

St. Paul’s Parish Bulletin

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sept 14th, 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 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:
Derrick Rowe, Rocky Gallant, Baby Alis, Tim McNulty, Leona MacDonald, Melvin Laviolette, Allan Gaudet, Valerie McInnis, Francis Oba, Wilfred & Eva Gallant, Sheila Perry, t, MacDougall, Gail & Thomas Cybulski, Douglas Gaudet, , 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 15th-21st

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

Monday, Sept 15

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: Souls in Purgatory, +Anne Marie Gauthier

Tuesday, Sept

10:00 AM – St. John’s: + Ben & Delima Cormier

12:00 PM – St. Paul’s: Sick & Infirm members of the Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, Sept 10

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: + John McGregor & Neil Coulter,
+Henrietta Fitzpatrick

Thursday, Sept 11

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Friday, Sept 12

9:00 AM – Intentions of Marcia Gagnon, Intentions of Inmates

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: Intention of Joan Keefe, +Robert & Gertrude Winchester

Sunday, Sept 14

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: +Ernesto & Mary Thelma Tricma
Mendoza

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

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

Mass Readings for Sept 21st

First Reading: Amos 8.4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

Gospel: Luke 16.1-13

Legacy Fund 50/50 Thank you for your support! As of September 9th, 2025, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is \$345.00 (The winner receives half) Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in The Parish Centre Lounge, on Sunday, September 28th.

Last Week’s Offerings

Sunday Offering: \$4,420.80

Automatic Debit: \$1,686.50

E-Transfers: \$295.00

Building Fund: \$940.00

Total Weekly Contributions: \$7,342.30

Weekly Parish Operating Cost: \$7,440.00

🙏 *Thank you for your ongoing generosity.*

Parish Ministries & Outreach

Catholic Women’s League (CWL)

Faith • Fellowship • Service

Acting President: Judy Lewis

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

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

Suggested items this week:

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Cheese Whiz
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Bars of Soap
- Dish Soap

We are so grateful for your continued support. Your generosity—both financial and in the form of food donations—is truly overwhelming.

As the demand for our services continues to grow, so too does the cost of groceries. So far this year, our grocery expenses have increased by approximately \$10,000 compared to 2024. And that figure doesn’t even include the incredible value of the grocery items dropped off daily by our amazing supporters. Our hope is that your support continues as the need rises. Thank you for helping us meet the needs of our community!

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.

Catechism

It’s almost time! **Catechism and Sacrament classes** begin **Sunday, Sept 21**.

- Catechism** Classes start **Sept 21, 10–10:55 AM**. Haven’t registered? Sign up this week at stpaulsparish.ca/catechism-registration. Families can attend **9 AM** or **11 AM** Mass.
- Confirmation** → Parent & student **orientation: Sun, Sept 14, 7–8 PM** (*parish centre basement*). Classes start **Sept 21, 7–8:30 PM**.
- First Communion** → Parent **orientation: Sun, Sept 28, 10 AM** (*parish centre basement*).

We’re also looking for **one more catechism teacher** and extra help on Sunday mornings. If you’d like to join our team, contact **Tawnya** at education@stpaulsparish.ca

RCIA St Paul's parish is happy to announce that we will be offering the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program this year beginning early October (Date TBD). It is an introductory course into the Catholic faith and community. If interested, please contact the parish office or email to office@stpaulsparish.ca. Be sure to watch for further announcements for date and time.

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!

Nativity Auditions Calling All Youth! Be part of this year’s Musical Christmas Nativity Play! Auditions for lead roles are Sept 28, 2–4 PM at Trinity United Church. First rehearsal for all other roles is Oct 5, 2–4 PM at Centre 150.

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/](https://dioceseofcharlottetown.com/a-celebration-of-community-faith-and-service-diocese-launches-first-annual-bishops-fundraising-dinner/)

Seeking God’s Presence

By Fr. John Molina

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

This Sunday, our usual liturgical rhythm is interrupted by a feast that goes to the very heart of our faith: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. At first glance, the Cross seems to speak only of suffering and death. Yet for us as Christians, it is the sign of the greatest love the world has ever known. The Cross tells us that God did not remain distant but entered fully into our human condition. Jesus, lifted high, draws all people to Himself so that we may find life, hope, and salvation. As we contemplate the Cross, we are reminded that baptism unites us to this mystery. In baptism, each of us is marked with the Cross and sent out to be witnesses to Christ in the world. This means that the way we live — our honesty, our kindness, our forgiveness, our patience — may be the only Gospel our neighbor ever encounters. Our daily choices, small as they may seem, can reflect the love of Christ to those who long for hope.

But the Cross also calls us to more than silent witness. Jesus sends His disciples into the world with the Good News. To be missionary is not only to live as Christians but also to speak as Christians. Proclaiming the Gospel with words — inviting, encouraging, sharing faith openly — is part of our baptismal call. Silence may plant seeds, but words can bring clarity and light.

Here, in our parishes of St. Paul’s in Summerside and St. John the Baptist in Miscouche, the Cross challenges us to take both dimensions of mission seriously. We are called to live in such a way that Christ’s presence is unmistakable, and to proclaim with courage that His love saves. In a culture where many search for meaning, the witness of our lives and the boldness of our words together become a testimony that the Cross is not defeat but victory, not an end but the beginning of eternal life.

As we lift high the Cross this Sunday, let us also lift high our mission: to make Christ known and loved in our homes, in our neighborhoods, in our communities. The Cross is not only a sign of what God has done for us, but also a reminder of what we are sent to do for others.