

**May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**4<sup>th</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 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday 9:00am**

+Mr. Frances MacDougall

+Mary & Lary Mullens

**Tuesday 12:00pm**

Sick & Infirm members of the

Knights of Columbus

Stella's Special Intentions

**Wednesday 9:00am**

+Jean Bernard

+Tyler Arsenault

**Thursday 9:00am**

+Kenny Bridges

Deceased member of the

Knights of Columbus

**Friday 9:00**

+John P. Perry

+Ron Doucette

**Saturday 4:00pm**

+Claude & Ernest Gaudet

+Donald 'Donnie' Arsenault

**Sunday 9:00am**

+Henry Hashie

+George Smith

**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 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:** \$5,009.95

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

**E transfers:** \$451.00

**Building Fund:** \$150.00

**Total:** \$7,297.45

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

As of May 7th, 2025, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$330.00 (The winner receives half)**

Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in The Parish Centre Lounge, on Sunday, May 25th.

**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: spaghetti & spaghetti sauce, hearty soups, peanut butter, miracle whip. Thank you.

Fresh vegetables & fruit can be dropped off directly at the food bank during regular hours, which are Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

*We give only because of what our generous God has so lavishly given us. As we give quietly and generously, we reflect who he is -- God receives the Thanksgiving only he deserves. - Our Daily Bread.*

**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 18<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 14.21b-27

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 21.1-5a

Gospel: John 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35

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

**Women's League.** 😊

**Acting President:** Judy Lewis

**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...** Classes are finished for the summer. Registration opens end of August. Watch for the announcement in the bulletin and on the St. Paul's website. Continue to pray for our students that they may live what they have learned this year.

**First Holy Communion...** A big thank you to all those who participated in making the First Communion Mass such a beautiful celebration of friendship with Jesus. Two more of our students will make their first Holy Communion at St. John the Baptist this Sunday, May 11. Keep them in your prayers.

**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.

**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/>

**Jubilee Rosary Pilgrimage of Hope across PEI...** Please reserve Saturday, May 31 for the Jubilee Rosary Pilgrimage of Hope across PEI that starts at 9:00 am at St. Mary's, Souris and Sacred Heart, Alberton. You will pilgrim by car to rosary stops and end at St. Francis of Assisi where Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Joseph at 4:00 pm."

**Bursaries...** The R.C. L are offering Bursaries from the perpetual Bursary Funds to students who are currently attending a post-secondary school and descendants of a veteran from our branch # 5. Applications may be picked up from the Legion branch or your school office and completed by May 31<sup>st</sup>

**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 [johnandjoanneperry@gmail.com](mailto:johnandjoanneperry@gmail.com) OR Sheila McKenzie at 902-303-4875 or [Sheila.trainor@gmail.com](mailto:Sheila.trainor@gmail.com)

**PEI Life...** Join us on Wednesday, May 21 at 6pm to hear witness to: Speaking LIFE in Difficult Circumstances. Grace Baptist Church, Seating is limited. Please RSVP at [events@peilife.org](mailto:events@peilife.org), or see our webpage: [Evening4Life - PEI LIFE](http://Evening4Life - PEI LIFE).

**50th Anniversary...** On Saturday, May 31st, the 50th anniversary of Fr. John Lacey's ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood will be celebrated at St. Bonaventure's Parish at 4:00 p.m. with the celebration of the Eucharist followed by a social gathering at Tracadie Community Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Donating a non-perishable food item for the Charlottetown Food Bank is encouraged.

**Diocesan Jubilee for Families...** Please save Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> (rain date Sunday August 17th) for the Diocesan Jubilee for Families at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre. The event will include an outdoor Mass at 2:00pm, celebrated by Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA, and activities for the whole family. For more information, visit <https://dioceseofcharlottetown.com/jubilee/>

*"My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand."*  
— John 10:27-28

It was winter in Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking in the temple courts when people gathered around Him, demanding an answer: "If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." (John 10:24). Jesus responded not with a direct yes or no, but by pointing to the works He had done— healings, teachings, miracles—evidence that He was indeed the Good Shepherd, the one who calls His sheep by name.

Jesus said, "My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand." (John 10:27-28). What a powerful promise! Jesus reminds us that He holds us securely, guiding, protecting, and loving us with an unshakable grip.

On Mother's Day, we celebrate those who have been like shepherds in our lives—mothers, grandmothers, aunts, mentors, and caregivers. Just as Jesus holds us in His hands, a mother's love is often the first reflection of God's love that we experience. A mother's voice is one of the first we recognize, just as Jesus says, "My sheep listen to my voice." A mother's touch can bring comfort and healing, just as Jesus, our Good Shepherd, cares for us with tenderness.

Yet, motherhood—like shepherding—is not without its challenges. The path is not always easy, and there are moments of exhaustion, worry, and sacrifice. That is why Jesus' promise is so reassuring: "No one will snatch them from my hand." Whether we are mothers ourselves, honoring our own mothers, or remembering those who have been like mothers to us, we can rest in the assurance that Jesus' love is constant and secure.

This Mother's Day, may we thank God for the shepherds in our lives—the women who have cared for us, shaped us, and guided us. And may we, like Jesus, extend love, grace, and care to those around us, nurturing others with the same compassion He has shown us.

**Today is also World day of prayer for Vocations.** Let us entrust to God all those who are considering to become Priests and Religious.