

**First Sunday of Advent  
December 2, 2018**

**Jeremiah 33.14-16**  
**1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2**  
**Luke 21.25-28, 34-36**



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**Liturgical Schedule**

**Monday 9:00am** + Alfred Doucette  
**Tuesday 9:00am** + Wilfred and Beatrice Arsenault  
**Wednesday 9:00am** + Marc and Serge Gagnon  
**Thursday 7:00pm** + Special Intentions  
**Friday 9:00am** + Philip Cheney  
**9:30am – 12:00pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**Saturday 9:00am** + Devin Bernard  
**4:30pm** Messe Français  
**7:00pm** Anniversary Mass.... Margaret, Wilfred and Patrick Ronan, Joe Richards, Philip Hachey, Mamie Laughlin  
**Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am**

(A cross (+) next to a name indicates prayers for a deceased person.)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Mass changes for Christmas**  
Mon, Dec 24 - 9:00am Cancelled

**Christmas Eve Masses**  
Mon, Dec 24 - 7:00pm  
Mon Dec 24 - 10:00pm  
Tue Dec 25 - 10:00am

**Mary, Mother of God Masses**  
Monday, Dec 31 - 4:30pm  
Tuesday, Jan 1 - 10:30am

**Last Week's Offerings**

Sunday Offering	6,377.65	Automatic Debits	2,380.00
Children's	25.10	Building Fund	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,882.75</b>		
Cost to operate St. Paul's Parish each week: <b>\$7,440</b>			
<i>Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!</i>			

**St. Paul's Prayer Group ...** Tuesdays in Parish Main Hall, 7:30pm preceded by Rosary at 7:00pm. All are welcome!  
**Prayer Line ...** to have prayers said for family/friends experiencing health problems, call 436-5039 or 436-6135.  
**St. Peregrine Mass (Patron Saint of cancer & other serious illnesses) ...** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 7pm followed by a blessing with the St. Peregrine oil.  
**Catholic Women's League ...** First Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the main hall. [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)  
**Provincial C.W.L....** [www.cwlpei.ca](http://www.cwlpei.ca)  
**Knights of Columbus...** Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm. The K of C lead the Rosary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 6:35pm & offer it for the peace of the world

**Notice of Mass Changes...** Daily Mass on Thursday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> will be at 9:00am instead of 7:00pm.

**Christmas Poinsettias...** Every Christmas the Parish decorates the sanctuary with poinsettias. If you would like to offer one in memory of a deceased family member please bring a donation (suggested \$15) to the Parish Office.

**Seeking Volunteers...** Looking for help to label & sort the 2019 donation envelop packs on **Thurs, Dec 6 at 9:30am**. If you can volunteer, please contact Nicole in the Parish Office. Thank You!

**Advent Reconciliation Service ...** Tues, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm During our service we will expose the Blessed Sacrament, and our NET ministries team will lead music, there will be an examination of conscience, an extended time of silent prayer, & multiple priests available for individual confessions.

**Best Advent Ever!...** Are you ready for the best Advent ever? Preparing for Christmas is about more than baking, decorating & cleaning. Take time this Advent to prepare your heart to encounter Jesus. A few minutes a day makes a difference. Sign up at [BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18](http://BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18)

**Religious Store...** The 2018 Sunday Missals are available for sale \$5.00. There are Christmas Cards available from the Right to Life Association and suitable books for young children as a Right to Life fundraiser at \$15 each. Advent wreaths and candles are now available. The Religious Store will now be open after both Sunday morning Masses.

**Prayers for the Sick/Suffering ...** *Judy Lewis, Ann (Ronan) Boyle, Margaret Cole, Jack Carruthers, Maxine Paynetter, Maurice Gallant, Mary Keith, Ernie Doucette, Lorretta Goguen, Albina Arsenault, Bree Dechambeau, Harold Langille, Kim Arsenault, Frances Hamill, Joshua Gallant, Joan Newell, Liam Robert Leclerc, Eric Cormier, Donat Arsenault, Gary Gallant, Jeannette Arsenault, Sharon MacNeill, Donald MacDonald, Susan Lynn MacLean, Robert Arsenault, Sr. Della Gaudet, Colette Cormier, Mary Linn Bridges, John & Mary Veerabathina, Della Arsenault, Adam Bourque, Brenda Rogers, Lemma Rose, Wayne Spin,* that Jesus may bring them healing.

**Religious Education News...** Our last regular class before the Christmas Break will be Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Grade 2 Group Mass...** will take place next Sun, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30am Mass. Grade 2 Students are asked to sit together in the reserved seating area at the front of the Church with their teacher.

**Nativity & Music Night...** will be held this Thurs, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Church. Everyone is invited to join us for a Christmas Music Sing-along, followed by a Nativity Play put on by the Catechism Students. Doors open at 6:00pm with the Sing-along starting at 6:30pm. Admission is free. Bring your family & friends for a night filled with the Christmas Spirit that they will not soon forget!



**Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest...** All children aged 5-14 are invited to participate in this contest, sponsored by K of C, for a chance to win cash prizes totaling \$250. **Posters are Due by Noon on December 9<sup>th</sup>** & can be returned to catechism teachers or the Main Office. Full contest rules and regulations, as well as special poster paper, are available in the Main Office.

**Wee Ones Word...** All children aged 3-7 are invited to come downstairs to the Main Hall before the 10:30am Mass begins, to take part in our Children's Liturgy of the Word. Parents please come down to sign your children in! The children will return to Mass during the Offertory Hymn, so make sure they know where to find you. If you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, please contact Jessica at [education@stpaulsparish.ca](mailto:education@stpaulsparish.ca)

**Today's W.O.W. Message:** Christmas is Coming! It is time to get ready to welcome Baby Jesus on Christmas Day. While we are busy decorating our homes this week, let us focus on how *grateful* we are for all the blessings God has given us rather than worrying about everything we have to do. This week take some extra time in prayer to thank God for everything.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul...** Suggested donations this week: Christmas treats: chocolates, candy, chips etc. shampoo body wash, soap, tooth brushes and tooth paste. These are only suggestions; all donations are truly appreciated!

**The Kin Family Christmas Appeal...** St. Vincent de Paul will be making a monetary donation to the annual Kin Family Christmas Appeal being held on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Parishioners wishing to help can do so by making a monetary donation to us indicating "Christmas Appeal" & this will be included on your 2018 St. Vincent de Paul Tax receipt. Those wishing to "adopt a family" can continue to do so contacting Sue: 902-303-0135 a member of the Kin Christmas Appeal.

**St. Paul's Youth Group ...** Wednesdays, 7:00– 9:00pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> level of Parish Centre. All youth, Grades 6 & up are welcome to attend. Come and see.

**St. Paul's CWL News...** December meeting will be Mon. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm in the Main Hall preceded by executive meeting at 6:00pm in the boardroom. Those attending are asked to bring a wrapped gift (\$10 value) for the Texas Swap game. Fellowship & snack time follows the meeting. Hope to see you there. Thanks!

**The Damascus Café...** A Catholic, young adults (18-30) group at St Paul's Parish Thursdays at 7:30pm. Find us on Facebook at: [facebook.com/groups/damascus.cafe/](https://facebook.com/groups/damascus.cafe/)

**Advent Day Retreat...** A retreat day (10-3:30pm) Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at the Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre. Gather in a prayerful & reflective atmosphere to remember the deep humility & love of Christ exposed in the incarnation. Donations accepted to support the Centre. A light lunch included (cost \$5.00). Please register on or before Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact: Sr. Joan Marie Chaisson CND at 902 436-9239 or [mbcentre@hotmail.com](mailto:mbcentre@hotmail.com)

**Senior Reflection Day...** At Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre, Tues, Dec 4, 10:30–1:00pm. Topic: "Kneeling in Bethlehem". Presenter: Sr Regina McQuaid. Info.436-9239

**St. Vincent de Paul...** A number of Nativity Scenes etc. are available in various sizes. Proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. Call Clem Gallant at 436-5489.



**"Be still and know that I am God" Retreat -** Give yourself a gift of quiet contemplative time during this busy Advent season! Join us for a twilight retreat on *Inner Peace* at Holy Redeemer Parish on Thurs, Dec 6, from 7:00-9:00pm. There is no cost. Spaces are limited, please register by Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Emailing [catechetics@dioceseofcharlottetown.com](mailto:catechetics@dioceseofcharlottetown.com) or call the diocesan office 902-368-8005.

**Peaceful Pro-Life Rally...** The West Prince Right to Life will be having a peaceful pro-life demonstration on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in Summerside, on Roy Boats Ave. on the Walmart side. We encourage everyone to attend & stand up for the most vulnerable among us. Storm date: Dec. 15.

**Christmas Concert...** At Trinity United Church, Summerside on Sun, Dec 9 at 7:00pm. You're invited to join in a memorable evening, with renditions of Away in a Manger & Silent Night. Thank you! Carol Rybinski [www.summersidechoir.ca](http://www.summersidechoir.ca)

**Kinkora Christmas Ceilidh...** Come join in for an afternoon of great local entertainment. Sun, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at Kinkora Place. Admission: \$10.00. Lunch included.