

St. Paul's Parish – Summerside, PEI

**Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe–
November 23, 2025
World Day of Youth**

“Christ reigns from the Cross because love is stronger than sin, stronger than death, and stronger than all the evil in the world.”

— St. John Paul II

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Office Hours:

Monday & Friday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Tuesday to Thursday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Worship, Sacraments and Pastoral Care

Mass Times & Intentions

Monday: ** NO MASS**

Tuesday, Nov 25th

10:00AM – Mass canceled at St. John's due to funeral

12:00 PM – St. Paul's: +John & Rose Perry & family

Intentions of Lily Arsenault

Wednesday, Nov 26th

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Roy Arsenault, Severino &

Corazon

Thursday, Nov 27th

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Clifford & Theresa Gallant

Friday, Nov 28th

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: Living & Deceased members of the

CWL, +Doris Thibeau

10:00 AM – St. John's: Intention of the donor

Saturday, Nov 29th

4:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Elmer Bernard

7:00 PM – St. John's: Intention of the donor

Sunday, Nov 30th

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: Legacy Fund Memorial Book

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

- **Baptisms** – Celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Please contact the office to register and arrange preparation.
- **Marriages** – Please contact the pastor **6 months in advance**.

- **Anointing of the Sick** – Available anytime. If at the hospital, ask the nursing staff to contact us.
- **Funeral planning** – Contact your Funeral Home. The parish will assist families with all steps regarding liturgy and spiritual needs.
- **Home Visits & Communion for the Sick** – Call the office.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** By appointment or
Tuesday: 11:30 AM, **Thursday:** 8:30 AM & **Saturday:** 11:00 AM

Prayer for the Sick

Devotion to St Peregrin: Every Thursday Mass at 9:00 AM

We are praying for: Rose Gallant, Pat Williams, Jean Murray, Mike Spin, Louise Wedge, Baby Alis, Tim McNulty, Leona MacDonald, Melvin Laviolette, Wilfred & Eva Gallant, Sheila Perry, Gail & Thomas Cybulski, Douglas Gaudet, Barbara Gillis, Jeanette MacKenzie, John Richard

CWL Prayer Line: Our CWL Members would be honoured to pray for your intentions. Please call 436-5039 or 436-6135.

Stewardship

Sunday Offering Total: \$8,669.40

Regular Collection: \$6,617.90

Automatic Debit: \$1,686.50

E-Transfers: \$ 365

Walter Reid Mem. Fund \$ 25.00

50/50 Legacy Fundraiser Thank you for your support! As of Nov 16, we've received \$975. (winner receives half). Draw: Nov. 30 after the 11 AM Mass in the Parish Centre lounge.

Outreach

Society of St Vincent de Paul (902) 724-3454

Suggested Items this week: Pancake mix and syrup, shampoo, soda crackers, miracle whip/mayonnaise, boxed Chocolates for Christmas or anything that is on sale!

Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion in helping those in need.

Give the Gift of Giving This Christmas 🎄

Looking for a meaningful gift for someone who has everything? Make a donation in their name and receive a festive card to give them. Celebrate the season with a gift that truly makes a difference.

St. Vincent de Paul will again make a **monetary donation** to the **Kin Family Christmas Appeal** on **Monday, December 1**. Parishioners who wish to contribute **may donate directly to St. Vincent de Paul and note “Christmas Appeal”**; these gifts will appear on your 2025 SSVP tax receipt. To **adopt a family** through the Kin Family Christmas Appeal, contact Sue at (902) 303-0135.

Free Christmas Dinner. St. Paul's Community Support Committee invites those who may be alone or facing financial hardship to a Free Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, 1–3 p.m. To register, call Linda or Wayne Doucette (902-436-4005).

Sisters of the Sacred Heart Would you like the Sisters to visit a loved one? Contact: (902) 436-5386 | sacredheartpei@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed. Help prepare and serve the Christmas Dinner on Dec. 24 & 25—tasks include cooking prep, decorating, serving, and cleanup.

Faith Formation

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest: Ages 5–14, runs Nov. 16 – Dec. 7, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Summit: an evening of reflection and adoration. 7-8:30pm

Youth Group Grades 7–12. Every second Friday, 7–9 PM.

Leadership

Volunteer Training Sessions (2–3 PM)

• Nov. 29 – Hospitality

• Dec. 6 – Junior Altar Servers (youth)

• Dec. 13 – Senior Altar Servers (adults)

Sacristans – Fr. John will set a weekday meeting.

Junior Altar Servers: Children who've received First Communion are invited to train Dec. 6.

Discipleship

Catholic Women's League (CWL) 🎄 Christmas Lottery, Bake & Book Sale, coffee & fellowship! Saturday, Dec. 6, 8am-12pm & after all weekend Masses – Parish Hall

CWL Members Needed Help keep St. Paul's Council active by joining the **2026–2028 Executive!** Roles include **President, Secretary, Treasurer,** and Chairpersons for **Faith, Service & Social Justice.** Support will be provided. Interested? Contact **Louise Doiron** at **902-432-0377**

Knights of Columbus Empowering Catholic men to live their faith. Grand Knight: Garth McKinnon

Upcoming Events. Save the date for:

- Dec 9,10 & 11 at 6:30 PM **Seminar on Prayer**, directed by Fr. John Molina at Parish Hall
- Dec 12 at 7:00 **Liturgy of Reconciliation and Confessions with visiting priests** at St Paul's.
- Dec 15-23 **Simbang Gabi – Novena Mass in preparation for Christmas** at St Paul's
- Dec 21 at 4:00 PM **Nativity Christmas Play at St Paul's**
- Dec 22 at 6:30 PM **Nativity Christmas Play at Harbourfront Theatre**
- January 21 at 12:00 PM **Midday Prayer for Christian Unity** at St Paul's
- **Christmas Masses** 4pm & 9pm St. Paul's & 7pm at St. John the Baptist
- **Christmas Day Masses 9am St. Paul's & 11am St. Johns**

Nativity: Night of Music Tickets Now Available!

For more details and to reserve your tickets for the Nativity at Harbourfront Theatre, please visit

<https://harbourfronttheatre.com/shows/nativity-night-of-music/>

or call the box office at 902-888-2500 today! The performance taking place at St. Paul's Parish doesn't require tickets! We hope to see you there!

Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” (Luke 23:42)

This Sunday, we come to the end of the liturgical year by contemplating a surprising and unsettling image: Christ our King crowned not with gold, but with thorns. The Gospel places us at the foot of the Cross. Jesus hangs there, wounded, bloodied, His body broken beyond recognition. Above Him is the sign meant to mock Him—INRI, Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. Yet, in the mysterious wisdom of God, this is not irony. It is revelation.

This is our King: Defenseless, nailed, unable to move, seemingly stripped of all power—and yet He is the King of the Universe, ruling from a throne of wood, conquering not by violence but by love. When we look at the crucifix, we are not merely looking at a reminder of suffering; we are looking at the deepest truth of who God is: A God who enters our pain. A God who takes on our wounds. A God who loves us to the end.

Christ the King speaks His royal decree in the most unexpected way: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.” To the repentant thief, He opens the gates of His kingdom—gates not of earthly triumph, but of mercy, compassion, and healing.

The solemnity of Christ the King challenges us to recognize Christ not only on the crucifix, but in the crucified places of our world. We are invited to discover His face in our own struggles and fragilities, in the suffering members of our families, in the lonely elder, in the exhausted caregiver, in the person carrying hidden wounds or silent grief, in the poor, the rejected, and the forgotten.

Christ the King reigns from every place where there is love or suffering, where there is hope or fear.

That is why the crucified Christ invites us to grow spiritually and to live the pillars of our Parish Pastoral and Apostolic Plan more deeply: in our spiritual life, we find strength by contemplating Jesus crucified in prayer, allowing His love to shape our interior life. In His wounds, we find our healing.

When we carry our crosses with faith, patience, and compassion, we become witnesses, we reveal Christ to those who watch us, often silently.

The King who gathers the broken around His Cross calls us to build parishes where every person—especially the wounded—finds welcome, understanding, and hope. Seeing Christ in the wounded of our time pushes us outward to serve, to comfort, and to stand with those who suffer.

Christ throne is the Cross, and His crown is love. As we gaze upon Him, may we discover both the depth of God's mercy and our own mission: to bring His compassionate kingdom into the world through our lives, our service, and our love.