

St. Paul’s Parish Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 28th , 2025

“Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity. They are children, women and men who share a legitimate desire for being more.”

— *Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2014*

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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:

Louise Wedge, Derrick Rowe, Rocky Gallant, Baby Alis, Tim McNulty, Leona MacDonald, Melvin Laviolette, Wilfred & Eva Gallant, Sheila Perry, 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

For St. Paul’s Parish and St. John the Baptist

September 29 – October 5

(+ indicates prayers for the repose of the soul)

Monday, Sept 29

9:00 AM – + Anne Marie Gauthier; Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, Sept 30

10:00 AM – St. John’s: + Edward Gallant

12:00 PM – St. Paul’s: + Memorial Book Mass

Wednesday, Oct 1

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: + Norma Hashie; + Floyd McKinnon

Thursday, Oct 2

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: + Fedora & Baby Melanson; + John McNeill

Friday, Oct 3

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: + Floyd McKinnon; + Dan Harper

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

10:00 AM – St. John’s: No Mass

Saturday, Oct 4

4:00 PM – St. Paul’s: + Gerald Grant; Special Intentions

Sunday, Oct 5

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: + Arvilla Roach

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

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

Mass Readings for Oct 5th , 2025

First Reading: Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1. 6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17.5-10

Legacy Fund 50/50

 Thank you for your support! As of

September 24th, 2025, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is \$840.00 (The winner receives \$420.00) 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: \$4313.65

Automatic Debit: \$1,686.50

E-Transfers: \$210.

Building Fund: \$195.00

Total Weekly Contributions: \$6,405.15

Weekly Parish Operating Cost: \$7,440.00

🙏 *Thank you for your ongoing generosity.*

Parish Ministries & Outreach

RCIA Beginning October 7th , an introductory course into the

Catholic faith and community. If interested, please contact the parish office or email to office@stpaulsparish.ca

Youth Group is Back!

 Starting Friday, September 26

7- 9pm and meeting every second Friday. All youth ages 13–17 are invited for fun, faith, and friendship. Bring a friend and come see what it’s all about!

Catholic Women’s League (CWL)

Faith • Fellowship • Service

Acting President: Judy Lewis

Next Meeting October 4th 10am Social 10:30am Meeting

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. **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: Laundry Soap, Shampoo, Regular Black Tea, Pasta Sauce, Miracle Whip/Mayonnaise and Cookies. We have a full-size fridge and two freezers so we can also accept items such as eggs, milk, fresh fruit and vegetables. Please drop off those items during our **regular food bank hours - Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 10-12.** We are grateful for your generous support—both financial and food donations. As demand grows and grocery costs rise, your continued help makes it possible for us to meet the needs of our community. Thank you! *We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone.*

Catechism

 Classes have begun! **Sundays 10–10:55 AM.**

- Haven’t registered? Sign up at stpaulsparish.ca/catechism-registration. **Confirmation** → (*parish centre hall*). Sunday evenings **7–8:30 PM.**
- First Communion** → Parent orientation: **Sun, Sept 28, 10 AM** (*parish centre hall*).

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

Children’s Mass

 We invite families to join us on Sunday,

October 5th for the 11AM Children’s Mass at which we will be commissioning our Catechism teachers as well as distributing Bibles to our 4th grade catechism students

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

 This year's

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) Collection is October 4–5, parishes across our Diocese will take up the annual collection for IRF. The fund supports healing and reconciliation, culture and language revitalization, education, and dialogue with Indigenous communities. Pope Francis reminded us when he visited Canada that the Lord calls us "to be artisans of a new history, weavers of hope, builders of the future, peacemakers." **Please give generously and pray for reconciliation here on Prince Edward Island and across Canada.**

Pancake Breakfast!

 Join us on Sunday at St. Paul’s after

the 11am Mass, October 5 for a delicious pancake breakfast hosted by the **Knights of Columbus**. Come enjoy good food and fellowship! Cost: By donation – proceeds support *St. Vincent de Paul food bank*.

News from the library!

 St. Paul's Library has been

undergoing major re-organization lately. For this reason, many books that were in multiple copies are now available to give away. This weekend, at the back of the church, a table has been set up with religious and spiritual books. Please take what you want — they can be kept or given away to someone you know who might benefit from them. These books DO NOT need to be returned. We already have other copies. Also, please take a minute and come visit our library! Even if you see that we are still in organization mode, books are available for browsing and borrowing. More on what's on the shelves next week! Stay tuned! **Enjoy a good Catholic book today!**

Convention for Girls – “Looking Good

Inside & Out” For girls ages 11–13: a fun day of workshops, talks, games, door prizes, food, and friends! Learn about caring for both inner and outer beauty. Saturday, Nov. 8 | 9:30 AM–3:30 PM at St. Paul’s Parish, cost is \$30 before Oct. 30, \$35 after. To register, contact Tracy at stjosfamilycentre@gmail.com

Seeking God’s Presence By Fr. John Molina

“Between us and you a great chasm has been established.” (Luke 16:26) The Gospel this Sunday presents us with the striking image of the rich man and Lazarus. The story is not only about wealth and poverty but about blindness of heart. The rich man, who stepped over Lazarus each day, was unable to recognize the suffering neighbor at his very doorstep. His tragedy was not his possessions, but his failure to see the presence of God in the poor.

This same blindness threatens us today. You know that I am, as you call it here, “a newcomer to Canada.” I came as a refugee because of the violence and political turmoil of the 90’s in Colombia. We live in a world where, like me, millions of people are forced to leave their homes because of war, violence, persecution, poverty, or climate change. Migrants and refugees are not strangers in the eyes of God; they are brothers and sisters who, like Lazarus, wait at our doors. On this World Day of Migrants and Refugees, the Church reminds us that our Catholic identity calls us to see Christ in them, to defend their dignity, and to walk with them in solidarity.

Being Catholic is never a private matter. To be baptized is to be sent — sent to proclaim the Good News in word and deed. Our mission is not only to announce Christ with our lips but to make Him visible through our compassion, hospitality, and service to the most vulnerable. When we welcome the stranger, when we listen to their stories, when we work for justice, we make present the Kingdom of God.

The chasm that Jesus speaks of in the parable is not inevitable. It is bridged whenever we choose mercy over indifference, encounter over exclusion, fraternity over division. In welcoming migrants, refugees, and all who are marginalized, we do more than act kindly — we live out what it means to be Christian and Catholic: people sent into the world to carry Christ’s love where it is most needed.

Let us ask for the grace to keep our eyes open, our doors unlocked, and our hearts ready to respond, so that no one is left unseen at our gates.