

St. Paul’s Parish – Summerside, PEI

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2026

“A vocation is a gift and a mystery”

— Pope Saint John Paul II (*Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 36).

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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, Apr 27

9:00 AM - +Delima, Frank, Gerald & Ivan Richard

Tuesday, Apr 28

12:00 PM - St. Paul’s: +George Thomarat, +Arthur & Eileen

Perry & Family, Intentions of Wanda Richard

Wednesday, Apr 29

9:00 AM - St. Paul’s: Special intentions

Thursday, Apr 30

9:00 AM - St. Paul’s: Memorial Book Mass

Friday, May 1

9:00AM - St. Paul’s: +Norma Hashie

Saturday, May 2

4:00 PM – St. Paul’s +Merlito Ranis & Edgardo Namuag,

Special Intentions, +Sheila, Intentions of Darlene Guirey, +Roy

Arsenault

Sunday, May 3

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: +Gus & Peare Gallant & Deceased Family Members

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.
- **Cemetery Plots** - Contact the office to inquire
- **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: Gladys Spin, Melvina MacLellan, Brian Gray, Pat Poirier, 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.

Stewardship

Last Week’s OfferingsTotal:	\$ 7,923.10
Regular Collection:	\$ 5,165.35
Automatic Debit:	\$ 1,732.75
E-Transfers :	\$ 145.00
Building Fund:	\$ 880.00

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

As of April 23rd, 2026, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is **\$840.00** (The winner receives **\$420.00**). Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday, April 26th.

Outreach

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

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

Suggested food items: laundry detergent, can fruit, cereal, dish detergent & can meats. Fresh vegetables & fruit can be dropped off directly at the food bank during regular hours. Thank You! “Christ leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others.” Pope Francis

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, May 2 - St. Mary’s Anglican church

Faith Formation

Catechism Update: Our classes conclude this Sunday, April 26th. We are grateful for the generous time & talent of our catechists and wish them and our students a blessed Spring & Summer.

Please pray for all our students (and their families) receiving their sacraments - First Confessions April 25th, First Communion Mass May 3rd, 11:00AM and Confirmation Mass May 10th, 11:00AM.

Youth Group for Grades 7–12: Join us for our next gathering on

May 8th 7pm -9pm in the Parish Centre! Come hang out, grow in faith,and bring a friend! Youth group leader - Nick Sauve

Vacation Bible School 2026 – Save the Date! August 10-14. Registration opens May 1st. Stay tuned!

VBS Crew Leader Training: Join us to discover this year’s theme and meet the team. **May 18th 12–2:00 PM at St. Paul’s Parish Hall.** Open to new and returning leaders (Grades 7+) Questions? Reach out on instagram @vbs_2026 or at olivia73w@icloud.com

Summit: May 3rd 7:00-8:30PM. Join us for an evening of adoration, reflection, music & quiet prayer. Reflection given by Eli Grant, former NET Missionary in Ireland who will share his experience of serving the wider Church and learning to hear God’s voice.

Discipleship

Catholic Women’s League (CWL) Faith • Service • Social Justice. Acting President: Judy Lewis **Next Meeting:** June 6th

Knights of Columbus: Empowering Catholic men to live their faith. For more info email Garth McKinnon at kofc2070@gmail.com **Next meeting:** Tuesday, May 19 at 7pm.

Pilgrim Mary: The Legion of Mary at St. Paul’s is preparing the Pilgrim Mary house-to-house devotion schedule for May. A sign-up sheet with instructions is available at the front of the church. This Marian devotion takes place in May and October, with a limit of 15 families per month. “To Jesus through Mary”

Community

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

The Living Well, 96 Patterson Drive, Charlottetown (inside Martha Place), will host **”Self Care for a Healthier Life” on Wednesday, April 29th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Facilitator William Stanus** is a psychotherapist licensed with the Ontario College of Psychotherapy. William's professional interests include the integration of faith and psychology and nurturing healthy relationships. In this workshop William will offer tips and suggestions for healthier relationships with ourselves and others.

Men of Harvest Concert – Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 PM, Holy Family Parish, Kensington. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus and CWL. Admission by monetary donation or non-perishable food items. Proceeds support the Kensington Food Bank.

Strum - a gospel singing group, will perform at Immaculate Conception Church in Richmond on Sunday, May 3, 7:00PM. Free-will offering; proceeds support the church’s exterior foundation restoration. 50/50 draw and fudge sale available.

Looking Good Inside and Out Convention (Girls 11–15) May 2 | 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. at the CUP. Updated cost - \$55 (sibling discount available). Includes lunch, snacks, skincare, fitness, music, and inner beauty all by locals. **Register with Tracy Jones by April 26th:** stjosfamilycentre@gmail.com (*Tracy administers the St.Joseph’s Family Centre, an Island not for profit since 1996*

that caters to families/youth through retreats, pilgrimages and conferences)

Seeking God’s Presence

By Fr. John Molina

As we celebrate this Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel of John presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and calls them by name. His voice is not distant or abstract. It is personal, gentle, and persistent. To seek God’s presence is, first, to learn how to recognize that voice among so many others that compete for our attention in daily life.

The image of the shepherd reminds us that we are not alone on the journey. Christ walks ahead of us, guiding, protecting, and leading us toward fullness of life. Yet the Gospel also invites us to be attentive to God’s voice and to allow Him to lead us.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the voice of the Good Shepherd takes on a particular urgency. The Church needs men willing to follow that voice with generosity and courage. Men who will break the bread for humanity, feeding both the physical and spiritual hunger of God’s people. Men ready to console the suffering, to stand beside the poor, and to be signs of Christ’s compassion in a world that often feels wounded and divided.

Every vocation begins in a different way. In my own life, the call was not a single moment, but a path shaped by many voices that helped me hear the voice of Christ. It began with the encouragement of my grandma when I was a child. I remember coming home one day, filled with excitement after seeing our parish priest riding his bicycle in his cassock, and saying that I wanted to be a priest because priests have bicycles! That simple desire was welcomed and nurtured. It grew through youth activities in the Church, where I learned to take an active role in the community. It was strengthened by my father, who taught me to feel a holy restlessness when faced with injustice, especially the suffering of the poor and the simple. It was also sustained by the generosity of others who shared their resources so that I could continue my studies.

This reminds us that vocations are never lived in isolation. They are born within a community that prays, encourages, supports and calls. Today, seminarians still depend on that same spirit of generosity. They need people who will pray for them faithfully. They need people who can offer even a small financial contribution to help them continue their formation. In this way, the whole Church participates in the work of the Good Shepherd.

To seek God’s presence today is to listen attentively and to respond generously. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to a priestly or religious vocation. Perhaps he is inviting you to support those who are discerning that call. If you feel this stirring in your heart, or if you would like to sponsor a seminarian, I encourage you to speak with me or contact the parish office. A simple “yes” can open the door to something greater than we can imagine.

A vocation is a gift because it comes from God, and it is a mystery because it unfolds step by step in the life of a person who dares to listen. May we ask the Lord for the grace to hear his voice, to follow where he leads, and to help others do the same, so that his flock may always be cared for and nourished.