

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2019



Isaiah 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-9; Matthew 3.1-12

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**Liturgical Schedule**

**Intentions**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	+Hayes, Ronan & Cassidy Families JoAnne Perry
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	+ Joseph James & Irene Wedge
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	+ Serge and Marc Gagnon
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	+ Deceased CWL Members
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	+ Victor D'Mello
	<b>9:30am – 12:00pm</b>	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	+ Jennie McCarville
	<b>7:00pm</b>	+ Basil Trainor
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Anniversary Mass...</b> Gail Steele Betton, Una DesRoches, Philip Hachey, Mamie Laughlin, Eddie & Marina McCabe, Louis & Edna McKenna, Fr. Walter Reid, Theresa & Adelard Gallant
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	+ Leo Poirier
	<b>10:30am</b>	Intentions of the Parishioners

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

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

**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 5,098.50 Automatic Debits 1,950.00

Children's 22.30 Building Fund 105.00

**Total \$ 7,175.80**

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 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

**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.

**2020 Sunday Envelop Packets...** Are ready and available for  
pick up in the Parish Centre hallway. A sincere appreciation  
goes out to all the volunteers; Paula Doyle, Mary Drummond,  
Louise MacDonald, Irene Matthews, John van Vliet, & Jackie  
Gallant for their help. Thank You for a job well done!!

**Hospitality Ministers Sign Up Sheet....** Any Hospitality  
Ministers wanting to sign up for Christmas & New Year's  
masses? Sign-up sheet is on the door in the Church entrance.

**Religious Store...** The 2020 Sunday Missals are available for  
sale \$5.00. There are Christmas Cards, Advent wreaths &  
candles are now available. The Religious Store is open after  
both Sunday morning masses.

**Advent Reconciliation Service ...** Tues, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Lights of Love Fundraiser...** Let your love shine this  
Advent! Purchase a bulb on one of the Christmas Trees in the  
church entrance for \$10 in honor of your loved ones. All  
proceeds will support our building fund.

**Prayers for the Sick/Suffering...** *Zoe Nicoles, 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.

**Religious Education News...** There is **NO Catechism** over  
Christmas (Dec. 22 & Dec 29). Classes will resume Jan 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Wee One's Word...** All children aged 3-7 are invited to the  
Main Hall before the 10:30am Sunday mass to take part in our  
Children's Liturgy of the Word. The last W.O.W. for 2019  
will be next Sun, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. W.O.W will resume Jan 12, 2020.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:education@stpaulsparish.ca)

**Nativity Rehearsal...** Reminder to students in our Christmas  
Nativity play of the mandatory rehearsal this Sun. Dec 8<sup>th</sup>,  
during catechism. All students are asked to go to class first.  
Students must have a signed permission form, or have a  
parent come to class & sign one, as only those students with  
permission will be attending the rehearsal. **Students who are  
not participating in the Nativity will have class as usual.**

**Sacramental Prep Session...** Due to inclement weather, our  
seminar for students preparing to receive First Reconciliation  
has been rescheduled to Sat, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. First  
Reconciliation will take place on Sun, Jan 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>** & can be returned to the Parish  
Office. Contest rules & regulations and special poster paper,  
are available in the Parish Office or from Catechism Teachers.

**Thank You CWL...** St. Paul's Parish extends a sincere thank  
you to the ladies of the CWL who do so much for our parish.  
Your selfless gifts of time and service to our parish is much  
appreciated!

**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!

**St. Paul's Youth Group...** All youth in gr 6-12 are invited to  
join us in the Parish Hall every Wed from 7-9pm. Come &  
enjoy some snacks, play games, listen to engaging speakers,  
& have an opportunity to discuss life's big questions in a safe  
environment. Find us on Instagram [summersidecatholicyouth](https://www.instagram.com/summersidecatholicyouth)  
or email us [summersidecatholicyouth@gmail.com](mailto:summersidecatholicyouth@gmail.com) for more  
info. **Youth Group is cancelled for Wed, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Advent Retreat...** at Marguerite Bourgeys Ctr, Fri, Dec 13,  
10:00-3:30pm. An invitation to "come & rest awhile" during  
this busy season. Presenter: Fr Brendon Gallant. Suggested  
donation: \$15 (meal inc.). Register by Dec 10 at 436-9239.

**Taize Prayer...** At Marguerite Bourgeys Centre, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> &  
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Farewell Gathering...** There will be a reception in the Main  
Hall Thurs, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> following the 7:00 pm Mass for Stephen  
Mawhinney. Stephen has been serving at St Paul's for the last  
3 1/2 years, as part of his priest training. During his time at St  
Paul's Stephen helped out with music ministry, altar serving,  
bible studies, marriage prep, the development of our new  
library & pastoral counselling. Join us in giving 'best wishes'  
to Stephen as he continues his training.

**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>

**Christmas Concert ...** St. Dunstan's Basilica hosts its annual  
Christmas Concert on Fri, Dec 20 at 7pm. Program includes  
'The Wonder of Christmas', carols by John Rutter, performed  
by a choir & accompanied by the PEI Pops! under the  
direction of Leo Marchildon. Admission by donation. Doors  
open at 6pm. Seating is limited, so be sure to arrive early.

**PEI CWL Bursaries...** Catholic girls & women attending  
colleges/ universities can apply for the Catholic CWL Girls  
Bursary by January 31, 2020. Applications are available at  
the Parish Office.

**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