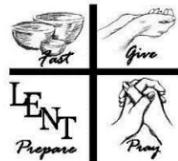


April 6th, 2025
5th Sunday of Lent



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Mass Times & Intentions
April 7th – April 13th

Friday 9:00am

Marcia Gagnon
+Dena Ries

Friday 9:30am

Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday 4:00pm

Elva Gallant

Sunday 9:00am

+Donald 'Donnie' Arsenault

+Fraser White

Sunday 11:00am

Intentions of Parishioners

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

Monday 9:00am

+Marc & Serge Gagnon
+Leo Arsenault

Tuesday 12:00pm

+Emma Arsenault
+Carole Gallant

Wednesday 9:00am

+Joey Craig
+Shirley MacAusland

Thursday 9:00am

All Inmates
+Clare Mulligan

Holy Week at St Pauls Parish

Holy Thursday Mass – April 17th, 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service – April 18th, 12:00PM (Noon) & 3:00PM

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 19th, 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday Mass – April 20th, 10:00AM

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.

Prayers for the Sick

, Trista Roddick, Reg MacLellan, Cindy Rowe, Rocky Arsenault, Annie Bridges, Agnes Poirier, Gail & Thomas Cybulski, Shirley Veal, Norma & Kenny DesRoches, Joshua Gallant, Malvin Laviolette, Betty Gallant, Edmund Gallant, Douglas Gaudet, John Arsenault, Barbara Gillis, Tim McNulty, Jeanette MacKenzie, John Richard, Derek Rowe, Della van Vliet, Maurice Gallant,
That Jesus may bring them healing.

Monthly Rosary Intention: 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: \$7,117.55

Auto Debit: \$1,677.00

E transfers: \$365.00

Building Fund: \$657.00

Total: \$ 9,816.55

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

Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!



50/50 Legacy Fund Fundraiser... Congratulations to Wayne & Linda Doucette who were the winners for March!

St. Vincent de Paul (902)-724-3454... Suggested items for food: coffee, tea, mayo, peanut butter & cheese whiz. Thank You. Fresh vegetables & fruit can be dropped off directly at the food bank during regular hours, which are Mon, Wed, Fri from 10 am to 12pm. Thank You 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

Mass Readings for Sunday April 13

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.

Stuebenville 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... Are you searching for something worthwhile that makes the best use of your time and talents? **Consider the CWL** 😊
Acting President: Judy Lewis

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

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

YOUTH - VBS Crew Leader Gathering ... 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!

Children's Mass... Sunday, April 13th, Palm Sunday, will also be our Children's Mass. Students from the Confirmation class will be serving in the various ministries during Mass. Please keep all our students in your prayers.

Pray a Novena for the intentions of youth in the diocese... The first Millennial saint, Blessed Carlo Acutis, is being canonized on April 27, 2025. Join the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office in praying a novena to Blessed Carlo for the intentions of the young people in our diocese. The novena will begin on Saturday, April 19th. More information and the prayers can be found at <https://dioceseofcharlottetown.com/novena-for-young-people-in-the-diocese/>

Chrism Mass... This Years' 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 Marguerite Bourgeoys Center. Everyone is welcome. Contact Cathy Campbell 902-436-2572

St. Paul's Library...do some Lent/Easter reading this month. Check out the books from the parish library in the entrance. You may sign one or more out. Looking for something different? You may find it in the library (to the right of the altar).

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. **Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebration on April 18, 2025. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online**

New Business Manager... **The Diocese of Charlottetown is delighted to announce that Ron Dehmel has been hired as the new Business Manager.** Ron has decades of experience in various business roles including management, sales, marketing, and running his own business. He will start on April 22, 2025, and can be contacted at finance@dioceseofcharlottetown.com or 902-368-8005 ext. 233. Please join us in welcoming Ron!

New Bookkeeper... **The Diocese is also pleased to announce that we have hired a new Bookkeeper, Donna Marie Gumanit.** Donna is an experienced bookkeeper in addition to having worked as a branch manager for a large bank. She and her family recently moved to Prince Edward Island from the Philippines. She will begin on April 7, 2025, and can be contacted at accounts@dioceseofcharlottetown.com or 902-368-8005 ext. 222. Please also join us in welcoming Donna!

Coming soon!...An opportunity to begin a journey to discover the unique call God has for you, and the gifts He gives you to be effective at your work and a more effective witness to your faith in the workplace! It all starts with the Called & Gifted workshop! A teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute will offer the introductory Called & Gifted workshop on Saturday, May 24 in the parish hall. Come and begin to discern your unique mission in life! Everyone is invited to participate. To register or find out more, contact JoAnne Perry at 902-436-4532 or johandjoaneperry@gmail.com OR Sheila McKenzie at 902-303-4875 or Sheila.trainor@gmail.com

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

Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not;

See, I am doing something new!

Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Is. 43:18-19)

We are celebrating the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Sunday before the start of Holy Week; I am sure our hearts are more than prepared to celebrate the Easter celebration. We have been preparing during all these weeks with sacrifice, prayer, and penance, and we must continue to do so with a spirit of recollection this last week. Lent is always a particular time to reconnect with God and ourselves, and although we are just a few days away from this spiritual journey ending, it is never too late to reconnect with the grace of His love. Remember to make a good confession, preparing it with great dedication and much faith. A good confession always brings peace to the soul.

The focus of today's readings is on the marvelous deeds of the Lord as captured in Psalm 126. God is about the business of doing something new in our lives, especially through this Lenten season with its focus on God's mercy and our practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. God promised the Israelites living in exile in Babylon a way back home in a manner more glorious than the Exodus event. St. Paul, who was coming to the end of his life and writing from prison, reminded the Philippians that sharing in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus was the most important thing in life. Jesus gave the woman caught in adultery an opportunity to start all over again as he said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more" (Jn. 8:11).

It's not too early to start planning for Holy Week and the coming feast of Easter. We invite you to attend the Easter Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord, which starts on Holy Thursday eve, April 17 and runs through Easter on Sunday, April 20. These are the most important days of the liturgical calendar where we celebrate the marvels of God's love in Jesus.

Wishing you all a grace filled time during these holy days! God Bless.