

St. Paul’s Parish – Summerside, PEI

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

“*What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love.*”
— *St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus*

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Office Hours:

Monday & Friday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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

** The office will be closed from Dec 24th & reopens Jan 5th, 2026*

Worship, Sacraments and Pastoral Care

Mass Times & Intentions * *Please note Mass Times*

Monday, Dec 22

6:00 PM - St. Paul’s: +Tony Richard, +Edward, Priscilla & Paul McAlduff

Tuesday, Dec 23

6:00 PM – St. Paul’s: +Raymond & David Doucette, Living & Deceased members of the CWL

Christmas Eve Wednesday, Dec 24

4:00 PM – St. Paul’s: + Tom & Bernice Dunphy, Alfred & Alice Richard,

7:00 PM - St. Paul’s: *Lights of Love*

7:00PM - St. John’s:

9:00PM - St. Paul’s +Rod MacKinnon, +Arnold van Vliet,

Christmas Day Thursday, Dec 25

10:00 AM - St. Paul’s +Clifford & Theresa Gallant,

+Raymond A. Gallant & Raymond G Gallant,

10:00 AM - St. John’s: Intention of the Donor

Friday, Dec 26 NO MASS

Saturday, Dec 27

4:00 PM – St. Paul’s: + Bill Acker, +Bernice Warren, +Claude

& Ernest Gaudet, Special Thanksgiving

Sunday, Dec 28

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: +Joe Sonier

10:00 AM - St. John’s: Intention of the Donor

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

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

Prayer for the Sick:Liz Turner, Betty 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, Jeanette Maclellan

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:	\$
Regular Collection:	\$6,333.25
Building Fund:	\$936.00
Automatic Debit:	\$ 1,677.75
E-Transfers:	\$675.00

50/50 Legacy Fund Fundraiser... Thank you for your support!

As of December 18th, 2025 the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$735.00** (The winner receives half) Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in the Parish Centre lounge, on Sunday, December 28th.

Lights of Love Annual fundraiser: Trees will be blessed and our loved ones honoured at all Masses this weekend.

Envelopes for the new year are here. You can pick them up in the hallway leading to the offices. Thank you.

Outreach

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

Open M-W-F from 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Suggested items this week: tea/coffee, peanut butter, shampoo, deodorant. Perishable items are welcome but must be dropped off during food bank hours. Thank you and Merry Christmas!.

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.

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

Feed my Sheep: Initiative for helping feed the community - a complimentary hot breakfast every Saturday morning, 8:30-10:00AM:

1st & 3rd Saturday - St. Mary’s Anglican church

2nd & 4th Saturday - Trinity United church

5th Saturday - St. Paul’s Catholic church

Faith Formation

Catechism Update: December 14th was our last class for the holidays. Happy Advent and Merry Christmas to all. We’ll see you on January 11th.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest: Winning posters will be announced and displayed at the Nativity play, Sunday, Dec 21st at St. Paul’s. Congratulations to all who participated!

Youth Group for Grades 7–12: Join us for our next meeting on January 2nd and bring a friend! Youth group leader - Nick Sauve

Annual General Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre: Friday, January 30th - Sunday, February 1st with Father Eric Dunn. This year’s theme is “The Sacraments.” For more information or to register, contact Martin or Earla at 902-621-2385 or ourladyofhope@dioceseofcharlottetown.com.

Library News: Are you looking for a movie to watch with family and friends this Christmas? The library has The Nativity DVD and many more to offer you and yours! We also have a complete shelf of books about Mary, including one about the Magnificat prayer. Look for your "Mary" Christmas book(s) in our library! We wish you a Holy and Blessed Christmas!

Discipleship

Catholic Women’s League (CWL) Faith • Fellowship • Service Inviting women of the parish to live out their baptismal promises. Acting President: Judy Lewis

PEI Provincial CWL invites Catholic girls and women attending university or college to apply for the **Catholic Girl’s Bursary by January 31, 2026.** Applications are available at your church or on our website www.cwlpei.ca.

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

Community

Church Decorating: We will be decorating the church on **Monday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM** following the "Simbang Gabi" Mass. All volunteers welcome, especially tree decorators! No need to call... just show up at 7pm!

Nativity: Night of Music - The true Christmas story in song and dance, **Dec 21st at 4:00PM at St. Paul’s** as well as a food drive for SSVP. Bring your whole family. We hope to see you there!

Simbang Gabi at St Paul’s Dec 15-23 at 6:00PM (6:30 on Sunday 21st) is a Filipino Christmas novena of dawn Masses,

symbolizing devotion to Mary and a joyful anticipation of Christmas, evolving from early dawn Masses (Misa de Gallo) to include evening services.

Upcoming Events

* January 21 at 12:00 PM **Midday Prayer for Christian Unity** at St Paul’s

* January 31st 8:30-10am **Feed My Sheep complimentary breakfast** in the Emmaus Room.

Seeking God’s Presence

By Fr. John Molina

A Prayer of Gratitude as We Welcome the Lord

As we arrive at the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our journey of waiting draws very close to its fulfillment. In today’s Gospel, we witness a beautiful encounter: Mary visits Elizabeth, and joy overflows. It is a meeting marked by gratitude, recognition, and wonder at what God is doing quietly, humbly, and powerfully in their lives. This moment invites us to pause—not to rush past it—but to give thanks.

Today, our reflection becomes a prayer.

Lord God, as we stand on the threshold of Christmas, we thank You for the many gifts You have poured out upon us throughout this past year. Some of these gifts were expected and joyful; others came disguised as challenges that stretched our faith and patience. Yet in all things, You have remained faithful.

We thank You for the people of St. John the Baptist Parish in Miscouche and St. Paul Parish in Summerside. Thank You for their patience during times of change, for their understanding when things were uncertain, and for their generosity of spirit and resources. Thank You for their presence—faithful, steady, and hopeful—week after week.

Like Elizabeth, may we learn to recognize Your grace at work in one another. May we never take for granted the quiet faithfulness of those who pray, serve, listen, and show up. We give thanks for the many ways parishioners have responded with openness and goodwill to parish initiatives, pastoral invitations, and moments of shared discernment. These responses are signs that Your Spirit is alive and at work among us.

As Mary carried Christ within her, she did not keep Him to herself. She set out in haste, bringing His presence to another. In the same way, we thank You for all those who carry Your presence into the life of our parish through their service.

Jesus, born soon in a humble manger, we ask You now to pour out Your blessing upon all our volunteers—those who serve visibly and those whose work often goes unnoticed. Bless those who prepare liturgies, care for the sick, visit the lonely, teach the young, support the poor, maintain our buildings, and quietly hold our communities together. Renew their strength, deepen their joy, and remind them that their service is precious in Your eyes.

As Christmas approaches, may gratitude open our hearts wider. Like Mary, may we trust Your promises. Like Elizabeth, may we rejoice in what You are doing among us. And like both women, may we recognize that God’s greatest gifts often come in humility, simplicity, and love.

Come, Lord Jesus.

May our hearts be ready to welcome You.