

# St. Paul’s Parish – Summerside, PEI

## First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

“The Church’s prayer is vigilant, waiting for the return of Christ. She calls for His coming: ‘Come, Lord Jesus!’”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church, §2671*

### Parish Office:

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**Office Administration:** Jackie Gallant: 902 436-5112

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**Faith Formation:** Tawnya Stanus: (1) 647 550-0472

### 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, Dec 2

10:00AM – Intention of the donor

12:00 PM – St. Paul’s: +Noma Hashie, +Fedora & Baby Melanson

#### Wednesday, Dec 3

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: Intentions of Donna Arsenault

#### Thursday, Dec 4

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: +Alfred Vautour, Deceased Family Members of Rosemarie Gallant

#### Friday, Dec 5

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: +Arvilla Roach, +Marc & Serge Gagnon

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

#### Saturday, Dec 6

4:00 PM – St. Paul’s: +Albert, Mike & Kevin Gallant

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

#### Sunday, Dec 7

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: +Thelma & Ernesto Mendoza, Intentions of JoAnne Perry

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:** Liz Turner, Betty Gallatn, 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: \$6700.85**

Regular Collection: **\$4753.10**

Building Fund: \$70.00

Automatic Debit: \$ 1,677.75

E-Transfers: \$ 200.

**Christmas Dinner Loonie Toonie \$ 2,015.80**

**50/50 Legacy Fund Fundraiser:** Thank you for your support! As of November 27th, 2025, the total received this month is \$1,180.00 (The winner receives \$590.00). Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in the lounge, on Sunday, November 30th.

**Lights of Love Annual fundraiser** hosted by the Legacy Fund committee. Tree tag envelopes are available starting Nov 29 at the church entrance and main office. Trees will be blessed and our loved ones honoured at all Masses the weekend before Christmas and on Christmas Day.

### Outreach

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

**Suggested Items this week:** peanut butter, Kraft dinner, soda crackers & Christmas treats such as box chocolates, box peanuts/nuts, candy, etc. Thank you.

**Donations accepted Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 10–12 p.m. at the Food Bank.** All donations are eligible for a tax receipt, for either the donor or the gift recipient.

### 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.

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).

**Volunteers Needed.** Help prepare and serve the Christmas Dinner on Dec. 24 & 25—tasks include cooking prep, decorating, serving, and cleanup. Contact John or JoAnne Perry at (902) 436-4532

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

### Faith Formation

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

**Youth Group Grades 7–12.** Every second Friday, 7–9 PM. Next meeting - Friday, Dec 5th

**Summit:** Join us in a night of Worship & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday, December 7th, 7:00-8:30pm at St. Paul’s Parish. Reflection given by one of our catechists, Carolina Lozada, on her faith journey in South America and in Canada. Drop in for as long as you are able.

**Prayer Seminar:** Do you desire to learn how to pray or to grow your prayer life? Join Fr. John as he explores different types of prayer in the Church. December 9, 10, 11 at 6:30PM in the hall.

### Leadership

**Volunteer Training Sessions (2–3 PM)**

• Dec. 6 – Junior Altar Servers (youth)

• Dec. 13 – Senior Altar Servers (adults)

**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

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

### Community

**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 on Dec 21 doesn’t require tickets! We hope to see you there!

**News from St. Paul’s Library:** On the bottom shelf of the white bookcase, you’ll find a basket of audio CDs featuring engaging talks by renowned theologians and pastors, including Bishop Robert Barron, Scott Hahn, Brant Pitre, and Tim Gray. If you still have a CD player at home or in your car, these one-hour presentations are perfect for a road trip or a quiet day indoors. The

collection also includes music CDs with Gregorian chant and other devotional music for reflection. Dust off your CD player and borrow a CD or two!

### Upcoming Events.

- Dec 8 at 6:30PM Mass for the **feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- Dec 9,10 & 11 at 6:30 PM **Seminar on Prayer**
- Dec 12 at 7:00 **Liturgy of Reconciliation and Confessions with visiting priests** at St Paul’s.
- Dec 15-23 at 6:00PM **Simbang Gabi – Novena Mass in preparation for Christmas** at St Paul’s
- Dec 21 at 4:00 PM **Nativity Play at St Paul’s**
- Dec 22 at 6:30 PM **Nativity Play at Harbourfront Theatre**
- **Christmas Eve Masses** 4pm & 9pm St. Paul’s & 7pm at St. John the Baptist
- **Christmas Day Masses** 9am St. Paul’s & 11am St. Johns

### Seeking God’s Presence

By Fr. John Molina

“Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming.” (Collect, First Sunday of Advent)

We begin a new liturgical year with a beautiful and striking prayer. On this First Sunday of Advent, the Church invites us to ask God for the *resolve*—the inner strength and desire—to “run forth to meet Christ.” Not hesitantly. Not slowly. Not distracted or half-hearted. But running—joyfully, freely, intentionally—toward the One who is already coming toward us.

This prayer sets the tone for Advent. It is a season of hope, but also of readiness. In today’s Gospel, Jesus warns His disciples to stay awake, to be prepared, to keep their hearts alert and alive. The Son of Man will come at an hour we do not expect, not to frighten us, but to awaken us. Advent is not about predicting dates—it is about sharpening our spiritual senses so that we can recognize Christ’s presence in our daily lives.

Yet we all know what happens at this time of year. The moment Advent begins; we are swept into the hustle, bustle, noise, and pressure of preparing for Christmas. Shopping lists get longer. Calendars fill up. Expectations rise. Without even noticing, our hearts can become tired, scattered, or spiritually numb.

That is why this season calls us to something very opposite to what the world asks of us: “*a retreat of the heart.*” Not by running away from life, but by reclaiming a space within it—a space where God can speak, heal, and strengthen us.

In a world that moves at a high speed, Advent invites us to become, in a sense, hermits of our own time. Not in caves or deserts, but in the quiet inner room of our soul. There, like the prophets of old, we learn again what truly matters. We listen for God’s voice. We allow Him to reorder our priorities. We let His light gently enter the dark or restless places of our hearts.

When we make that interior space, we rediscover what the world easily forgets: that God is the center of our life, and our journey is always toward His presence.

This Advent, let us not simply “fit God in” when the season becomes busy. Instead, let us dare to slow down, to breathe, to listen, to watch. Let us run forth—not into stress, but into grace; not into frantic activity, but into deeper communion with the Lord who comes to dwell with us.