

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 23, 2018**

**Zephaniah 3.14-18a**  
**Philippians 4.4-7**  
**Luke 3.10-18**



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**Liturgical Schedule**

**Monday 9:00am** Cancelled  
**Tuesday 10:00am**  
**Wednesday 9:00am** Cancelled  
**Thursday 7:00pm** + Ernest Gaudet  
**Friday 9:00am** + Gilbert Arsenault  
**9:30am – 12:00pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**Saturday 9:00am** Cancelled  
**4:30pm** Messe Français  
**7:00pm** Anniversary Mass.... Raymond & Mary Ann Arsenault, Adele Arsenault, Armand Gallant, Elsie Doucette, Irene MacRae, Tom & Bernice Dunphy, Leo & Nelly Gallant, Catherin (Katie Lu) Gallant, Merlin (Nick) Nickerson, Russell Carruthers, Cyril Buote  
**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

**Christmas Office Hours....** St Paul's Main Office will be closed from Mon, Dec 24 - Tues, Jan 1. The office will reopen on Weds, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Christmas Blessing... May the beautiful miracle of this season bring you the gift of Faith, the blessing of Hope and the peace of His Love... this Christmas and throughout the year.**

- Fr. Chris and St. Paul's Staff

**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

**Last Week's Offerings**

Sunday Offering	5,591.15	Automatic Debits	930.00
Children's	18.40	Building Fund	1,464.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,003.95</b>		
Cost to operate St. Paul's Parish each week: <b>\$7,440</b>			
<i>Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!</i>			

**2018 Sunday Envelop Packets & Auto Debit Envelop Packets ...** Are ready and available for pick up in the Parish Centre hallway.

**Notice of Daily Mass Changes...** The daily morning masses (at 9:00am) on Wednesdays and Saturdays will be cancelled for the time being.

**Hospitality Ministers Sign Up Sheet....** Any Hospitality Ministers wanting to sign up for Christmas and New Year's masses? Sign-up sheet on the wall on the right side of the Church entrance.

**Hospitality Ministers and Hospital Eucharistic Ministry Schedules....** The new Hospitality ministers schedule and the new Hospital Eucharistic Ministry schedule are ready and available to pick up in the sunken room at the back of the church. Thanks!

**Prayers for the Sick/Suffering...** *Byron Hooper, Janine Landry, Rosalie Folland, Raymond Arsenault, 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...** There will be no catechism classes this Sunday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> or next Sunday Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Grade 7 Group Mass...** will take place on January 6<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30am Mass. Students are asked to sit together in the reserved seating at the front of the Church with their teacher.

**At Home Catechism Support...** A meeting for all those parents who are teaching their children Catechism at home will take place on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the boardroom of the Parish Center.

**First Reconciliation Preparation Session...** All children who are preparing for First Reconciliation this spring and their parents are asked to attend the First Reconciliation Preparation Session on Sat, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:00pm. At least one parent must attend with each student. This session will provide specific information to ensure that the students and parents are prepared for this important event. Snacks will be provided.

**Wee Ones Word...** Children's Liturgy Program will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>. May all our children, their families and all our volunteers have a very Merry Christmas!

**K of C Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners...** We would like to congratulate the following winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:

**Juniors age 5-7**  
1st Place Autumn Martin (Grade 2) Prize \$50.00  
2nd Place Brielle Young (Grade 2) Prize \$25.00  
3rd Place Blakely Johnson (Grade 1) Prize \$10.00  
**Intermediate age 8-10**  
1st Place Chloe McDonald (Grade 4) Prize \$50.00  
2nd Place Daniel Wilcock (Grade 4) Prize \$25.00  
3rd Place Quinn Cormier (Grade 3) Prize \$10.00  
**Senior age 11-14**  
1st Place Gracie Davison (Grade 7) Prize \$50.00  
2nd Place Hailie Chaisson (Grade 6) Prize \$25.00

Prizes are available for pick up in the Parish Office. Thank you to all the children who participated in the Keeping Christ in Christmas poster contest. Everyone did a great job! Posters are currently on display at the back of the church.

**St. Paul's CWL News...** St Paul's CWL council would like to wish our priests, staff and all parishioners of St. Paul's Parish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

St. Paul's CWL card parties will begin again for the new year on Friday, Jan 4, 2019 in the Main Hall. All are welcome!

**Decorating the Parish... Volunteers Needed!!** Sunday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm come and join in the fun decorating St. Paul's Parish for Christmas. Any help is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

**St. Paul's Youth Group ...** There will be no youth group on Weds, Dec 26<sup>th</sup>. Youth group will resume on Weds, Jan. 2.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul...** Suggested food items this week: cheese whiz, dry cereal, cookies, instant coffee and Christmas items and treats, candy, chips, etc., shampoo, body wash, soap, tooth brushes and tooth paste.

Our volunteers would like to extend a sincere Thank You for all your very generous monetary and food donations this past year. We are wishing each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas!

*You can turn the tide with just one word of encouragement. Every day you have an opportunity to be the salt and light that Jesus asked you to be.... You can make a difference for someone you meet today.*

**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

**Knights of Columbus Tickets...** The K of C are currently selling lottery tickets and anyone interested in purchasing tickets can do so at the Parish Main Office.

**The K of C/ Sisters Bottle Exchange...** Thank you for your continuous support! As of today, we have currently raised \$300 for the Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

**The Priest's Benevolent Fund...** The Priest's Benevolent Fund would like to express a sincere thank you to all those who make contributions to the Priest's Benevolent Fund pledge campaign. If you require a tax receipt for 2018 contributions, cheques must be dated by Dec 31, 2018.

**General Retreat...** With Fr. Danny Wilson, themed "The Four Marks of the Catholic Church," at Our Lady of Hope Retreat centre from January 18-20, 2019. Book early to avoid disappointment. Cost per person is \$137.50. Please call the Centre to reserve your spot -902-621-2385 / 902-388-1952

*With the Shepherds let us enter the stable of Bethlehem beneath the loving gaze of Mary, the silent witness of his miraculous birth.... May she teach us how to treasure in our hearts the mystery of God who for our sake became man.*

- Pope Benedict XVI

