

St. Paul’s Parish – Summerside, PEI

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

“Mary goes before us and accompanies us. She is the Mother who helps us to grow in God’s grace and prepares our hearts to welcome her Son.”

— *St. John Paul II, General Audience, May 7, 1997*

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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, Dec 8

6:30 PM - In Thanksgiving to our Mother Mary for favors received, +Arvilla Roach

Tuesday, Dec 9

10:00AM – Intention of the donor

12:00 PM – St. Paul’s: +Joey Craig, Intentions of Chantale Gagnon

Wednesday, Dec 10

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: +John McGregor & Neil Coulter, Intentions of inmates

Thursday, Dec 11

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

Friday, Dec 12

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: Intentions of Marcia Gagnon, +Alfred Vautour

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

Saturday, Dec 13

4:00 PM – St. Paul’s: +Rick, Ann & Vernon Messervey

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

Sunday, Dec 14

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: +Paul Na

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

Our Lady is coming to St. Paul’s! Come celebrate with us the blessing and unveiling of our new Marian statue during the Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Prayer for the Sick:Liz Turner, Betty Gallant, 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:	\$8,111.60
Regular Collection:	\$5,658.85
Building Fund:	\$235.00
Automatic Debit:	\$ 1,677.75
E-Transfers:	\$270.00
Cemetery:	\$270.00

50/50 Legacy Fund Fundraiser: Thank you for your support! As of December 4th, 2025, the total received this month is \$105.00 (The winner receives half). Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in the lounge, on Sunday, December 28th.

Lights of Love Annual fundraiser hosted by the Legacy Fund committee. Tree tag envelopes are available at the church entrance and main office for a donation of \$10/ea. 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: box chocolates, shampoo, deodorant, miracle whip/mayonnaise. Thank you.

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

SSVP will hold a food drive Dec 21st at 4PM during the Nativity at St. Paul’s. Non-perishable items or monetary donations are accepted. Come prepare for Christmas with a generous heart.

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.

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: Posters can be dropped off with Tawnya or at the main office this week.

Youth Group Grades 7–12. Members represented the Nativity scene in the Summerside Christmas parade this past Saturday, Dec 6th. Next meeting: December 19th

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. 13 – Senior Altar Servers (adults)

Discipleship

Catholic Women’s League (CWL) 🌲 Christmas Lottery, Bake & Book Sale, coffee & fellowship after all weekend Masses December 6 & 7– Parish Hall

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

Community

Nativity: Night of Music - Dec 21st at 4:00PM at St. Paul’s. Bring your whole family!

Tickets are going fast for the Nativity at Harbourfront Theatre, <https://harbourfronttheatre.com/shows/nativity-night-of-music/> or call the box office at 902-888-2500 today! This play is open to all of Summerside! We hope to see you there!

Poinsettias: Every Christmas the Parish decorates the sanctuary with poinsettias. If you would like to offer one in memory of a loved one, please call Karen at 902 439-6451. We’d like to have them all by December 19th. Thank you!

Upcoming Events.

- 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

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths.” (Matthew 3:3)

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear John the Baptist, the great voice crying out in the desert. His message continues to be an urgent one: *prepare your hearts, clear away the obstacles, make room for the One who is coming.* Advent, then, is a season of spiritual clearing—a time to rediscover what matters most and to allow God’s grace to reshape our lives.

John speaks with boldness and clarity, he calls God’s people to conversion—not simply to feel sorry, but to bear fruit. He reminds us that faith cannot remain an idea or a sentiment; it must take concrete shape in our lives. We prepare for Christ not only by praying, but by acting, forgiving, serving, reconciling, and turning again toward the Lord.

This kind of preparation requires humility. And there is no better guide for humility, trust, and readiness than the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we draw closer to Christmas, her presence in our Advent journey becomes more radiant. She shows us what it means to welcome Christ completely—not with fear or hesitation, but with an open, willing, generous heart.

This Monday, December 8, we joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, We remember that Mary, from the first moment of her existence, was preserved from all sin—not by her own merits, but by God’s pure love, preparing her to be the Mother of the Savior.

This feast reminds us of two consoling truths: God prepares what He loves. And God desires to prepare us as well. Just as Mary was formed in grace to receive Christ, so too we are invited this Advent to allow God to shape our hearts—to cleanse, heal, and open us to His presence.

At the Mass of the Immaculate Conception, we will bless our new statue of Our Mother Mary, inspired by the powerful image in Revelation 12:1–5: *“A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.”*

This is Mary in her glory, radiant with God’s light, victorious over darkness, standing in constant care for her children. Holding the child Jesus who destroys the evil one. This image will now stand among us—a reminder of Mary’s protection, her intercession, and her motherly presence in our parish life.

As Catholics, devotion to Mary is not optional or secondary. She is part of the very fabric of our identity: She is the Mother of God and our Mother. She is the first disciple, the model believer. She leads us to Christ and teaches us how to receive Him.

In this Advent season, let us ask Mary to help us prepare the way of the Lord in our own lives, just as she did with such love, courage, and purity.

Let us come together on Monday, December 8, to honor her, to bless the new statue, and to renew our trust in her maternal care. And during this Advent, may she guide us gently into a deeper encounter with her Son, Jesus Christ, who comes to save.