

## St. Paul's Parish Bulletin

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.”

— St. Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (41)

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### Parish Contact Information

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### Parish Office Hours:

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

**Note:** The office will be closed **Monday, September 1st** for **Labour Day**

### 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.

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### Prayer for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers: Baby Alis, Tim McNulty, Leona MacDonald, Melvin Laviolette, Allan Gaudet, Valerie McInnis, Francis Oba, Wilfred & Eva Gallant, Sheila Perry, Steven Arsenault, MacDougall, 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.

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### Mass Times & Intentions | Sept 1-7

**For St. Paul's Parish and St. John the Baptist**

**(+ indicates prayers for the repose of the soul)**

**Monday, Sept 1**

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Norma Hashie

**Tuesday, Sept 2**

10:00 AM – St. John's: +Arnold Powers, +Celina Pinault

12:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Fedora & Baby Melanson, +Anne Messervey

**Wednesday, Sept 3**

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Joseph & Edith Coulter, Intentions of Michael Keefe

**Thursday, Sept 4**

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Marc & Serge Gagnon, +Tilman Arsenault

**Friday, Sept 5**

9:00 AM – +Arvilla Roach, +Russell & Frances Campbell

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

10:00 AM – St. John's +Diane Gallant

**Saturday, Sept 6**

4:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Gloria Pineau

**Sunday, Sept 7**

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Irene Gallant, +Jhon Ray Cooper

10:00 AM – St. John's: Intentions of Parishioners

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

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### Mass Readings for Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

**First Reading:** Wisdom 9.13-18

**Second Reading:** Philemon 9b=10, 12-18

**Gospel:** Luke 14.25-33

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### Legacy Fund 50/50 Fundraiser

**Thank you for your support!** As of **August 27th, 2025**, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$820.00** (The winner receives half) Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in The Parish Centre Lounge, on Sunday, August 31st.

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### Last Week's Offerings

**Sunday Offering:** \$4323.15

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

**E-Transfers:** \$90.00

**Building Fund:** \$155.00

**Total Weekly Contributions:** \$6,254.65

**Weekly Parish Operating Cost:** \$7,440.00

🙏 *Thank you for your ongoing generosity.*

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

Suggested items this week: Miracle Whip, Cereal, Canned Meats & Fish for Sandwiches & Laundry Soap or anything that is on sale. Thank you for your continued support - we do our work because of your generosity!

*We can't help everyone but everyone can help someone!*

#### Are you recently retired and looking for a meaningful way to serve others?

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank is seeking volunteers to assist individuals and families in need. This is a wonderful opportunity to live out our call to compassion and service. Our only requirements are a respectful heart and a willingness to help.

Your time commitment can be as little as 6 hours a month — or more if you feel the need to give more.

To learn more or to volunteer, please call the foodbank at 902-724-3454.

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### Parish Ministries & Outreach

#### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Faith • Fellowship • Service

*“The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.”*

Looking for a meaningful way to live your faith, build friendships, and serve your community? Join the Catholic Women's League — a welcoming place for prayer, fellowship, and outreach.

Acting President: Judy Lewis

#### St. Paul's CWL Bursary

Available for female students entering college or university.

Deadline: September 1, 2025

Applications available at the Parish Office

#### Knights of Columbus

Join the Knights of Columbus and be part of a brotherhood empowering Catholic men to live their faith — at home, in the parish, at work, and in the community.

- Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month
- Next Meeting: Sept 16, 2025
- 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](mailto:sacredheartpei@gmail.com)

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### Catechism

Registration is now open - sign up now! Register online:

[stpaulsparish.ca/catechism-registration](http://stpaulsparish.ca/catechism-registration)

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### Upcoming Events

#### Bishop's Dinner – October 1

Join Bishop Joseph Dabrowski for an evening of faith, community, and generosity as we celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. More info and tickets: <https://dioceseofcharlottetown.com/a-celebration-of-community-faith-and-service-diocese-launches-first-annual-bishops-fundraising-dinner/>

#### Verso L'Alto – Catholic Young Adult Group.

Looking to deepen your faith and connect with others?

- When: Thursdays, 7:30 PM
- Where: Knight's Room, St. Dunstan's Basilica
- Find us on Facebook: *Verso L'Alto Young Adult Group*
- All are welcome!

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#### Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

*For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Luke 14:11)*

This Sunday's readings point us to the surprising way

God works: through humility. Sirach teaches that a gentle and humble heart finds favor before the Lord.

The Psalm reminds us that God is close to the poor, the orphan, and the widow. Jesus, in the Gospel, goes even further — He tells us that in God's kingdom, true greatness is not found in being served but in serving others, especially those who cannot repay us.

The Letter to the Hebrews shows us that we are not alone in this journey. We belong to a living community — the “assembly of the firstborn” gathered around

Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant. Our faith, then, is not something private. It is an invitation to live as a people sent forth, witnesses of a love that humbles itself and gives itself away.

Every time we come to the Lord's table, we taste the banquet of His kingdom. But when the Mass ends and we are sent forth, the mission continues. If we walk in humility, serve with love, and welcome others into God's house, then our parish becomes more than a gathering place — it becomes a sign of the kingdom already present in the world.