

St. Paul's Parish – Summerside, PEI

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 18th, 2026

“The Holy Spirit... unites the Church in communion and in the service of love.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church, §813*

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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 19

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Mary Gladys Blanchard

Tuesday, Jan 20

12:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Anne Perry, Stephen Perry &

Family, +Eddie Blanchard, +Frank Parslow,

Souls in purgatory,

Wednesday, Jan 21

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Edward, Priscilla & Paul McAdl

Thursday, Jan 22

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Donald & Ellery Arsenault

Friday, Jan 23

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Marc & Serge Gagnon

Saturday, Jan 24

4:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Marie Perry, +Bill Acker, +Pete

Sonier

Sunday, Jan 25

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Randy Champion

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: George, Thomarat, 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 Total:

Regular Collection:	\$ 5664.00
Building Fund:	\$ 237.00
Automatic Debit:	\$ 1,732.75
E-Transfers :	\$ 160.00
Cemetery:	\$ 50.00

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

As of January 14th, 2026 the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$660.00** (The winner receives half)

Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in The Parish Centre lounge, on Sunday, January 25th.

TipTap Machine A Tip-Tap donation machine is now available at the entrance of the church, offering a convenient way to give.

Tax receipts can be issued by registering once at:

<https://app.tiptappay.ca/forms/request-for-tax-receipt/3578>

(If you register after donating, your previous Tip-Tap donations will still be captured.)

Outreach

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

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

Please help us to help those who need a hand up especially during these tough economic times.

Suggested food items: Black tea, apple sauce, can cut wax beans, soda crackers & dish detergent.

Fresh vegetables & fruit can be dropped off directly at the food bank [during regular hours](#).

“Give Thanks to God For He is Good.”

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

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 30th** 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.

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. Are you a Catholic male searching for a more personal and effective way to serve your priests, your parish and local community? Feel free to ask any Knight about our ministry. It is a holy call to service and leadership

Next meeting: January 20th at 7pm. **For more info email Garth McKinnon at kofc2070@gmail.com**

Community

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan 18-25

“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.”

Midday Prayer for Unity: St. Paul's will host Midday Prayer on Thursday, January 22nd at noon. Taken from the liturgy of the hours, this prayer will include reciting Psalms and singing hymns.

Christian Service for Unity: The Christian churches of Summerside will be hosting a prayer service on Saturday, January 24 at 11:00 a.m. at the Summerside Community Church (150 Industrial Crescent) followed by a light lunch provided by Loaves and Fishes. All are welcome.

CWL Gift Shop News : Stop by and check out our newly renovated CWL Gift Shop, offering new merchandise, opened Saturday and Sunday after each Mass. For more information contact Brenda McKinnon at 902 303-9726

Upcoming Events

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

Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

“He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain...”

Today's Gospel opens a new chapter in our liturgical year and a new invitation for our spiritual lives. As we begin Ordinary Time and also the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Church places before us the powerful testimony of John the Baptist: “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.”

This is not simply a description of who Jesus is — It is a revelation of what Jesus offers. The baptism Jesus brings is not merely water poured over the body. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit, the very love between the Father and the Son, poured into the human heart. This Spirit purifies, heals, unites, and gives life. Through this Spirit, we are drawn into the living relationship of the Holy Trinity. And that relationship is nothing less than the promise of eternal life.

To seek God's presence is to open ourselves to this Spirit. Not as an idea, not as a ritual from the past, but as a daily, living reality. The presence of God becomes real in us when we allow the Spirit to shape how we think, forgive, hope, serve, and love. On Thursday, January 22 at noon, we will celebrate the Liturgy of Midday Prayer at St Paul's. As Christians around the world pray for unity, we are reminded of something deeply consoling and deeply challenging: all who have been baptized in Christ share this same promise. It does not matter in which Christian community the water first touched our foreheads. The same Spirit is at work. The same Christ is confessed. The same eternal life is offered.

Seeking God's presence therefore cannot be separated from seeking unity. We cannot walk deeply with God while remaining indifferent to the divisions that wound the Body of Christ. Each prayer for unity, each gesture of respect, each effort to understand rather than judge becomes part of our own spiritual journey.

In a world often shaped by division and suspicion, the baptized are called to become witnesses of another way; a way shaped by the Spirit who descended and remains.

This week, let us ask quietly but sincerely: Holy Spirit, remain in me. Renew me. Make me a bridge, not a barrier. Let me live today as someone who already belongs to the eternal presence of God.