

St. Paul's Parish – Summerside, PEI

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8th, 2026

“The Christian vocation is to transform the world from within, by living the Gospel in the ordinary circumstances of life.”

— St. John Paul II, *Address to the Roman Curia* (2000)

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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 9

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +John Waite

Tuesday, Feb 10

12:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Clifford & Theresa Gallant, Souls in Purgatory, +Fedora & Baby Melanson

Wednesday, Feb 11

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Don Sonier

Thursday, Feb 12

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

Friday, Feb 13

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

Saturday, Feb 14

4:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Janet del Pilar, Ernest & Claude Gaudet, +Emmett Murphy, Elsie Doucette, Irene McRae & Colleen McKay, +Theresa & Joe Fraser

Sunday, Feb 15

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: Intentions of Rosie Wedge

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: \$ 10,095.45

Regular Collection:	\$ 6,606.70
Building Fund:	\$ 1,131.00
Automatic Debit:	\$ 1,732.75
E-Transfers :	\$ 625.00

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

As of February 5th, 2026 the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$355.00** (The winner receives half) Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, Sun.Feb 22

Donation Receipts for 2025... Income tax receipts for parish and SSVP are 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: Cookies, peanut butter, miracle whip, crackers and juice. Fresh vegetables & fruit can be dropped off directly at the food bank during regular hours. Thank You!

“Happy the merciful who give to those in need. . .They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever. . .” (Ps 112)

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 14 - Trinity United 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

Catechism News: There will be **no classes** on Sunday, Feb 15th. Have a blessed Family Day weekend!

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 Meet the first Saturday of the month. **Acting President:** Judy Lewis; **Next meeting:** March 7th, St. Paul's Parish Centre

Knights of Columbus: Are you a Catholic male searching for a more personal and effective way to serve your priests, your parish and local community? **For more info email Garth McKinnon at kofc2070@gmail.com** **Next meeting:** January 20th at 7pm.

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.

Cor Christian Counselling for individuals and couples, with in-person and virtual options. Book a **free exploratory call** at corchristiancounselling.ca, call **902-394-0236**, or email info@corchristiancounselling.ca. Based in Charlottetown.

World Day of Prayer 2026 will take place on **Friday, March 6, at St. Mary's Anglican church**. Come deepen your faith, learn from Christians of other cultures, and support women affected by injustice. The theme is **“I Will Give You Rest: Come”** (Mt 11:28–30). Planning meeting Tues, Feb 10 at 9:00 a.m. at St Mary's Church Hall, 74 Summer Street for those interested. More info: 902-888-2234.

Upcoming Events:

*February 18th - Ash Wednesday Masses at 12pm and 7pm

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.

Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.” In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks in the present tense: “You are.” He does not say “*you will be*” the salt of the earth or “*you may become*” the light of the world. This simple statement changes everything. It tells us that our mission is not optional. It begins now.

To seek God's presence is to discover that God is already at work with, in and through us. Salt and light are not meant to remain hidden or unused. Salt only has meaning when it gives flavour and preserves. Light only fulfills its purpose when it shines and allows others to see. In the same way, faith that remains private, comfortable, or passive loses its power.

Being salt and light calls us to be dynamic and creative in the way we live our faith. It is not enough to pray for the poor without allowing our lives to be involved in the solution of poverty. It is not enough to be concerned about violence, injustice, or the lack of peace in our world without asking how we, personally and as a community, can respond. Prayer is essential, but authentic prayer always leads to action.

Our faith must push us beyond doing “a little.” Jesus invites us to a radical way of living—a life where our choices, priorities, and commitments reflect the Gospel. As the People of God, we are called not only to lift our cry to heaven but also to allow God to transform the inequalities, wounds, and ugliness of this world through us. Being in God's presence means to act with God.

This does not mean that each of us must do everything. But it does mean that each of us must do the best of us to transform the world. Living and practicing what we say and believe, a courageous stand for justice, a generous act of service, a willingness to listen, a readiness to forgive: these are the flames that together can light the darkness.

When we seek God's presence sincerely, we begin to see the world through His eyes. And when we act with faith, humility, and love, our light does not draw attention to ourselves; it points to God.

May this Gospel encourage us to let our faith be visible, active, and transformative, so that others, seeing our good works, may give glory to our Father in heaven.