

St. Paul's Parish Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17th, 2025

“Do not be afraid to set high ideals, to live for love, truth, and justice. You can make a difference in the world; you can set hearts aflame.”

— *St. John Paul II, World Youth Day 2000*

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Parish Office Hours:

- Monday & Friday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Tuesday to Thursday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Tuesday: 11:30 AM
- Thursday: 8:30 AM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration:

- Fridays 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
- Summit – First Sunday of the Month 7pm to 8:30pm**

Baptisms:

Celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Please contact the parish office to register and arrange preparation.

Prayer for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers: Tim McNulty, Melvin Laviolette, Allan Gaudet, Valerie McInnis, Robert McBurnie, Francis Oba, Wilfred & Eva Gallant, Sheila Perry, Liken Calbury-Reid, Steven Arsenault, Jim MacDougall, Annie Bridges, Agnes Poirier, Gail & Thomas Cybulski, Douglas Gaudet, John Arsenault, Barbara Gillis, Jeanette MacKenzie, John Richard and Della van Vliet.

Rosary Intention for August

We pray for mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Mass Times & Intentions | August 18-24

For St. Paul's Parish and St. John the Baptist (+ indicates prayers for the repose of the soul)

Monday, August 18

9:00 AM – St. Paul's +Fred & Marie Arsenault, +Donald 'Donnie' Arsenault

Tuesday, August 19

10:00 AM – St. John's:

12:00 PM – St. Paul's: Sick & infirm members of the Knights of Columbus, +Baby August Waite

Wednesday, August 20

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Neil Coulter & John MacGregor

Thursday, August 21

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus, +Robert Lewis

Friday, August 22

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Bob Boulanger, Marcia Gagnon

9:30 AM – St. Paul's: Holy Hour of Adoration

10:00 AM – St. John's

Saturday, August 23

4:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Vernon Messervey, +Anne Messervey

Sunday, August 24

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Gladys Lecky

10:00 AM – St. John's: Parishioners

11:00 AM – St. Paul's: Intentions of Parishioners

Anniversary Memorial: Zelma Blanchard

Mass Readings for August 24th 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 66.18-21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12.5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13.22-30

Legacy Fund 50/50 Fundraiser

Thank you for your support!As of August 13th, 2025, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$439.00** (The winner receives half) Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in The Parish Centre Lounge, on Sunday, August 31st.

Last Week's Offerings

Sunday Offering: \$5424.00

Automatic Debit: \$1,686.50

E-Transfers: \$410

Building Fund: \$230.00

Cemetery Fund: \$105.00

Total Weekly Contributions: \$7,855.50

Weekly Parish Operating Cost: \$7,440

🙏 *Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity.*

Pastoral Planning Meeting- you're invited!

We invite you to join us on Saturday, August 23rd from 1:45pm – 3:45pm, this will be a special gathering as we begin the Pastoral Planning Process for our Parish. You will have the opportunity to share your voice, ideas, and hopes for our Parish. **Please RSVP to the Parish Council Chair, Thomas Yep** pastoralcouncil@stpaulsparish.ca

St. Vincent de Paul Society | (902) 724-3454

Please help us to help those that need a hand up especially during these tough economic times. Suggested item for this week are: canned fruit, spaghetti & Spaghetti sauce, miracle whip & jam. Thank you.Fresh produce donations can be delivered directly to the food bank: **Monday, Wednesday & Friday** | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

'Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to see the needs around you. Sharing even a little of your resources, even a little of your time and attention, can make a big difference.' -The Word Among Us

Parish Ministries & Outreach

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Seeking a deeper way to live your faith in fellowship and service? Consider joining the CWL.

Acting President: Judy Lewis

Knights of Columbus

Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month.

Grand Knight: Garth McKinnon

Sisters of the Sacred Heart

Have you got a loved one that you would like the sisters to visit?, contact: (902) 436-5386 | sacredheartpei@gmail.com

Catechism registration will open on August 24th. Starting that day you will find the online form at stpaulsparish.ca/catechism-registration as well as updated details. We look forward to teaming up with you to bring your children and family closer to Jesus.

Bursaries

Knights of Columbus Bursary

For young men entering post-secondary studies.

Deadline: August 20

Apply via parish office or contact Garth McKinnon:

(902) 303-0282 | peipappy@hotmail.com

St. Paul's CWL Bursary

For female students entering university or college.

Applications available at the Parish office.

Deadline: September 1st, 2025

Bike for Christ (Youth Retreat/Pilgrimage)

August 23–24 | Ages 13–18

Info: Nate – (902) 916-8914 | bikeforchrist.wordpress.com

St. Mary's (Hunter River) Cemetery Sunday

service

Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 1:30pm.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

September 26–28 | Amherst, NS

(506) 451-8489 | ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org

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Parish Picnics

- Aug 17: Immaculate Conception, Palmer Road
- Aug 24: St. Simon & St. Jude, Tignish

Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” (Luke 12:49)

The words of Jesus this Sunday are startling. He speaks not of calm comfort, but of fire — the fire of God's love that purifies, renews, and transforms. This is not a destructive flame, but the fire of the Holy Spirit, burning away what keeps us from living fully for God.

The prophet Jeremiah knew the cost of speaking God's truth. Thrown into a muddy cistern, abandoned by those who found his words uncomfortable, he still trusted in the Lord's deliverance. The Letter to the Hebrews encourages us to run the race with perseverance, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who endured the cross for the joy set before Him. These passages remind us that following God is not always comfortable—it demands courage, perseverance, and sometimes even suffering.

Why does faith cause division? Following Christ is not always easy. True love transforms us, and not everyone welcomes that change. Sometimes our faith will set us apart, even from those closest to us. Yet it is precisely this burning love within us — nurtured by prayer, nourished by the Eucharist, strengthened by faith — that becomes a light for others. The world longs for hearts set aflame with hope. If we allow Christ to kindle that fire in us, He will use us to bring warmth and light to those still walking in the cold shadows.