

St. Paul's Parish – Summerside, PEI

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord January 11th, 2026

“Through Baptism we are made members of Christ, incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church, §1213*

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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, Jan 12

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Nina Morrell

Tuesday, Jan 13

12:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Eddie Blanchard, +Margaret E. Shea, Intentions of Louise Doiron

Wednesday, Jan 14

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: Intentions of Chantale Gagnon

Thursday, Jan 15

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Tony Richard

Friday, Jan 16

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: Intentions of Marcia Gagnon

Saturday, Jan 17

4:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Judy Duggan & Joseph & Betty Gallant, +Baby Jagar, +Clarence Hashie, +Gloria Maillet

Sunday, Jan 18

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Camille & Orvie Gallant

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, Baby Alis, Tim McNulty, 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

Offerings:

Regular Collection Dec 28th :	\$ 6,380.80
Regular Collection Jan 4th:	\$ 8,264.75
Building Fund:	\$ 1,497.00
Automatic Debit Dec 28th & Jan 4th:	\$ 3,465.50
E-Transfers Dec 28th & Jan 4th:	\$ 920.00
Christmas	\$ 9,386.10
Simbang Gabi (Seminary abroad)	\$ 4,575.50
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 2,997.25

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

Congratulations to Mary Nicol on winning the December 28th, 2025 50/50 Draw!

As of January 7th, 2026 the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$365.00** (The winner receives half) Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in the Parish Centre lounge, on Sunday, January 25th.

Envelopes for the new year are here. You can pick them up in the hallway leading to the offices. If you are new to our parish and would like to receive donation envelopes, please call or visit the office. Thank you.

Outreach

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

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

Suggested items for this week: instant coffee, black tea, miracle whip, dish detergent and canned peas & string beans.

As we serve others we are working on ourselves; every act, every word, every gesture of genuine compassion naturally nourishes our own hearts as well.

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 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

Free Senior's Lunch: Our next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 21 at 12 noon. It will include soup, sandwich, sweets, tea and coffee, and quiet entertainment by Rodney Savidant. Seating for 100, first come, first serve. Please use the Notre Dame Parish Centre entrance.

Faith Formation

Catechism Update: January 11th is 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 Holy Communion, please contact Tawnya at 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

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.

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

Library News: Happy New Year to all library users! Why not make 2026 a year filled with Catholic readings, kicking your year off with a personal retreat or a book on prayer? We have a section dedicated to meditation-type retreats that can span from weeks to months, by various authors such as Father Boniface Hicks, priest and monk from the Benedictine order. You can find it on the upper shelf of the bookcase that faces you as you enter the library. Come and see!

Discipleship

Catholic Women's League (CWL) Faith • Fellowship • Service

Inviting women of the parish to live out their baptismal promises.

Acting President: Judy Lewis; **Next meeting:** February 7th

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan 18-25

Every year, Christians around the world come together to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. ... They celebrate the truth that "What unites us is much greater than what divides us" (Pope John Paul II, *Ut Unum Sint*, 20). The theme this year comes from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." Jesus Christ, you have brought us together in all our diversity as your family and church. In the face of so many situations on earth where hope has given way to despair and wounded hearts, renew our hope in the Holy Spirit's work of changing the world. Move us to spread this hope to everyone everywhere. You are the true Light, who casts out the darkness of sin and shines into our hearts the joy and hope of your eternal love. Amen.

Upcoming Events

* January 22 at 12:00 PM **Midday Prayer for Christian Unity**

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

Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

"This is my beloved Son... in whom I am well pleased."

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord opens before us the great mystery of who Jesus is and who we are called to become. Jesus steps into the waters of the Jordan. He does not need to be purified, yet He chooses to enter the river of human brokenness. In doing so, He reveals the path of our redemption: He goes down into the waters and rises again. It is like the prefiguration of his suffering, death and resurrection.

Each of us has been baptized into that same mystery. We have already passed through the waters. But the question remains: do we live our baptism? Not simply as a memory or a certificate, but as a fact that marks and configures our choices, our attitudes, and our way of loving.

Seeking God's presence requires this inner movement — a willingness to "go under" again and again to change our fears, our pride, our old habits, whatever keeps us from becoming who God is calling us to be.

We cannot wait for the world to change us. We cannot wait for time to fix us. The renewal of our lives begins when we choose it. No matter your age, your story, your struggles, your social condition, the pew where you sit, or the label you place on yourself — this call is for you.

There are moments in life when the Lord gently invites us. And there are moments when the same Lord speaks more directly: Now is the time. The water of baptism is not behind us. It flows within us. But it must be activated by a decision of the heart: *"Lord, I want to live as someone who has been baptized."*

When Jesus comes up from the water, the heavens open. The Spirit descends. The Father's voice is heard. This is the promise of our own journey. When we choose renewal, when we allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit, God's presence becomes clearer, stronger, and more alive in us.

Let this feast be more than a memory of Jesus. Let it become the beginning — or the renewal — of your own path toward the life of the Spirit.