

St. Paul's Parish – Summerside, PEI

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 22nd, 2026

*“The Church exists in order to evangelize.” — St. Paul VI,
Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Nuntiandi, §14*

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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, Mar 23

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

Tuesday, Mar 24

12:00PM - St. Paul's: Intentions of John Perry

Wednesday, Mar 25

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Kevin Murray

Thursday, Mar 26

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Ben & Corinne Gaudet

Friday, Mar 27

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Lawrence & Therese Lavoie

Saturday, Mar 28

4:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Frederick Simmonds & Barb Vallancourt,

+Adrienne Gallant, Hermine Gallant & Gordon Lapp, +Anne Marie Gauthier

Sunday, Mar 29

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Kimberly Myers

10:00 AM - St. John's: +Earl DesRoches

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: Jeanette Arsenault, Pat Poirier, June Gallant, Derek Matthews, Chris Mooney, Vernon Donnelly, Sr. Liya, John McNeill, 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

CWL Prayer Line: Our CWL Members would be honoured to pray for your intentions. Please call 436-5039 or 436-6135.

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM!

French Stations of the Cross and Divine Mercy Chaplet on Mondays at 3 PM

(St. Paul's) Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross: April 3 at 9:00 AM We will begin at the church and proceed through several downtown streets. The Way of the Cross invites us to walk with Jesus in His suffering and to meditate on His love and sacrifice for our salvation, and enter more deeply into the mystery of **Christ's Passion on Good Friday**. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to **participate with their families** in this meaningful public witness of faith. Come and walk with Christ.

The Summerside and Area Christian Council invite you to a **Good Friday Cross Walk** of reflection: **April 3rd, 6:30pm**. Starting at St. Paul's, the walk will pass through downtown with stops for Scripture and prayer. Concludes at St. Mary's Anglican church.

Stewardship

Last Week's Offerings Total:	\$ 7585.10
Regular Collection:	\$ 4816.80
Automatic Debit:	\$ 1,732.75
E-Transfers :	\$ 140.00
Building Fund:	\$ 895.55

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: Easter treats, hearty soups, juice, can fruit & puddings. Fresh vegetables & fruit can be dropped off directly at the food bank during regular hours. Thank You!

“As...Pope Francis often reminded us, there is an intimate relationship between our being filled with God's love and our desire to do good deeds for people.” The Word Among Us

Sisters of the Sacred Heart Would you like the Sisters to visit a loved one? Contact: (902) 436-5386 | sacredheartpei@gmail.com

Faith Formation

Youth Group for Grades 7–12: Join us for our next meeting on **March 27th in the parish centre** and bring a friend!

Youth group leader - Nick Sauve

Children's Catechism Update: Classes will resume on March 29th. Please pray for a safe March Break for all our students.

Summit: Our next Summit will be May 3rd. We invite you to take advantage of the Adoration on Holy Thursday as well as the Eucharistic Congress and Divine Mercy Sunday (Apr 12).

St. Paul's Parish Eucharistic Congress - Saturday, April 11 — 9:00AM-4:00PM (ends with Mass). This is a special opportunity to deepen our love, understanding, and devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist. Fr. Keith Kennific, Fr. Chris Sherren, Fr. Francis Sohe will offer reflections on themes including **Liturgy, Sacred Scripture, Eucharistic Spirituality, and Pastoral Practice**, helping us grow in appreciation of the “source and summit” of our faith. The registration fee of \$10 includes a **nutritious lunch, coffee, and snacks**. Only 80 seats are available. **To register**, please contact: Wayne & Linda Doucette at 902 436-4005.

The third scrutiny in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a rite of self-searching and repentance celebrated on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It focuses on strengthening the Elect (non-baptized) to resist temptation and, through the Gospel of Lazarus, emphasizes Jesus as the resurrection and the life. We continue to pray for our 6 Catechumens and Candidates.

Lenten Mission at Immaculate Conception Parish, Richmond: March 22, 23, 24 (Sun-Tues) at 7:00PM - we welcome Fr. Francis Sohe from St. Mary's parish, Souris, who will preach on the theme “Graced and Saved by Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:8-9). There will be a goodwill offering each evening. All are welcome.

Discipleship

Provincial CWL Annual Convention: Are you a CWL member or wanting to know more about the Catholic Women's League? Join us on May 1st and May 2nd at The Rodd Charlottetown. **Registration deadline:** April 15th. Call Judy Lewis for further details: (902)-303-6043.

Catholic Women's League (CWL) Faith • Fellowship • Service • Social Justice Meet the first Saturday of the month. **Acting President:** Judy Lewis **Next Meeting:** TBD

Knights of Columbus: Empowering Catholic men to live their faith. For more info email Garth McKinnon at kofc2070@gmail.com **Next meeting:** Tuesday, April 21 at 7pm.

Community

Pilot Project Catholic Census: If you live in the Wilmot & Reed's Corner area, expect a visit from some parishioners as we launch a trial run of a Catholic Census (house to house visits) of the Summerside area. Remember to place your St.Paul's window decal in plain sight. Thank you.

Lenten Lunches: Nourishing Body & Soul, Gather with the Summerside churches for a 30 minute Lenten service followed by a warm meal. Fridays 11:30am to 12:30pm. Weekly locations;

March 27 Summerside Salvation Army church

Seniors' Reflection Session at Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre, Tuesday, April 7, 10:30 am - 12 noon followed by lunch. The presenter, Sister Norma Gallant, will share some helpful ideas on "Healthy Life Styles/older adults". A warm welcome to all. Donation toward lunch is greatly appreciated. For further information, call Sister Joan Marie at (902) 330-4559.

Grief Support Group: Hospice Pei is offering an 8-week peer to peer grief support group. The group meets Wednesday from 1-3 at the St Eleanors Lions Club. Those interested can contact Annie at eastprince@hospicepei.ca or 902-438-4231

In preparation for the **Diocesan Mass of Chrism** to be held on Monday March 30 at the Basilica, **choristers from across the Diocese are invited to attend a choral rehearsal on Monday March 23 at 7 pm in the boardroom of the SDU building** on Great George St. In Charlottetown. Please contact music director Leo Marchildon (leomarchildon88@gmail.com) for more info.

Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

“I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25)

For the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel presents one of the most powerful events of Jesus' ministry: the raising of Lazarus. Standing before the hard reality of death itself, Jesus proclaims: *“I am the resurrection and the life.”*

Even though Lazarus is called out of the tomb, restored to life, and returned to his family, This is not about Lazarus. The miracle happens so that others may believe. It is a moment that demands a response.

As our parishes of St. Paul (Summerside) and St. John the Baptist (Miscouche) continue this Season of Pastoral Identity, this Gospel reminds us that our faith is not only about a personal encounter with Christ. It leads us outward. Catholic identity culminates in mission.

Like Lazarus, each of us has been touched by the presence of Christ through our Baptism, through the Eucharist, through moments of grace and conversion. However, the question remains: *What do we do with that life?* Faith cannot remain hidden. The one who has encountered Christ is called to leave the tomb of spiritual fatigue, confusion, and even despair and to offer witness.

Christ continues to say to us: *“Come out!”* And He sends us to echo that same call. To seek God's presence in this season of Lent means recognizing that we are not only recipients of grace, but also bearers of life for others. Our words, our actions, our faith lived with integrity can become signs that point to Christ. A simple gesture of compassion, a word of hope, a life rooted in prayer—these can open doors where others experience darkness.

When Lazarus comes out of the tomb, Jesus says to those around him: *“Unbind him, and let him go.”* This is also our mission as Catholics: to help one another live in the freedom that Christ gives, to walk together in faith, and to proclaim that death does not have the final word.

As we approach Holy Week, may we renew our awareness that we belong to a living Church, sent into the world with a mission: to proclaim, by our lives, that Christ is our life and our hope.