick & Infirm Members of the Knights of Columbus

Saturday 4:00pm
+Marc & Serge Gagnon
+Donald 'Donnie Arsenault

Sunday 9:00am

+Hazel & Fred Mallet

Wednesday 9:00am
Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Sunday 11:00am
Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday 9:00am
+Edward Gaudet
Louise Doiron

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

Agnes Poirier, Gail & Thomas Cybulski, Shirley Veal, Norma & Kenny DesRoches, Joshua Gallant, Malvin Laviolette, Betty Gallant, Edmund Gallant, , Wayne Sharp, Ian Robinson, Tyler Taylor, Kaitlin McGarry, Douglas Gaudet, Lilian Gallant, Bobby Gallant, , Roger Gallant, John Arsenault, , Barbara Gillis, Tim McNulty, Jeanette MacKenzie, , Ronnie Macleod, , Sherry Gallant, Mervyn McNally, Joe Peters, Leona MacDonald, John Richard, Derek Rowe, Della van Vliet, , Maurice Gallant, Kathleen Gaudet, Jean Gallant, & Florence Rooney. **That Jesus may bring them healing.**

Last Week's Offerings.

Regular Sunday Offerings: $4,879.05
Auto Debit: $1,677.00
E transfers: $160.00
Building Fund: $65.00
Total: **$6,781.05**

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 29th, 2025, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **$130.00 (The winner receives half)** Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in The Parish Centre Lounge, on Sunday, February 23rd.

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! Official tax receipts for monetary donations will be available sometime in February. Thank you!!! Should you notice a friend, neighbour or a family member struggling during these difficult economic times please tell them to call us. All inquiries are confidential - 902-724-3454

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 9th
1st Reading: Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

Blessing of the throats Monday Feb 3rd… This Monday is the Feast of St Blaise who is best known for the tradition of blessing throats. There will be a Blessing of the Throats at this Mass.

Prayer Partners for First Communion and Confirmation students … There are still a few students whose names haven't been picked yet from the basket. Would you make time to say a prayer each day for one of our children?

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

Children's Mass…will take place on February 9th. The catechism students take part in the various ministries (lectors, offertory, choir, etc) as well as participate at Mass through prayer and presence. Attending Mass is the essential component of their faith education since the Eucharist is the center of our faith. All families are encouraged to come worship with us and to sit up front in the reserved section.

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.

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.

Prayer Line … to have prayers said for family/friends, call 436-5039 or 436-6135

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.**

Marriage Prep Course…Heart-of-The-Matter Marriage Prep Course will be offered on two occasions this spring: March 21/22 and May 30/31. If you are getting married in the Catholic Church, you will need to attend a marriage preparation course. Please reach out for details to Pat at patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com or call or text 902-393-6047. The courses run from Friday evening and all-day Saturday and are held in St Francis Parish in Cornwall. Registration is required.

Senior Reflection…. Senior Reflection Session at Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre, Tuesday, February 4, 10:30 - 12 noon followed by lunch. The presenter, 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 further information, place call Sister Joan Marie at (902) 330-4559.

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!

February 2nd The Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an ancient celebration in the Church. It is also called Candlemas because, on this day, candles are blessed in many parishes. These candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. The feast is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Christmas. It recalls the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God.

This event is rooted in Jewish tradition. According to the Law of Moses, every firstborn son belonged to God. Jewish parents were to bring their son to the Temple and offer a small sacrifice in thanksgiving. By bringing Jesus to the Temple, Mary and Joseph followed God's law faithfully. This act shows their humility and obedience to God.

The Church has celebrated the Presentation of the Lord for many centuries. In the early Church, people gathered in the evening for a candlelit procession, honoring Christ as the Light. February 2, exactly 40 days after Christmas, was chosen because of this tradition in Jewish law. It also marks the end of the Christmas season for some Catholic communities.

The feast celebrates three main ideas. First, Jesus is recognized as the Light of the World, a light for all people. Second, it shows that Jesus came to fulfill the law, not to destroy it. He and His family obeyed the customs of their people. Third, it honors the deep faith of Mary and Joseph, who followed God's will at every step.

On Candlemas, the Church invites us to remember that Jesus brings light to our lives. Like Simeon and Anna, we are called to recognize Jesus in our world. We also look to Mary and Joseph as examples of faith and obedience. World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated on this Sunday. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.