

**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of 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**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup> - May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday 9:00**  
+Rod MacKinnon  
Marcia Gagnon

**Monday 9:00am**  
Jessica's Special Intentions  
+Joe Sonier

**Saturday 4:00pm**  
+Denis Dolan  
+Preston & Denzel Delaney

**Tuesday 12:00pm**  
Thanksgiving  
Dan Steele & Leonard Gallant

**Sunday 9:00am**  
+Mike Celenza  
+Guelda Perry

**Wednesday 9:00am**  
+Patrick MacMillan & Maurice  
MacMillan

**Sunday 11:00am**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**Thursday 9:00am**  
+Joey Craig  
+Mike McIver

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

**Prayers for the Sick**

*Trista Roddick, Reg MacLellan, Cindy Rowe, Rocky Arsenault,  
Rob Thomorat, 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 May: *For blessings on all mothers. May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to sacrificial love. May they follow Mary, mother our Our Lord and imitate her self-giving love.*

**Last Week's Offerings.**

**Regular Sunday Offerings:** \$5,132.90

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

**E transfers:** \$

**Building Fund:** \$165.00

**Total:**

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

*Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!*



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!

**St. Vincent de Paul (902)-724-3454...** Please help us to help those that need a hand up especially during these tough economic times. Suggested items: KD Macaroni, coffee, dish or laundry detergent & cookies. 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.

*"Lord, help us to represent you to others. Guide us to show hospitality in a way that will show others your love."*  
From The Word Among Us

**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**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 13.14, 43-52

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 7.9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10.27-30

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

**Acting President:** Judy Lewis

**12 hour prayer for palliative care will be May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am until 8pm. There will be a sign up sheet at the entrance of the church soon.**

**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

**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.

**Catechism Classes...** This is our last Sunday of classes until September! A special shout-out to all our catechism teachers and assistants who were so generous with their time and talent this year. Thank you for playing such a key role in our parish community: bringing our children to Jesus! Registration will open at the end of August and will be announced in the bulletin. God bless you all.

**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.

**Confirmation Mass ...** Bishop Dabrowski will join us on Saturday, May 17th at the 4:00PM Mass to confirm in the faith 18 students from our parish. Please keep our students in your prayers.

**VBS Summer Camp Save the Date...** The *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World* VBS is coming this August 18-22, 2025. You don't want to miss it! Stay tuned for registration dates and volunteer needs.

**Congratulations to the following winners of the Knights of Columbus State Lottery:**

**\$500. Price – Nicholas Brown, Vernon Bridge, PE**

**\$500. Prize - Blair Arsenault, Rustico, PE**

**\$500. Prize - Rob Wichers, Village Green, PE**

**Steubenville Atlantic ... Have you registered for Steubenville Atlantic? July 11-13.** 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/>

**Seniors' Reflection Session...** Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre, Tuesday, May 6, 10:30 - noon followed by lunch. Tawnya Stanus will lead us in a reflection on Mary, our blessed mother and mother of the universal church. A warm welcome to all. Donation toward lunch is greatly appreciated. For further information, call Sister Joan Marie at 902 330 4559.

**Help with Ushering and Greeting...** We are looking for more Ushers and Greeters to help with our weekend Masses, if you are interested please call or email the office. We would love to hear from you!

**Summit... - a night of Worship & Adoration...** Join us in a night of Worship & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Sunday May 4th**, beginning at **7:00 until 8:30pm** at St. Paul's Parish and is open to all ages. There will time of musical worship and silent prayer and a reflection by Kristan Burbine. You are welcome to come for a few minutes or for the entire event. Bring a friend!

**UPEI Graduate Mass...**The UPEI Class of 2025, their family and friends, are invited to celebrate the Mass for Graduates at the UPEI Chaplaincy Centre on Wednesday, May 14 at 4:30pm. Presider and homilist will be Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA. For more information contact Sr. Sue Kidd at [sukidd@upe.ca](mailto:sukidd@upe.ca) or Lauren van Vliet at [lvvanvliet@upe.ca](mailto:lvvanvliet@upe.ca)

**Called & Gifted...** 'The most beautiful experience, however, is discovering how many charisms there are, and with how many gifts of the Spirit the Father fills His Church' - Pope Francis  
Come learn about your personal vocations: your place in the Church's mission to the world and about the charisms God gives to help you fulfill that mission. A teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute will offer the **introductory Called & Gifted workshop on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until 3:30pm.** Everyone is invited to participate. To register or find out more, contact JoAnne Perry at 902-436-4532 or [johnandjoaneperry@gmail.com](mailto:johnandjoaneperry@gmail.com) OR Sheila McKenzie at 902-303-4875 or [Sheila.trainor@gmail.com](mailto:Sheila.trainor@gmail.com)

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

On this third Sunday of Easter, we proclaim that the risen Christ is the Lord. Today, through the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm that He is the sacrificed Lamb. Hence, He is worthy to be given all power, honor, and glory. Both the first and the second readings of today bear great testimonies to the awesomeness of Christ.

In today's gospel, Jesus appeared to his apostles for the third time. This time it was in the place of their "fishing business." What frustrated and embarrassed men they were! Despite their fishing experience and skills, they could not catch any fish. This is because they abandoned their actual business and mission. They acted contrary to Christ's mission "From today you will no longer catch fishes, I will make you fishers of men" (Mt 4, 9). They were supposed to be taking care of the Lord's business and not theirs.

Also, today Christ asked Peter thrice: "Simon son of John, do you love me? Feed my lambs. Look after my sheep." Christ needed to be assured of Peter's commitment to lead his flock. This also showed the magnitude of the mission that Christ was to entrust to Peter. It was a way of reminding us that: "To whom much is given, much is expected." Hence, Christ reminds us that our vocation is essential. He also reminds us that we must be ready to accept every kind of humiliation for the good news as his disciples.

There are many other lessons to learn today. At times, we abandon our vocations for other "more interesting things or places." Unfortunately, instead of progressing, we become frustrated like Peter and his companions. So, we fail most times because we are in the wrong place or doing the right thing at the wrong time. Whenever we abandon the will of God and our vocation, we may labor in vain "all night long." Also, when we depend solely on our human instinct or senses rather than on the spirit of God, success might elude us. So, we must not always forget these words of Christ, "Apart or separated from me, you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

Finally, as Christ revealed himself to his disciples through the sacrifice of bread and wine, every day, He continues to show Himself to us through the Holy Eucharist and ordinary things of life. Therefore, at Mass, simple things like bread and wine help us to discover the presence of the Lord among us. This is, despite our infidelity and weakness. Through the Eucharist, Christ strengthens our faith. He also reminds us of our mission and who we ought to be. May all power, honor, glory, and praise be to the Risen Christ forever and forever.