

June 1st, 2025
Ascension of the Lord

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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

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 Times & Intentions
June 2nd – 8th

Friday 9:00

+Mary Bell

+Arvilla Roach

Monday 9:00am

+Fedora & Baby Melanson

+Cecil Turk

Saturday 4:00pm

+ Donald 'Donnie' Arsenault

Tuesday 12:00pm Noon

Urban & Mary Laughlin

+Marc & Serge Gagnon

Sunday 9:00am

+Joe Sonier

Deceased family members of the Macintyre family

Wednesday 9:00am

+Ann Perry & Emmett Murphy

Dorothy McNeill

Sunday 11:00am

Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday 9:00am

Sr. Joan Marie Chaisson

+John MacGregor & Neil

Coulter

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

Prayers for the Sick... *Kolton Nicholson, Tim McNulty, Rocky Arsenault, Annie Bridges, Agnes Poirier, Gail & Thomas Cybulski, Douglas Gaudet, John Arsenault, Barbara Gillis, Jeanette MacKenzie, John Richard, Derek Rowe, Della van Vliet*
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: \$5,233.05

Auto Debit: \$1,686.50

E transfers: \$230.00

Building Fund: \$95.00

Total: \$7,244.55



Thank you

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

50/50 Legacy Fund Fundraiser... Congratulations to Yvonne Hanson who won the 50/50 for May 2025!

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 this week: Coffee, tea, canned fruit, canned fish, canned chicken or canned ham.** 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.

In these uncertain times (and always), let us remember that kindness to strangers and actions taken without expectation of anything in return are the roots that keep us grounded in our humanity.

May we all rise to the challenge of making someone else's day a little better, whether with a surprise bouquet, a genuine compliment, a door held open, or any other act of kindness.

Mass Readings for Sunday June 8th

1st Reading: Acts 2.1-11

2nd Reading: Romans 8.8-18

Gospel: John 20.19-23

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

St. Paul's Clergy Changes 2025... Fr. Benedict will be completing his term with the Diocese and will be returning to his home on June 20th, 2025. Fr. Mahesh will be appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Augustine parish, St. Anne parish, and Stella Maris parish on July 31st, 2025. Let's keep both priests in our prayers.

CWL Breakfast Fundraiser !... St. Paul's CWL are pleased to announce a fundraiser to be held on Saturday June 7th, 2025. Admission by donation and everyone is welcome!! There will be mass at 9 am followed by coffee, tea & a variety of breakfast options. A member of the Secular Discalced Carmelites of PEI will give a presentation on The Brown Scapular and Fr.. Brian MacDougall will be there to provide an opportunity to be enrolled in the Scapular. Learn about Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and the Discalced Carmelite Order. Get answers to questions like, "Do you go right to heaven when you die wearing the brown scapular?" What does the Church teach about the Brown Scapular? Please come out to support St. Paul's CWL and

VBS Summer Camp ... The *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World* VBS is coming this August 18-22, 2025. You don't want to miss it! you can register at <https://stpaulsparish.ca/childrenandfamily> or you can pick up a paper registration at St. Paul's Office.

Catechism ... We will open registration on August 25th for classes and sacramental preparation. Please watch for the reminders in the bulletin later this summer. Have a great summer!

Veritas Summer Program ... Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College invites you to attend our Veritas Summer Program, which is being held for the first time this summer! Two sessions will be offered. This opportunity is open to high school students going into grades 11 or 12, as well as to recent high school graduates. Registration is still open, at <https://www.seatofwisdom.ca/veritas-summer-program-registration/>, with limited spots available. For more information and for inquiries, contact summerprogram@seatofwisdom.ca.

Catholic Men's Leadership Retreat ... Join us for a weekend of fellowship and prayer as we contemplate how St. Joseph can help us grow in virtue and make us more effective leaders in our homes, parishes and community. Open to Men ages 18 and up. Guest speaker is Michael J. Donnelly,. **Date:** June 20 – June 21 | **Location:** Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center | **Cost:** \$50 (boarding and food). Please contact Brady Grant at bradygrant74@gmail.com to register. Sponsored and hosted by the **Knights of Columbus – State Council.**

LOVE Summerside Breakfast... On July 12th (day of the Lobster Carnival Parade) the Christian Council of Summerside and Area will be offering a pancake breakfast at 10:00am in the Veterans Memorial Park. Spread the word, everyone is welcome!

Prayers for the Lapu Lapu victims and families... This coming June 5th will mark 40 days since the tragedy at the Lapu Lapu cultural festival at Vancouver. Following with the tradition of the Philippines, Holy Redeemer Church Charlottetown is organising a 40th Memorial Mass at 7:00 pm. Please join us in praying for the souls of all the victims as well as for their grieving family members on Thursday 5th June, 7:00 PM at Holy Redeemer Church, Charlottetown.

Farewell Gathering for Fr. Benedict... Fr. Benedict is leaving St. Paul's to return to India as a Superior in his community. St. Paul's has been blessed to have Fr. Benedict here as Pastor for 6 years and he will be greatly missed! Please join us on Tuesday June 10th for Mass at 6pm followed by a Farewell gathering for our dear Fr. Benedict Paulraj O.Praem

Summit...Sunday June 1st... Join us in a night of Worship & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Summit will be **Sunday June 1st, 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

Group Wedding Celebration... Jubilee Year for Couples Seeking to be Married in the Catholic Church. Great news for couples who are married civilly but desire to be married in the Catholic Church! As part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, Bishop Joseph is offering a group wedding celebration at St. Dunstan's Basilica Cathedral, which he will personally preside over. This invitation is especially for couples who are married only civilly and wish to enter the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church but face obstacles such as financial constraints or the requirements of extensive marriage preparation.

The group wedding will be held on October 4, 2025, at St. Dunstan's Basilica Cathedral. If you know of a couple in this situation, please invite them to contact their parish priest to discuss the details. Let us pray that this Jubilee initiative may bring many couples closer to Christ and His Church as together we walk as Pilgrims of Hope.

Ascension of the Lord

Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus to his Heavenly Glory. He had promised to send the Apostles the Holy Spirit as the source of Heavenly power and commanded them to bear witness to Him through their lives and preaching in the world. But the ascended Jesus is still with us because of His promise, *"I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."* He is with us at all times and in all places, releasing a new energy upon the earth, the energy of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also promised to return in glory at the second coming.

Leonardo da Vinci had started to work on a large canvas in his studio. For a while he worked at it – choosing the subject, planning the perspective, sketching the outline, applying the colours, with his own inimitable genius. Then suddenly he stopped working on it. Summoning one of his talented students, the master invited him to complete the work. The horrified student protested that he was both unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which his master had begun. But da Vinci silenced him. "Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?" Jesus our Master began to spread the Good News two thousand years ago by what he said and did, and supremely by what he suffered. Jesus illustrated his message and left us to finish the picture. **Will Jesus' life not inspire us to finish the picture?** God Bless, Fr Mahesh Sac.