

## St. Paul's Parish Bulletin

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*“The Church is an evangelizer, but she begins by being evangelized herself. She is the community of believers, the community of hope lived and communicated, the community of brotherly love, and she needs to listen unceasingly to what she must believe, to her reasons for hoping, to the new commandment of love.”*

— St. Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (15)

### Parish Contact Information

**Parish Office:** 902 436-5112

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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: 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 September** For our relationship with all of creation Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### Mass Times & Intentions | Sept 8-14

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

**Monday, Sept 8**

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Joey Craig, +Elmer Doiron

**Tuesday, Sept 9**

10:00 AM – St. John's: + Cecile Pineault

12:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Alfred & Dean Perry, +Mary Perry

**Wednesday, Sept 10**

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Frank, Delima, Gerald & Ivan Richard, +Dugey Arsenault Sr.

**Thursday, Sept 11**

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Ivan Richard, +Tom Gain

**Friday, Sept 12**

9:00 AM – Chantale Gagnon, +Gerald Richard

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

10:00 AM – St. John's

**Saturday, Sept 13**

4:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Mary Ratelle, Intentions of Michael Keefe

**Sunday, Sept 14**

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: Intentions of Trudy Cameron, Intentions of Dugey Arsenault Jr.

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

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

### Mass Readings for Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

**First Reading:** Numbers 21. 4-9

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2.6-11

**Gospel:** John 3. 13-17

**Legacy Fund 50/50 Fundraiser** Congratulations to Art Noonan the winner of the August 50/50!

### Last Week's Offerings

**Sunday Offering:** \$5,324.60

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

**E-Transfers:** \$337.00

**Building Fund:** \$155.00

**Total Weekly Contributions:** \$7,503.10

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

🙏 *Thank you for your ongoing generosity.*

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

**Suggested items this week:** laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, toothpaste, and items for school lunches. As always, sale items are welcome and appreciated  
**Since June 1, 2025, we've assisted approximately 500 individuals**—a clear reflection of the growing need in our community. The rising cost of food and essential goods continues to make it a challenge to keep our shelves stocked. We rely on your ongoing generosity to continue this important work. Whether through food donations or financial contributions, your support truly makes a difference. **Thank you!**

### Parish Ministries & Outreach

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

**Faith • Fellowship • Service**

**Acting President:** Judy Lewis

**CWL Retreat** all women (members and non members) are invited to join us Saturday, **September 13th**. We will begin with Mass and then a **reflection from Fr. Walter. Lunch included. Fee is \$9** per person. Please call the office for details.

This promises to be a wonderful morning of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. We hope you can join us!

#### 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.**

- 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)

#### Catechism

Registration is now open - sign up now! Register online: [stpaulsparish.ca/catechism-registration](http://stpaulsparish.ca/catechism-registration). Orientation for Confirmation will be Sunday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the parish hall. Classes will begin Sunday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am

#### Ladies' Rosary Night — Every Tuesday at 6:30 PM

All women are invited to join us every Tuesday evening as we come together in prayer, lifting our Parish, our families, and our personal intentions. Whether you can come occasionally or every week, your presence is always welcome. Come, pray, and connect with a beautiful community of faith.

### Upcoming Events

#### St. John the Baptist Fundraiser

St. John the Baptist Parish is hosting a puzzle sale in October to help cover the cost of our new roof. If you have puzzles to donate, please contact Claudette at 902-439-4555. Thank you for your support!

### Summit

Join us in a night of Worship & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Summit will be **Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

#### 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/>

#### Seeking God's Presence

By Father John Molina

*“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:27)*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that following Him is not a casual choice but a wholehearted commitment. He calls us to carry the cross, not as a burden of despair, but as the path to new life. To be His disciples means allowing His love to shape the way we live, serve, and witness in our communities.

As a parish, this call challenges us to look beyond simply managing sacraments and schedules. We are entrusted with something greater: to help people encounter Jesus Christ in a living, personal way. This is at the heart of the New Evangelization. It is not something separate from parish life—it is the parish. It is who we are called to be. The New Evangelization offers us a path: it begins with those already here—our Sunday worshippers, our volunteers, our families. It invites us to deeper prayer, to grow as missionary disciples, to strengthen small communities of faith, and to reach out to those who are searching or drifting away. From there, it builds discipleship, community, and service—so that we may be sent, together, to share the Good News with others. Here in Summerside, Miscouche, and our surrounding communities, we live in a rich and changing reality. We carry our heritage and traditions, but we also face new challenges and opportunities—economic, cultural, and spiritual. New families are arriving, bringing with them fresh gifts of faith and culture. Our parishes are places where questions and thirst for God meet, where faith is handed on, and where we can bear witness together that Jesus Christ has died and risen for our salvation. The work ahead is not about preserving the past for its own sake, but about renewing our mission in the present, guided by the Spirit. This is not something we can do alone, nor something that can be imposed. It must be discerned, prayed for, dreamed together, and carried out in unity. Step by step, we can open ourselves to God's plan, and allow Him to make our parishes truly missionary—places where His fire of love shines brightly for all.