

## St. Paul's Parish – Summerside, PEI

### Christmas Season- Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord January 4th, 2026

“Christ is the light which illumines the way of humanity.”

— St. John Paul II

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#### Parish Office:

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#### Office Hours:

Monday & Friday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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

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#### Worship, Sacraments and Pastoral Care

##### Mass Times & Intentions

###### Monday, Jan 5

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Antoine Richard, +Arvilla Roach

###### Tuesday, Jan 6

12:00 PM – St. Paul's: Intentions of Beth & Mike Fraser

###### Wednesday, Jan 7

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Gerard Roberts

###### Thursday, Jan 8

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Leona MacDonald

###### Friday, Jan 9

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: Intentions of Mike and Dan Bodley

###### Saturday, Jan 10

4:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Donald 'Donnie' Arsenault,

+Eileen Arsenault, +Sylvina Richard

###### Sunday, Jan 11

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Cecile Gallant & Theresa & Fraser White

10:00 AM - St. John's: Intentions 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, 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.

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#### Stewardship

**Last week's offerings (Dec 28-Jan 4) will be updated in next week's bulletin.**

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

The winning number for the December 28th, 2025 50/50 Draw was 76085825. The winner will receive \$485.00. Please remember that the winner has 2 weeks to claim their prize. If the prize remains unclaimed after Sunday, January 11th, 2026 the prize money will be added to the January 2026 draw.

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

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#### Outreach

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

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

We would like to thank everyone for your very generous food and monetary donations during the Christmas season and throughout the past year. We are constantly overwhelmed by the generosity of our parishioners, as well as the wider community and businesses in the greater Summerside area. Your kindness and support enables us to assist some of those in need in our community. Thank you for making this possible. We wish you all the best in the new year!

**Suggested items for this week:** instant coffee, black tea, soda crackers, and dish soap. Perishable items such as milk, eggs, vegetables, etc. can be accepted **only on days when the food bank is open**.

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

**Feed my Sheep: Initiative for helping feed the community** - a complimentary hot breakfast every Saturday morning from 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

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#### Faith Formation

**Catechism Update:** On January 11th classes will resume as well our monthly Children's Mass. Grade 5 students will be helping out! Families are encouraged to join us and to sit up front.

**First Communion Prep:** Children preparing for their First Holy Communion will begin meeting with Sr. Marian during catechism class on February 1st. If your child is grade 2 or older and has NOT made their first Communion, please contact Tawnya at [education@stpaulsparish.ca](mailto:education@stpaulsparish.ca)

**Youth Group for Grades 7–12:** Join us for our next meeting on **January 16th** and bring a friend!

Youth group leader - Nick Sauve

**Seniors Reflection:** Join Tawnya Stanus in unpacking what we can learn from the Magi's journey. **Tuesday, January 6th**, the feast of the Epiphany, **10:30 AM–Noon at the Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre**. Lunch to follow; donations appreciated. All are warmly welcome! Call Sr. Joan Marie at 902-330-4559.

**Annual General Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre: Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:ourladyofhope@dioceseofcharlottetown.com).

**Summit: Sunday, January 4th, 7:00-8:30PM.** Join us for an evening of reflection, adoration, music and quiet prayer. Reflection led by Tawnya Stanus on her personal journey in light of the Magi's journey.

**RCIA:** Interested in becoming Catholic? Let us walk with you through The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults course where we cover the foundations of our faith and help prepare you to enter the Church. For more information contact Tawnya Stanus at [education@stpaulsparish.ca](mailto:education@stpaulsparish.ca)

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#### 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](http://www.cwlpei.ca).

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

#### Upcoming Events

\* January 21 at 12:00 PM **Midday Prayer for Christian Unity**

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

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#### Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

“We Saw His Star and Came to Worship Him” (Matthew 2:2)

The Feast of the Epiphany opens the new year with a powerful image: three wise men on a journey, guided by a star, searching for the Child who is the Light of the world. Long before they reached Bethlehem, the prophet Isaiah had announced this moment: “*Arise, shine, for your light has come.*”

Epiphany reminds us that the Christian life is not about standing still. It is about setting out, following the light God places before us, and allowing that light to shape our path. The Magi did not know the whole road. They did not have all the answers. But they trusted the light they were given, and step by step it led them to Jesus. Their journey becomes the first great invitation of this new year: If we want to seek God's presence, we must be willing to move. To seek God's presence in 2026 means choosing direction. It means asking: *What star is God placing in my life right now?* Perhaps it is a longing for peace, a call to deeper prayer, a need for reconciliation, or the quiet desire to serve others more generously. Whatever form it takes, the light is already shining, follow it.

The Magi teach us three simple spiritual attitudes that can guide us this year:

**Be Attentive.** They paid attention to the signs of God. They noticed the star. In a noisy world, learning to notice God's movement in our lives is the first step of every spiritual journey.

**Persevere.** Their path was long and uncertain, but they did not turn back. Seeking God's presence is not a one-time event; it is a daily choice to keep walking even when the road becomes unclear.

**Worship the Lord.** When they finally reached Jesus, they did not analyze Him or test Him. *They knelt. They adored. They offered their gifts.* Every authentic search for God leads ultimately to worship — to placing our lives, our fears, our hopes, and our future before Him.

As we begin this year, the Church invites each of us to become a pilgrim again. Christ is still the Light. His presence is still near. And the star of His grace still shines for anyone willing to follow. May this Epiphany awaken in us the courage to begin this new year with open eyes, steady hearts, and lives ready to offer Him our best.