

St. Paul's Parish – Summerside, PEI

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Conversion of St. Paul January 25th, 2026

“Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

— St. Jerome

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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 26

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

Tuesday, Jan 27

12:00 PM – St. Paul's: Deceased members of the Gagnon Family

Wednesday, Jan 28

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Maria Kon

Thursday, Jan 29

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Bert Hynes

Friday, Jan 30

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: Intentions of the Stanus family

Saturday, Jan 31

4:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Brenda Wartman

Sunday, Feb 1

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Marie Perry

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: 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: \$ 6,701.60

Regular Collection: \$ 4,497.85

Building Fund: \$ 301.00

Automatic Debit: \$ 1,732.75

E-Transfers: \$ 170.00

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

As of January 22nd, 2026, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$940.00** (The winner receives **\$470.00**). 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

Suggested food items: Black tea, Cheese Whiz, can cut wax beans, cookies, 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 this Saturday, January 31st at St. Paul's in the Emmaus Room.

Faith Formation

First Communion Prep: will begin 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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: .Strengthen your Sacrament of Marriage through prayer, meaningful dialogue, and renewal on a weekend marriage retreat. Two retreats will be held this year: **May 1–3** and **October 16-18**. For details, contact Ron and Joanne at (506) 451-8489, ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org.

Calling all high schoolers! Save the Date for Steubenville Atlantic in Halifax from July 10-12, 2026 Spots are limited! Register at steubenville.ca/register-now or contact Anna Vail at anna@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**

NET: Are you in grade 11-12 or between the ages of 18-29 and are interested in a year of mission? NET Canada invites YOU to our Halifax Mission Discernment Night on Saturday, February 7th from 7-9pm at St. Mary's University in the Loyola Academic Building, room 183 (923 Robie Street). Join us for a night of fellowship, food, and prayer and find out what it's like to be a NET missionary! Sign up on our website at netcanada.ca/apply!

Community

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

Feast Of The Santo Niño Celebration: Join the Filipino Community Mass on **January 25 at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Church** in Charlottetown as we celebrate the Feast of the Santo Niño. Everyone is warmly invited to attend and celebrate together.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2026, and in parishes over the weekend of January 31 - February 1. Please pray for all those who

have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. The Congregation of Notre Dame Sisters arrived from Montreal in 1857. The Sisters of Saint Martha of PEI are an Island foundation that began in 1916. The Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Ragusa are an Italian foundation whose sisters came to PEI in 2018 from Ontario. Various congregations of religious men's communities have served in our diocese. Currently, 4 congregations are in active ministry and one retired. Michaelites, Vocationists, Pallotines, Heralds of the Gospel, Redemptorists (retired)

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: March 16th to 27th, 2026 with Father Danny Wilson and Rhonda-Lynn Cormier/Lori Currie (group leaders). \$3299.00 (return flights from Halifax). Single supplement \$350 (if available). Included in price: airfare, ground travel in Europe, two meals a day, professional Medjugorje guide. Contact: rhonda_lynn_c@hotmail.com or (902)448-3660

Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

“The Word of Christ dwells among you.” (Colossians 3:16)

On this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church invites us to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. This is not simply a reminder to read the Bible more often, but an invitation to rediscover the Word as a living presence — a voice that calls, invites to remain in the presence of God, challenges, heals, and sends.

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins His public ministry with a clear and powerful message: *“Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* Walking by the sea, he calls ordinary people with beautiful words: *“Come, follow me.”* These words did not stay in the past. They are spoken today — to each one of us.

To seek God's presence is to listen. Before we act, before we decide, before we plan, we must allow the Word of God to dwell within us. The Word is not only something we hear on Sundays; it is a light that helps us see clearly who we are and who we are becoming.

Jesus' call always comes with an invitation. The first disciples had to leave their nets. It wasn't because fishing was bad, but because something greater was being offered. For us, the nets of old may look different today: egoism, fear, comfort, unhealthy attachments, disordered affections, or habits that keep us tied to an old way of living. Under the light of the Scriptures, these nets become visible — not to condemn us, but to free us.

The Christian call is to make the Kingdom of God a reality in this world of ours. The Kingdom is near not because the time has ended, but because Christ is present, the presence of God is accompanying us. Our response depends on our openness and sincerity, on whether we are willing to untangle what binds us and trust the Jesus who calls us.

Conversion is not about becoming someone else; it is about becoming who we truly are. When we allow the Word of God to shape our minds and hearts, we begin to see the great light: the light of Jesus and then we follow Him. On this Sunday of the Word of God, let us ask for the grace to listen deeply, to untangle ourselves from what holds us back, and to respond with faith when Christ says once again: *“Come, follow me.”*