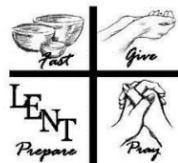


March 30th, 2025
4th Sunday of Lent



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Mass Times & Intentions

Mar 31st – April 6th

Monday 9:00am

L. French
Fr. Frank Jay

Tuesday 12:00pm

+Norma Hashie

+Christien Aurelle & Jeanette
Gagnon

Wednesday 9:00am

+Fedora & Baby Melanson
+Todd Thibodeau

Thursday 9:00am

+Leo & Germaine Arsenaault
+Bert & Geraldine Hynes

Friday 9:00am

Wayne & Grant Bernard

Friday 9:30am

Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday 4:00pm

+Ray & David Doucette
+Theresa & Joseph Fraser

Sunday 9:00am

+Arvilla Roach

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

Reg MacLellan, Fr. Frank Jay, Cindy Rowe, Rocky Arsenaault, 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 Arsenaault, Barbara Gillis, Tim McNulty, Jeanette MacKenzie, Ronnie Macleod, John Richard, Derek Rowe, Della van Vliet, Maurice Gallant. **That Jesus may bring them healing.**

Monthly Rosary Intentions: Rosary intentions for April: *For those carrying heavy crosses. That the Lord grant them abundant graces sustaining them with his strength, healing and peace.*

Last Week's Offerings.

Regular Sunday Offerings: \$3,852.40

Auto Debit: \$1,677.00

E transfers: \$277.00

Building Fund: \$

Total: \$ 5,806.40

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.**

As of March 26th, 2025, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$1300.00. The winner receives half, PLUS \$490.00, for a total prize of \$1,140.00.** The March draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in The Parish Centre Lounge, this **Sunday, March 30th**

St. Vincent de Paul (902)-724-3454... suggested food bank items this week: spaghetti & Sauce, cookies, coffee & cereal. Fresh vegetables and fruit can be dropped off directly at the food bank during regular hours, which are **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 10:00am to 12:00pm (noon)** Thank you! Don't forget your 2024 tax receipts are available at the church. *Our faith in Christ, who became poor and was always close to the poor and the outcast, is the basis of our concern for the integral development of society's most neglected members.* – Pope Francis

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 Readings for Sunday April 6th

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8.8-11

Gospel: John 11.1-45

Prayers for our RCIA Candidates... We will be welcoming two candidates at the Easter Vigil this year! Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Steubenville Atlantic ... Join youth from across the Maritimes at Steubenville Atlantic, a dynamic youth conference hosted at Dalhousie University, July 11-13. 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** 😊

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

Welcome back to Catechism... Catechism classes start up again this Sunday, March 30th. We're glad to see you again!

Prayer Partners... You can leave letters in Tawnya's inbox or in the collection basket with the students' full name on the envelope. The children love receiving your letters of support! **If you desire to give a gift to the student** you are praying for, I strongly encourage you to give a religious item and not money or gift cards. The gift should reflect the meaning of the event.

Children's Stations of the Cross... Friday, April 4th the children of the parish will lead us in the Stations of the Cross with a live depiction of each station. We invite families to join in this traditional devotion of our Catholic faith.

Vacation Bible School ... Calling all youth going into grade 7 or older to join us for a VBS crew leader gathering on Friday, April 11th from 1:00-3:00pm in the St Paul's parish center. Come find out what it means to be a VBS leader and if it might be for you!

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

A reminder that if you would like to support the sisters financially you can do so via e-transfer, or even by dropping off your recyclables here.

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

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

Choristers invitation... 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.).

Peace & Solidarity annual workshop... Join us for the Development and Peace Annual Solidarity Sunday Workshop, 2:00 pm, April 6, MacKenzie Room, St. Pius X Church, Parkdale.

Save the Date... 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. Stay tuned for more information on registrations in the coming weeks!.

Summit... Join us in a night of Worship & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Summit will be **Sunday April 6th beginning at 7:00 until 8:00pm** at St. Paul's Parish. There will be a short reflection, a time of musical worship and silent prayer

Mental Health Matters... At All Ages: Join clinical social worker Maddie MacMillan as she discusses mental health and how anyone, at any age, can - and does - experience these challenges at various stages of life. Maddie invites you to join her in learning and conversing about what symptoms of mental health challenges can look like, and how to manage these challenges when they arise, and before they worsen. This session is offered at The Living Well, 96 Patterson on April 2nd 1:30-3:30. A break with a snack is provided. To register email rmd17csm@gmail.com

4th Sunday of Lent: Rejoice!

This Sunday at Mass we celebrate Laetare Sunday. The Latin word Laetare means 'rejoice' and its origin is rooted in the entrance antiphon for the Fourth Sunday of Lent – **Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be Joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.** Rejoice Sunday marks the midpoint of Lent and the rose-coloured vestments that priests will be wearing at Mass give us a glimpse at the light of the end of the 40-day tunnel of penance. Yes, Lent is a penitential season. It is a time that we allow the spot light to shine in on our hearts, looking at the nooks and crannies to see what needs to be pushed out, that is sin, in order to fully allow Christ to enter our hearts at Easter, with the new Easter light, the true light of Christ. This is what this Sunday is all about. Lent is not all about being somber. This Sunday we are called to rejoice in the reality of Easter – the promise of Easter – the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

At this midpoint we ask ourselves the question, "How is the season of Lent for us?" If you can say it has been a good season and that you have experienced God's graces and blessings, that you feel closer to Christ, that you have experienced spiritual renewal, then thanks be to God! If you say it has been a little rough, that your Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving have fallen short of what you set out to embrace at the beginning of the journey, fear not. We are at the midpoint. Consider this a reboot, a new start. Rejoice in the fact that our God is a God of second chances and fresh starts. That is what the Sacrament of Reconciliation is all about. Make the most of these next three weeks by striving to realign your heart with the heart of Christ, returning to Christ through prayer, and take the time for your spiritual renewal. Remember that Christ fell three times carrying the cross. Now we too get back up, as people of hope.

Remember that we are united in prayer. May God bless you!