

April 13th, 2025
Palm Sunday



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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

April 14th – April 20th

Monday 9:00am

+David Paul Doucette
+Clara Bernard

Tuesday 12:00pm

+Raymond G. Gallant
Sick & Infirm Knights of
Columbus

Wednesday 9:00am

Chantale Gagnon
+Edmond R. Gaudet

Thursday 7:00pm

Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus
Jessica's Special Intentions

Stations of the Cross... every Friday during Lent here at St. Paul's beginning at 7:00pm.

Holy Week at St Pauls Parish

Holy Thursday– April 17th, Mass at 7:00 PM Followed by adoration

Good Friday Service – April 18th Personal Adoration 9:00am-10:30am, 10:30am Stations of the cross

April 18th, 12:00PM (Noon) & 3:00PM

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

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

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: \$4,584.50

Auto Debit: \$1,686.50

E transfers: \$216.00

Building Fund: \$

Total: \$ 6,487.00

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...EASTER FOOD

DRIVE Please join us in supporting families this Easter Season. Suggested items: cereal, canned fish & meat, soda crackers & laundry and dish detergent. 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. **Gift cards/monetary donations and Easter dinner items will also be accepted.**

Donations can be dropped off at the office during the week, or e transfer at office@stpaulsparish.ca and indicate food bank. Thank you for your generosity.!

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 20

1st Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-4

Gospel: John 20.1-18

Chrism Mass... This Years' Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's Basilica on April 14th, 2025 at 7:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special Mass.

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.

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

Acting President: Judy Lewis

Provincial CWL Convention... **Don't forget to register for the 103rd Annual Provincial Convention** which will be held at Credit Union Place in Summerside on May 2 & 3, 2025.

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!

Prayer Partners... You can leave letters in Tawnya's inbox or in the collection basket with the students' full name on the envelope.

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.

No Catechism class... on Easter Sunday, April 20th. Take the opportunity to celebrate Holy Week and Easter as a family. Classes resume on Sunday, April 27th.

First Holy Communion... The 36 students will be on retreat Saturday, April 26th in preparation to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Please pray for them and their parents who will accompany them.

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/>

Group reunion prayer group... prayer group will be held Wednesday night at 7:00pm at the Marguerite Bourgeys 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).

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.

Steubenville Atlantic ... Have you registered for Steubenville Atlantic? 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)**! There are still spaces available **for youth in grades 9-12** to register. Registration closes May 31. The cost is \$270. For more information contact your parish group leader, or visit <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/steubenville-atlantic/>

Coming soon!... *This changes everything: how I understand God and my relationship with God and how I understand the Church.* - Workshop Participant.

Come and begin to discover the mission God had for you. A teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute will offer the introductory Called & Gifted workshop on Saturday, May 24th from 9am to 3:30pm. Everyone is invited to participate. To register or find out more, contact JoAnne Perry at 902-436-4532 or johnandjoanneperry@gmail.com OR Sheila McKenzie at 902-303-4875 or Sheila.trainor@gmail.com

The annual Good Friday Collection 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. Good Friday celebration on April 18, 2025. it is possible to contribute online by going to Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support -

Change4LIFE... Baby Bottle Campaign ends today April 13th, Palm Sunday. Thank you to all who are so graciously supporting LIFE on PEI! Please return your bottle by April 13th to your parish. Donations can still be made online at www.peilife.org. Contact Pat Wiedemer if you have any questions. Office@peilife.org or call 902-894-5473.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada ... thank you for supporting the Turn Debt into Hope Campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks for your generosity. You are helping to support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. You can still donate through the parish or online at devp.org/give if you were unable to donate last Sunday.

Dear parishioners and friends,
Every year, our liturgy invites us to walk with Jesus step by step through the last week of his life, into the mystery of death and resurrection. Through the mystical drama of worship, we participate in the enthusiasm of the crowd as Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph and then feel how quickly adulation turns to violence. We are washed, fed and loved in the tenderness of Jesus' last supper. We watch with bewildered and breaking hearts as our Lord dies a criminal's death on the cross. And we wait and wonder as he passes from death to life, to greet us with overwhelming joy on Easter morning.

Every year notice something different, identify with a different character or part of the story. It may be the woman who loved and anointed Jesus, the frightened disciples, or the dying thief asking for paradise. It depends on where I am in my own journey and what is going on in the world and the larger church. But the arc of the liturgy helps to shape us as Christians, preparing us for the deaths and resurrections in our own lives. It draws us closer in community. It changes us, strengthens us to witness to the risen Lord. When we have walked the whole way of the cross, our experience of Easter is far richer and more joyful.

Our Holy Week and Eater schedule is printed in the bulletin. We hope you will join the parish community at St Paul's for as many of these services as you can bring your friends! All are most welcome. We very much look forward to sharing this special, sacred time with you. See you in church!

Blessings and peace! Fathers & Staff.