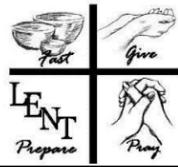


March 23rd, 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent



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Mass Times & Intentions

Mar 24th - 30th

Monday 9:00am

All Souls
Special Intention

Tuesday 12:00pm

+Arvilla Roach
+Erma Gallant

Wednesday 9:00am

Living and deceased members
of the CWL
Special Intention

Thursday 9:00am

+Clifford & Theresa Gallant
+Florence Arsenault

Friday 9:00am

Good Health and thanksgiving
for Eliza Gonzales
+Anne Marie Gaudet

Friday 9:30am

Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday 4:00pm

+Donald 'Donnie' Arsenault
+Adrien Gallant & children

Sunday 9:00am

Memorial Book Mass

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

Fr. Frank Jay, 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: \$5,091.70

Auto Debit: \$1,677.00

E transfers: \$275.00

Building Fund: \$184.00

Total: \$ 7,227.70

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!

The February prize money (\$490.00) was not claimed and will be added to the prize money for our March draw.

Therefore, as of March 19th, 2025, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$1000.00. The winner receives half, PLUS \$490.00, for a total prize, so far, of \$990.00.** The March draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in The Parish Centre Lounge, on **Sunday, March 30th.**

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 30th

1st Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5. 17-21

Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

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 28 – Summerside Presbyterian Church
April 4 – St. Mary's Anglican Church
April 11 – Summerside Community Church

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

Steubenville Atlantic ... 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 For more information contact your parish group leader, or Lauren at youth@dioceseofcharlottetown.com

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.

Knights of Columbus... Knights meet on the third Tuesday of the month.

Grand Knight: John van Vliet (902) 303-3798

Silver Rose Prayer Service... The Knights of Columbus will be holding the Silver Rose Prayer Service here at St. Paul's Parish on Wednesday, April 3rd. Mass will begin at 6:30pm, followed by the prayer service. Everyone is invited to attend.

Prayer Books... Check out the new kiosk of prayer books located at the entrance of the church. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing these wonderful books!

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

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.



Chrism Mass... This Year's Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's Basilica on April 14th, 2025

Leo Marchildon, the music director for St. Dunstan's Basilica, invites **choristers from across the diocese** to join the church choir for the Mass of Chrism, to be held on Monday April 14 at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend a special rehearsal on Wednesday April 9 at 6:30 pm in the SDU Building (adjacent to the Basilica on Great George St.).

Group reunion prayer group... prayer group will be held Wednesday night at 7:00pm at the Notre Dame convent. Everyone is welcome. Should you have any questions Please contact Cathy Campbell 902-436-2572

General Confession... All Churches in the Diocese are having General Confession on March 28th all day. St. Paul's will have confession available after 9am Mass until 12pm noon and again from 1pm until 6:30 pm. St. John the Baptist will have confession available from 9am until 12pm (Noon).

Seniors Reflection... Can we dare to hope when weighed down with fear, anxiety or depression? Join Tawnya and William Stanus in a workshop: Hope VS Fear, on Tuesday, April 1st at 10:30am at the Marguerite Bourgeois Center. Lunch provided at noon. For more information contact Sr. Joan Marie at (902) 330-4559.

Development and Peace invites you to our Annual Solidarity Sunday Workshop at 2:00 pm, April 6 in the MacKenzie Room, St. Pius X Church, Parkdale. Guest Speaker is Damien Naji, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Programs Officer, recently returned from Gaza, who will explain our work there and update us on the situation.

Save the Date... Thanks to funding obtained through the St. Dunstan's University Board of Governors, there will be a workshop from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, May 24th at St. Paul's Parish Centre. The Called and Gifted Workshop will be offered by a teaching team from The St. Catherine of Siena Institute. It is a workshop to help you discover the unique call that God has for you, and the gifts He gives you to fulfill your mission in life. Stayed tuned for more information on registrations in the coming weeks!

Theology on Tap... Presented by the UPEI Department of Religious Studies, our final event of the season will feature Dr. Callum Beck with a talk on riots, civil disobedience, and protests, based on his research into the Belfast and Orange Day riots. Join us at 7:00 on April 7th at the Salvador Dali Café in Charlottetown and follow us on Facebook at Theology on Tap PEI.

3rd Sunday Lent

Lent is a time to seek renewal and divine mercy. It invites us to turn away from distractions and focus on our relationship with God. This season is marked by prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness, helping us grow in faith and *love*. As we journey through this period, we are reminded of God's patience and His desire for us to bear fruit. The readings for this **Sunday** guide us toward a deeper understanding of His grace and the call to live with purpose.

The story of the **burning bush** in Exodus is a powerful reminder of God's call to holiness. Moses, while tending his flock, encounters a bush that burns but is not consumed. This miraculous sight symbolizes God's presence and His desire to guide His people. It teaches us that even in the wilderness, divine guidance is always near.

Psalms 103 beautifully illustrates God's boundless mercy and forgiveness. It reminds us that He heals, redeems, and crowns us with steadfast love. This passage encourages us to reflect on His compassion and seek His grace in our daily lives. In 1 Corinthians 10, St. Paul uses the Israelites' journey as a **parable** to teach us about faithfulness. He warns against complacency and urges us to learn from their experiences. It collectively emphasizes the importance of repentance and bearing fruit in faith.

In Luke 13 Jesus shares a parable that challenges us to examine our spiritual lives. The story of the **fig tree** serves as a powerful metaphor for repentance and growth. It reminds us that spiritual fruitfulness is essential in our journey of faith. Repentance is at the heart of this journey. It's about turning away from distractions and focusing on God's will. Like the *gardener* in the parable of the fig tree, God patiently nurtures us, giving us time to grow.

Practical steps include prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. These actions help us align our lives with God's purpose. By seeking His guidance, we can respond to His call with humility and faith.