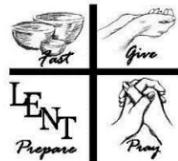


March 16th, 2025
2nd Sunday of Lent



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Office Hours: Mon & Fri 9:00am-4:00pm Tues, Wed & Thurs

9:00am-12:00pm(Noon)

Confessions: Tues: 11:30am Thurs: 8:30am Sat: 11am-12pm

Mass Times & Intentions

Mar 17th - Mar 23rd

Monday 9:00am

All Inmates

Tuesday 12:00pm

+Theresa Lavoie

Sick & Infirm members of the
Knights of Columbus

Wednesday 9:00am

+John McCabe & deceased
family members

Thursday 9:00am

Deceased members of the
Knights of Columbus

Friday 9:00am

+Stephen, Laurena McCabe &
Deceased Family Members

Friday 9:30am

Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday 4:00pm

Jeanne, Helen, Chris
& Joan

Evelyn Arsenault

Sunday 9:00am

Chantale Gagnon

Sunday 11:00am

Intentions of Parishioners

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

Anniversary Memorials:

Wayne Gaudet & Mary Geizer

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

Cindy Rowe, Rocky Arsenault, Leo Arsenault, Annie Bridges, Agnes Poirier, Gail & Thomas Cybulski, Shirley Veal, Norma & Kenny DesRoches, Joshua Gallant, Malvin Laviolette, Betty Gallant, Edmund Gallant, Tyler Taylor, Douglas Gaudet, John Arsenault, Barbara Gillis, Tim McNulty, Jeanette MacKenzie, Ronnie Macleod, Sherry Gallant, Mervyn McNally, Leona MacDonald, John Richard, Derek Rowe, Della van Vliet, Maurice Gallant. **That Jesus may bring them healing.**

Last Week's Offerings.

Regular Sunday Offerings: \$4404.30

Auto Debit: \$1,677.00

E transfers: \$215.00

Building Fund: \$155.00

Total: \$ 6,451.30

Ash Wednesday: \$2,650.30 This year's Ash Collection will be for men's and women's shelters and the bishop's charities.



Cost to operate St. Paul's Parish each week: **\$7,440**

Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!

50/50 Legacy Fund Fundraiser... 50/50 Legacy Fund

Fundraiser... Thank you for your support! **Due to the fact that the February prize money remained unclaimed, after two full weeks, the February prize money (\$490.00) will now be added to the March prize money for our March draw.** Therefore, as of March 12th, 2025, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$580.00. The winner receives half, PLUS \$490.00, for a total prize, so far, of \$780.00.**

St. Vincent de Paul (902)-724-3454...

suggested items for food bank... dish detergent, coffee, cookies & crackers. Fresh vegetables & fruit can be dropped off directly at the food bank during regular office hours which are **Mon, Wed & Fri from 10:00am to 12:00PM(Noon)** Thank you for your continued support. Know your generosity does make a significant difference in our community. Don't forget your 2024 tax receipts are available at the church.

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

Monthly Rosary Intention: Rosary intentions for March: *That fathers strive to emulate St. Joseph as a father, husband and leader of their family*

Mass Readings for Sunday March 23rd

1st Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

Lenten Lunches... Nourishing Body & Soul Join the Summerside Churches for Lenten Lunches, a time of reflection, worship, and fellowship. Each Friday from March 21 - April 11, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, we'll gather for a 30-minute Lenten service followed by a warm meal of soup and biscuits.
March 21 – St. Paul's Catholic Church
March 28 – Summerside Presbyterian Church
April 4 – St. Mary's Anglican Church
April 11 – Summerside Community Church
A free-will offering will be collected for the Summerside & Area Christian Council Student Bursary. A donation box will also be available each week. Follow us on Facebook for updates! All are welcome — come and be nourished in spirit and in fellowship!

March Break No Classes... no catechism classes March 16 and March 23. Enjoy your break, everyone!

CWL... Next meeting will be Saturday April 5th at **10:00am.** **Please note the change of time.** Continental breakfast sharing table and social will begin at 10:00am and meeting will begin at 10:30am.

Acting President: Judy Lewis

Are you searching for something worthwhile that makes the best use of your time and talents? **Consider the CWL** 😊

CWL Religious Bookstore is 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 Sundays at 6:30pm. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

Sisters of the Sacred Heart (902) 436-5386... have you got a loved one that you would like them to visit? Please call or email the sisters for more information. sacredheartpei@gmail.com

Solemnity of St. Joseph ... There will be a **Holy Hour of adoration** here at St. Paul's on Wednesday, March 19th at 6:30pm. During this time the Knights of Columbus will be having a prayer service with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon. Everyone is welcome!

Stations of the Cross...Everyone is invited to join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent here at St. Paul's beginning at 7:00pm.



Change4LIFE.... Join us in helping advance the beauty of LIFE on PEI. There are two ways to support: By taking a bottle from the back of the church; Take a bottle, sign up bottle number and your name, fill the bottle, and return it on Sunday, April 13th, or as an Online option at: www.PEILIFE.org. Questions: Call Pat at 902-894-5473 or email office@peilife.org

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada... asks you to give generously to the Share Lent Collection in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who face the injustice of insurmountable debt for which they are not responsible. Last year, Canadian Catholics gave \$9.9 million for 74 projects in 34 countries.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada... invites us to continue to live the Gospels during Lent, through our solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who work against the root causes of injustice and poverty. Our Lenten sacrifices, donations, and our commitment helps them to achieve self-determination, enabling their communities to live in dignity.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program... simple taxes for low to moderate income individuals and families Thursdays only, Phone for Appointment 902-436-9380.

Steubenville Atlantic is coming... Talks, friends, fun! Join youth from across the Maritimes at Steubenville Atlantic, a dynamic youth conference hosted at Dalhousie University, July 11-13. This year's theme is Consumed (Deut 2:24)! Registration is open for youth in grades 9-12. The early bird price is \$250, until March 21. For more information contact your parish group leader, or Lauren at youth@dioceseofcharlottetown.com

Martha Spirituality Centre... You are invited to join us on Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. at the Martha Spirituality Centre for a day of exploring how Spirit-led conversation can help us listen to one another with attentiveness and compassion amid the uncertainties of our time. To register, email: gail.spiritualitycentre@gmail.com by March 31, 2025. Fee is \$25. Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring a bag lunch.

2nd Sunday Lent: Transformation and Change

In our gospel this Sunday, Jesus brings his disciples away from the noise and business of the marketplace and takes them up a mountain. This is not unusual in itself. We know from the gospels that Jesus himself often went to the mountain top to pray on his own. While they are on the mountain, something very strange and unusual happens. Jesus is changed in a very dramatic way; he is transformed beyond all recognition. *His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.* Imagine the surprise and shock of those who were with Jesus. Yet even with this amazing experience, Peter is still able to proclaim this great prayer, *'Master, it is good for us to be here.'*

As we continue our Lenten journey and Jesus continues his own journey towards Jerusalem, he knows what he is facing. He will be betrayed, denied, condemned and crucified. Perhaps he feels and senses the disciples fear and anxiety and so wants to reassure them. So he gives them a glimpse of the shape of things to come; he is revealed to them in all his glory.

Maybe this brief glimpse of Jesus in all his glory is also meant for us today. Perhaps like the disciples, we too experience fear, doubt and even a lack of faith. Perhaps we too need to be encouraged and strengthened by Jesus, especially as we continue our journey through Lent. We too need know that our prayer, fasting and sharing with the poor is not an end in itself or that it is all done in vain. We are heading towards the resurrection and the new life of Easter, but we have a distance to go yet. But the experience of Jesus transformed offers each of us taste of what lies ahead of us. If we share in the suffering and passion of Jesus,

This is the hope in which we are asked to have faith as we make our way through Lent. When we are tempted to give up and give in, let us look to Jesus changed and transformed. May see in him the future that is promised to us, not only at Easter but in the fullness of God's Kingdom.

As we continue to make our way through Lent, let us do what the voice of God says to each of us; ***'This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him.'***