

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019



Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

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<u>Liturgical Schedule</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Monday 9:00am	+ Leo Poirier
Tuesday 9:00am	Gracie Davison
Wednesday 9:00am	+ Mary Aitken + Gordon Matthews
Thursday 7:00pm	+ Deceased K of C Members + Ernest and Claude Gaudet + Jackie Praught
Friday 9:00am	+ Lorena and Camillus Gillis + Mary & Patrick Cardwell and Sandra Cardwell
9:30am – 12:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 4:30pm	+ Germaine Arsenault
7:00pm	+ Raymond G. Gallant & Deceased Family Members + Alfred Doucette
7:00pm	Anniversary Mass... Paulette Morrison
Sunday 9:00am	+ Mabel Perry + Fred Arsenault
10:30am	Intentions of the Parishioners

(A cross (+) before a name is 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

<u>Last Week's Offerings</u>			
Sunday Offering	5,726.05	Automatic Debits	990.00
Children's	16.15	Building Fund	95.00
Total	\$ 6,827.20		
Cost to operate St. Paul's Parish each week: \$7,440			
<i>Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!</i>			

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 Office Hours.... St Paul's Main Office will be close at noon on Tues, Dec 24 and will remain closed until Thurs, Jan 2, 2020.

2020 Sunday Envelop & Auto Debit Envelop Packets ...
Are ready & available to pick up in the Parish Centre hallway

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.

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.

Decorating the Parish... Volunteers Needed!! Monday, Dec 23rd at 6:30pm come and join in the fun decorating St. Paul's Parish for Christmas. Any help is greatly appreciated. Thanks!

Technology Assistants Wanted... Anyone interested in receiving training to learn how to operate the sound system and the screens in the church are asked to send an email to office@stpaulsparish.ca. Youth & adults welcome to apply.

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

Prayers for the Sick/Suffering... *Zoe Nicoles, Adam Bourque, 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 Classes** over Christmas (Dec. 22 & Dec 29). Classes will resume Jan 5th.

Wee One's Word... All children aged 3-7 are invited to the Main Hall before the 10:30am Sunday Mass begins to take part in our Children's Liturgy of the Word. Parents please sign your children in! Children return to Mass during the Offertory Hymn. **Dec 15th will be our last Wee Ones Word until the New Year. W.O.W will resume on Jan 12th.**

Sacramental Prep Session... Due to inclement weather, our seminar for students preparing to receive First Reconciliation has been rescheduled to Sat, Jan 11th from 1-3pm. First Reconciliation will take place on Sun, Jan 12th 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. Contest rules & regulations and special poster paper, are available in the Parish Office or from Catechism Teachers. Posters can be returned to the Parish Office or to your catechism teacher. **Posters are Due by Noon on December 15th.**

Sincere Thank You!... We send our heartfelt thanks to all who helped make our Nativity Night of Music a success, especially our catechism children & their parents, all the musical performers, our catechism teachers & assistants, our lighting assistants from the K of C, our tech coordinator Beth Rogers, our head of maintenance Danny Cameron, and our MC, Roger Ahern. May God bless you all!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Suggested food items this week: coffee, black tea, canned milk, jam, box of chocolates, cookies and personal hygiene items.

Our volunteers assisted approx. 100 individuals with food since the first of November. Unfortunately, with the rising cost of food the need for our services remains strong & we ask for your continued support during the busy Christmas season.

***You are the salt of the earth.
It's about reaching out to others in genuine concern
and compassion... simply be Christ by the way you
treat people around you.***

Altar Servers Needed!... Children in grades 4 and up are encouraged to become Altar Servers. There will be a very special training session for new & current altar servers on Tues, Jan 7, 2020, 6:30-7:30pm. Alter Serving is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn & understand more about what's going on at Mass & to make new friends!

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.

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>

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 for more info. **There is NO Youth Group on Wed, Dec 25th and Wed, Jan 1st.**

Taize Prayer... At Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre, 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.

Christmas Concert ... St. Dunstan's Basilica hosts its annual Christmas Concert on Fri, Dec 20 at 7:00pm, featuring over 40 singers and the PEI Pops! All directed by Leo Marchildon in an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary Christmas fare sure to delight. This year's program features a collection of carols by John Rutter and David Hamilton's cantata "The Wonder of Christmas". Due to fire regulations, seating is limited, so people may wish to arrive early to guarantee a spot. **Doors open at 6:00pm and admission is by donation.**

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

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje... Apr. 30 – May 10, 2020. Where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 38 yrs. Cost of \$2135 (+ \$675 taxes/fees) includes airfare from the Maritimes, accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner & experienced local guide. The accompanying priest is yet to be determined. Info: Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.

General Retreat... Join Fr. Brendon Gallant at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre January 17-19, 2020 for a general retreat. Themed *Meeting Jesus in the "Ordinary" of Your Life*. The weekend begins with registration & room assignments from 6-7pm followed by Mass at 7pm. The cost is \$170.00 per person or \$255.00 per married couple. To avoid disappointment, reserve your spot early by calling the Centre at 902-621-2385 or 902-388-1952.