

1st Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019



Isaiah 2.1-5; Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.37-44

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Liturgical Schedule

Intentions

Monday	9:00am	Aaron Fernandes
Tuesday	9:00am	+ Russell Arsenault
Wednesday	9:00am	Catherine and Don Ward
Thursday	7:00pm	+ Marc and Serge Gagnon + Margaret MacIsaac
Friday	9:00am	Matthew and Anna Ward
9:30am – 12:00pm		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	4:30pm	+ Deceased members of the McNeill Family
	7:00pm	+ Frank MacCormack
	7:00pm	Anniversary Mass... Joe Richards, Jim Getson, Mae and Jim McFeely
Sunday	9:00am	+ Margaret Dodge
	10:30am	Intentions of the Parishioners

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

PLEASE NOTE:

Christmas Eve Masses

Tues, Dec 24 – 9:00am

Tue, Dec 24 - 7:00pm

Tue, Dec 24 - 10:00pm

Wed, Dec 25 - 10:00am

Mary, Mother of God Masses

Tuesday, Dec 31 - 4:30pm

Wednesday, Jan 1 - 10:30am

Last Week's Offerings

Sunday Offering 5,606.30 Automatic Debits 1,954.00

Children's 10.00 Building Fund 50.00

Total \$ 7,620.30

Cost to operate St. Paul's Parish each week: **\$7,440**

Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!

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 3rd 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

Provincial C.W.L.... www.cwlpei.ca

Knights of Columbus... Meetings 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. The K of C lead the Rosary on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 6:35pm & offer it for the peace of the world

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 \$20) to the Parish Office.

Advent Reconciliation Service ... Tues, Dec 10th at 7:00pm During our service we will expose the Blessed Sacrament & there will be an examination of conscience, an extended time of silent prayer, & priests available for individual confessions.

Religious Store... The 2020 Sunday Missals and Christmas cards are available to purchase. The Religious Store is open after both Sunday morning Masses.

Lights of Love Fundraiser... Starting Sun Dec 8th, you can purchase a bulb on one of the Christmas Trees in the church entrance for \$10 in honor of your loved ones. Proceeds go to support our building fund. Let your light shine, and show the world your love!

New Parish Census... If you have NOT filled out a census card yet, please do so. Cards are in the Church entrance. Please placed the completed cards in the crate.

Christmas Mass Intentions... Mass intentions are available for Christmas, please contact the Parish Office.

Best Advent Ever... Sign up today for this free daily video program (sent straight to your email) that will help you prepare for Christmas like never before! Details at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

Prayers for the Sick/Suffering... *Adam Bourque, Alfred Arsenault, Matthew Ricard, Arvilla Roach, Claudette Arsenault, Clay Rayner, April Doucette, Mary Gallant, Mary Dunbar, Shirley Hardy, Raymond Caissie, Nathan Arrigoni, Peggy Gallant, Olive Boute, Glen Birt, Louise McCully, Myrtle Smith, Louis Arsenault, Janine Landry, Rosalie Folland, Ann Boyle, Maurice Gallant, Mary Keith, Lorretta Goguen, Bree Dechambeau, Harold Langille, Kim Arsenault, Frances Hamill, Joshua Gallant, Gary Gallant, Jeannette Arsenault, Sharon MacNeill, Donald MacDonald, Susan Lynn MacLean, Robert Arsenault, Colette Cormier, John & Mary Veerabathina, Mary Linn Bridges, Della Arsenault, Lemma Rose, Wayne Spin,* that Jesus may bring them healing.

Children's Mass... This Sun, Dec 1st at 10:30am all children are invited to a special Children's Mass in the Main Hall. The 10:30am Mass will be concurrently in the Church. Catechism students in gr. 1-7 are encouraged to attend, & class will immediately follow Mass. This month the Grade 6 class will be participating in the Mass as readers & ushers.

Gr. 8 Group Mass... All confirmation students are asked to attend 10:30 mass in the church this Sun Dec 1st in preparation for their upcoming confirmation. Students are asked to sit together in the reserved seating at the front of the church.

Wee One's Word... Cancelled this week. Instead, children are invited to the Children's Mass. Parents are welcome to stay with younger children so they feel more comfortable.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest... Children aged 5-14 are invited to participate, sponsored by K of C, for a chance to win cash prizes totaling \$250. **Posters are Due by Noon on December 15th** & can be returned to the Parish Office. Contest rules & regulations and special poster paper, are available in the Parish Office or from Catechism Teachers.

Christmas Nativity & Music Night... Everyone is invited to a Christmas Music Sing-a-long, followed by a Nativity Play put on by the Catechism Students on Thur, Dec 12th at 6pm. Mass will follow at 7:30pm instead of 7:00pm. This event is free & open to all. If you would like to perform a song, please email education@stpaulsparish.ca

Nativity Rehearsal...Reminder to all students wishing to participate in our Christmas Nativity play of the mandatory rehearsal next week, Dec 8th, during catechism (11:30-12:30). Students are asked to go to their classrooms first for attendance, & they will be called down from there.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Suggested food items for this week: Christmas food treats (chocolates, canned nuts, etc) personal hygiene items, hearty soups, soda crackers, cereal, instant coffee, black tea & canned milk. Thank you!

Reverse Advent is a great fun Christmas idea to do with your family to help St. Paul's foodbank. We can arrange for families/children to pack their groceries on our foodbank shelves - if interested please call 902- 439-1543.

It's not too late to adopt a family for Christmas....call Sue, co-chair of the Kin Family Appeal at 902-303-0135.

Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity with food and monetary donations for the upcoming holiday season. Thank you!

Advent Retreat... at Marguerite Bourgeoys Ctr, Fri, Dec 12, 10:00-3:30pm. An invitation to "come & rest awhile" during this busy season. Presenter: Fr Brendon Gallant. Suggested donation of \$15 (meal inc.). Register by Dec 10 at 436-9239.

St. Paul's Youth Group ... Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00pm, in the Parish Main Hall. All youth, Grades 6 & up are welcome to attend. Come and see.

St. Paul's CWL News... The next meeting is Mon, Dec 2nd at 7:00pm in the Main Hall preceded by the executive meeting at 6:00pm in the boardroom. A social hour with gift exchange will follow meeting. Each member is asked to bring an item for the sharing table and a gift valued at approx. \$10.

St Paul's Christmas Lottery & Bake Sale on Dec 7, 9:00-1:00 at the County Fair Mall. Bake sale items can be dropped off at the mall after 8:30am on Dec. 7th. Members are asked to donate \$5 towards the money tree and can either bring the donation to the December CWL Meeting or put the donation in the Sunday collection labelled CWL. Food and monetary donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. For more info, please contact June Gallant for more info at 436-5783.

Nativity Scenes... Numerous Nativity Scenes etc. are available in various sizes. Proceeds after expenses go to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. Call Clem Gallant at (902) 315-2916.



Taize Prayer... Join us at Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre, Dec 3rd, Dec 10th, & Dec 17th from 6:30-7:30pm for quiet reflective prayer during Advent. Taize Prayer is a mix of meditative prayer, scripture, & songs of Taizé in a relaxed atmosphere. If you have never experienced this type of prayer, please come & check it out.

Senior Reflection Day...at Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre, Tues, Dec 3,10:00-12:00, Lunch follows. Theme: Advent: Waiting for the Miracle. Presenter: Fr. George Gililand.

Christmas with the Ellis Family Band... Curtain at 7:30pm, Dec 6. The well know Ellis Family Band are performing at the Celtic Performing Arts Centre this Christmas! The show will include some of their original hits & a number of the family's favorite Christmas songs. All Seats \$30

House Tour & Holiday Tea... On Dec 8th, 5:00-8:00pm, Epteck Art & Culture Centre, enjoy touring 5 houses and enjoy desserts & tea. Tickets \$15.

Dear Parishioners & Friends... *I write a Reflection on the Scripture readings for the weekend liturgy & for other solemnities. I finish writing 3-4 days before the weekend. My homilies in the church might be different from what I write. The writings & the homilies depend on the inspirations of the day or moment. Anyone who wishes to have such reflections every week, please provide me with your email, which will not be used for any other purpose. My email is in the bulletin. For you, there is no cost for this. such materials by established publications are costly. You may share these reflections with whomever you wish to.* - Fr. George