

St. Paul's Parish – Summerside, PEI

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 1st, 2026

"The Beatitudes are the portrait of Jesus Himself and describe His love."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church, §1717*

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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, Feb 2

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Norma Hashie

Tuesday, Feb 3

12:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Herminigild & Raul Moya, +Dorina Arsenault

Wednesday, Feb 4

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

Thursday, Feb 5

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

Friday, Feb 6

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

Saturday, Feb 7

4:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Eric Bernard, +Donald 'Donnie' Arsenal, +Marc & Serge Gagnon, +John Raymond Poirier

Sunday, Feb 8

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

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

OfferingsTotal: \$ 5,750.10

Regular Collection: \$ 3,877.35

Building Fund: \$ 65.00

Automatic Debit: \$ 1,732.75

E-Transfers : \$ 75.00

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

Congratulations to Sheila Gaudet as the winner of January's 50/50. As of January 28th, 2026 the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$130.00** (The winner receives half). Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in the Parish Centre lounge, on Sunday, February 22.

Donation Receipts for 2025... Donation receipts are now printed and available for pick up outside the Parish Office.

Outreach

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

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

Suggested food items: Apple or orange juice, dish detergent, laundry detergent, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. Thank You!

Fresh vegetables & fruit can be dropped off directly at the food bank **during regular hours**.

"You will be blessed, because they, the poor, cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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. Saturday Feb 7 - St. Mary's Anglican church

Faith Formation

Youth Group for Grades 7–12: Join us for our next meeting on **February 13th in the parish centre** and bring a friend!

Youth group leader - Nick Sauve

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

Catechism News: Children's Mass will be on Feb 8 at 11:00AM All families are invited to sit up front.

Seniors Reflection: Discovering our gifts and calling. Join us as we ask the question: Lord, how can I serve you? Tuesday, Feb 3rd at 11:00-12:00 at the Marguerite Bourgeois Centre, followed by a delicious lunch. Donations appreciated. All are warmly welcome! Call Sr. Joan Marie at 902-330-4559.

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

Knights of Columbus: Empowering Catholic men to live their faith. **Next meeting:** February 16th 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 Mission Discernment Night on Saturday, February 7th from 7-9pm at St. Mary's University, Halifax, in the Loyola Academic Building, room 183 (923 Robie Street). Sign up at netcanada.ca/apply!

Community

CWL Gift Shop News : Stop by and check out CWL Gift Shop, open Saturday and Sunday after each Mass. For more information contact Brenda McKinnon at 902 303-9726

Shrove Tuesday Supper: The Knights will be hosting a free pancake and sausage supper on Tuesday, February 17th at 4:00pm. All are welcome.

Special Notices

Parish Financial Stewardship Notice

For the well-being of our parish community and the protection of both parishioners and clergy, we ask that **no personal cash gifts, loans, or financial assistance be given to clergy, staff, volunteers or people claiming to be representing the parish without prior confirmation from the Pastor or parish office.**

All legitimate parish needs and charitable appeals are announced publicly and managed through official parish procedures. When in doubt, please check with the parish office.

We appreciate your generosity and your help in maintaining clear and responsible practices.

Mass Intentions and Stipends

Mass intentions allow the faithful to unite personal prayers—such as for deceased loved ones, healing, thanksgiving, or other private intentions—with the sacrifice of the Eucharist.

A **stipend** is a customary offering made to support the clergy and the mission of the Church; it is **not a payment for a sacrament**. In the Diocese of Charlottetown, the suggested stipend is **\$10**. Parishioners are asked to schedule Mass intentions in advance through **St. Paul's Parish Office**, rather than directly with the priest.

By Church law, each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, the pastor must offer one Mass for the living and deceased members of the parish. To fulfill this obligation, the **11:00 AM Sunday Mass at St. Paul's** is reserved exclusively for this intention. Therefore, the **Sunday Mass in Miscouche** remains open for regular intentions.

Universal and diocesan norms state that a Mass is normally offered for **one intention only**. However, for pastoral reasons, up to **two Masses per week** may be designated for multiple intentions. At **St. Paul's**, Tuesday and Saturday Masses are designated for multiple intentions. At **St. John the Baptist**, the Tuesday Mass (when celebrated) and the Sunday Mass are designated for multiple intentions.

Please note that, due to these regulations, it may not always be possible to schedule an intention on a specific date. If you are flexible, your intention may be forwarded to a neighboring parish, a retired priest, or mission churches.

Be assured of my prayers, and thank you for your generosity and support of the Church. Fr. Molina

Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

On this Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Gospel places us before the famous Beatitudes. At first, they may sound like a list of ideals that are difficult to reach. But Jesus is not giving us a checklist of things to do or avoid. He is offering us something deeper: a way of approaching life, a way of being in the world that reflects His own heart.

The Beatitudes reveal that gentle and humble heart. They show us what life looks like when it is rooted in trust in the presence of God rather than in power, wealth, or control. To seek God's presence is to allow these attitudes to take shape within us. It means learning not to let riches or material things guide us, but to trust that God is enough. It means cultivating patience so that we can face the difficulties of life with peace rather than bitterness. It means choosing justice and practicing mercy, being ready to forgive, quick to help those in need, and careful to treat others with respect and right intention.

The Beatitudes call us to be peacemakers, not passive observers. We should become people who actively work for what is right, who help build a society where every person's dignity is recognized, empowered and free to act. This path is not always easy, but it is the path that leads to true freedom and deep interior rest.

On February 2, the Church also celebrates the Day for Consecrated Life. In our parish, we give thanks for the witness of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame and the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Ragusa. Through their dedication, prayer, and service, they show us what it means to belong completely to God and to live daily in His presence. Their lives remind us that holiness is possible when we surrender ourselves to God's call.

On this same day, we hold in prayer Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, who will be installed as Bishop of Hamilton. We thank God for his ministry among us and ask the Lord to bless him abundantly in his new mission. At the same time, we pray with trust that the Holy Spirit will guide the Church in choosing a shepherd after God's own heart for the Diocese of Charlottetown.

As we reflect on the Beatitudes, may we allow Jesus to gently, patiently, faithfully shape our hearts, so that in our own way of living, others may glimpse the presence of God.