

Aril 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

# HAPPY EASTER

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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 28<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>

### Monday 9:00am

No Mass

### Tuesday 12:00pm

Marcia Gagnon

+Jason & Stephen Perry

### Wednesday 9:00am

Memorial Book Mass

### Thursday 9:00am

+Norma Hashie

Thanks giving Mass

### Friday 9:00

+Fedora & Baby Melanson  
+Ernest Doucete

### Saturday 4:00pm

+Oswald Winchester  
+E.J. Arsenault

### Sunday 9:00am

+Leo Arsenault  
+Ben Gaudet

### Sunday 11:00am

Intentions of Parishioners

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

## *Prayers for the Sick*

*Trista Roddick, Reg MacLellan, Cindy Rowe, Rocky Arsenault,  
Rob Tomorat, 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 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:** \$5,785.95

**Auto Debit:** \$1,686.50

**E transfers:** \$368.00

**Holy Thursday:** \$2554.35

**Good Friday:** \$4,322.55

**Building Fund:** \$1,208.00



Thank you

**Pre-Authorized Debit or E-transfer Donations...** If you would like to make your donation via e transfer or pre-authorized deposit or to donate to the Legacy Fund or even to pay for a mass stipend via e transfer. Please phone or email the Parish for details

## 50/50 Legacy Fund Fundraiser... Thank you for your support!

As of April 23rd, 2025, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$980.00 (The winner receives \$490.00)** Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in The Parish Centre Lounge, this Sunday, April 27th.

**St. Vincent de Paul (902)-724-3454...** Please continue to help us to help those less fortunate. Suggested items; coffee, cookies, crackers, spaghetti sauce & spaghetti 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.

Also, Thank You to all who donated Gift cards, monetary donations, and Easter treats & dinner items. Know that it was very much appreciated by us & our clients.

*"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 May 4<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 5.11-14

Gospel: John 21.1-19

**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.**

**Mass Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>...** There will be a Mass here at St Paul's on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am. Bishop Joseph Dabrowski will be presiding. The Mass is for the Catholic Women's League however, it is open to everyone to celebrate.

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

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

**Called & Gifted...** Is your calendar overloaded with too many things to do? Do you have a hard time saying "no"? Knowing the mission God calls and equips us for clarifies when to say "yes" and say "no". The introductory Called & Gifted workshop is an opportunity to begin the journey to discover your spiritual gifts. A teaching team from the Catherine of Sienna Institute will offer the introductory Called & Gifted workshop on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 3:00pm. To register or find out more, contact JoAnne Perry at 902-436-4532 or [johnandjoanneperry@gmail.com](mailto:johnandjoanneperry@gmail.com) OR Sheila McKenzie at 902-303-4875 or [Sheila.trainor@gmail.com](mailto:Sheila.trainor@gmail.com)

**Catechism ...** Classes resume on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**First Holy Communion...** 33 students will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, May 4th at the 11:00AM Mass. Please join us in worship and to pray for the children and their families.

First Communion rehearsal and confessions will be on Saturday, May 3rd at 10:00AM in the church.

**Confirmation Retreat ...** will take place on Saturday, May 3rd from 1-4 in the parish hall. They will also participate in the 4:00PM Mass with a May crowning of Our Lady.

**Confirmation Mass ...** Bishop Dabrowski will join us on Saturday, May 17th at the 4:00PM Mass to confirm in the faith 21 students from our parish. Please keep our students in your prayers

**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](mailto: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/>

**The Latin American Mission Program (LAMP) ...** is hosting a topical workshop entitled "Examining Democracy and the Growth of Populism: a challenge in Latin America and in Canada". It will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2025, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Rotary Auditorium, Charlottetown Library. The workshop will identify: the qualities of a democratic society; how it can be undermined by various threats, one of which is populism; and how residents can be guardians of the growth of democracy. The workshop will be directed by Ryan MacRae, Jillian Kilfoil, and Marie Burge. Everyone welcome. Light snacks provided. Pre-registration is requested before May 1, 2025. Phone 902-894-4573.

## Pope Francis' pontificate of peace, for peace

*At his last public appearance, Pope Francis repeated what had become a slogan in his pontificate of peace. Everyone knew to expect it at the end of his audiences, but never did it lose its strength. During the Easter Urbi et Orbi blessing, the day before he died, the Pope's words echoed the countless appeals he had made over the years, urging world leaders to lay down arms and turn to dialogue.*

*Even as he struggled to speak, having asked someone to read his message on his behalf, his voice, albeit weak, resonated across St Peter's Square and screens across the world. From the first days of his 12-year-long pontificate, Pope Francis spearheaded the global Catholic movement for peace advocacy. Through words, actions, and deeds, he demonstrated his unshakable belief in the power of reconciliation, the importance of dialogue, and the urgency of ending violence in all its forms.*

*Pope Francis always took the time to remember those suffering from conflict. While praying for peace in areas that gain most of the media attention, he also never failed to channel his prayers to some of the areas most hard-hit, yet most forgotten by the world. One of his most symbolic gestures, and a particularly striking moment of his pontificate, was in April 2019, when he knelt to kiss the feet of South Sudanese leaders at the head of a country grappling with a horrific civil war. As he greeted President Salva Kiir and his rival Riek Machar in the Vatican, the Pope, in his humility, kissed their feet, urging the leaders to lay down their weapons and pursue paths of peace. The Pope's closeness to those who suffer and his advocacy for an end to global violence were always a priority. Even in moments of personal difficulty, Pope Francis remained committed to peace.*

*In his final weeks, throughout his hospitalization for bilateral pneumonia, Pope Francis took the time to video chat with the Holy Family parish in Gaza, with whom he has been in close contact throughout the entirety of the Israeli offensive.*

*In this Holy Year dedicated to Hope, Pope Francis' messages, closeness, and care for peace are a legacy that will continue to resonate throughout the future of the Church and humanity, remembering that his was not just a cry for an absence of war, but for the presence of justice, dialogue, and fraternity - for a world that is for everyone and not just for some, and in which those who have more never, ever forget those who have less.*

*Easter Octave, our tears of joy are mixed with tears of sadness as we mourn the death of Pope Francis. We thank God for his gift of the Holy Father's life and for his papacy marked by a special love for the poor and marginalized. 'Well done, good and faithful servant!' May Pope Francis rest in peace and may his memory be eternal'*