

4th Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019



Isaiah 7.10-14, 10; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-24

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Liturgical Schedule

Intentions

Monday	9:00am	+ Tyler Arsenault + Edward, Priscilla & Paul McAluff + Ben, Mae & Peter Arsenault
Tuesday	9:00am	+ Adrian and Evelyn DesRoches + Louise McCully
	7:00pm	Intentions of the Parishioners
	10:00pm	+ Ernest and Claude Gaudet + Edward Profit Florence Arsenault + Ray Doucette + Robert Caissie + Joseph Caissie + Fred Arsenault + Edmond and Lucy Doucette & Family + E.J. Arsenault + Diane Gallant
Wednesday	10:00am	Intentions of the Parishioners
Thursday	7:00pm	MASS CANCELLED
Friday	9:00am	+ Victor D'Mello + Mr. & Mrs. A. MacDonald
	9:30am – 12:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	4:30pm	+ Jenny Burke
	7:00pm	+ Syl Richard + Raymond G. Gallant & living family
	7:00pm	Anniversary Mass... Uneeda Gallant, Florence McNeill, Leonard Gallant
Sunday	9:00am	+ Frank Hynes
	10:30am	Intentions of the Parishioners

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

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

Dear Parishioners... *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. Benedict, Fr. George and St. Paul's Staff

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

Last Week's Offerings

Sunday Offering	6,277.65	Automatic Debits	1,075.00
Children's	23.80	Building Fund	1,406.00
Total	\$ 8,782.45		

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

Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!

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.

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

Lights of Love Fundraiser... This is your last opportunity to 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 will be offered for all those on the trees during the 10:30am Mass this Sun, Dec 22.

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 and adults welcome to apply.

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** on Dec. 22 & Dec 29. Classes resume Jan 5th.

Wee One's Word... W.O.W children's liturgy program will resume on Jan 12th. May all our children, their families and all our volunteers have a very Merry Christmas!

Children's Mass... Our next Children's Mass will be Sun, Jan 5th in the Main Hall at 10:30am. All catechism students are encouraged to attend.

Sacramental Prep Session... Reminder of our First Reconciliation Prep Seminar on Sat, Jan 11th from 1-3pm. All students preparing for First Reconciliation & at parent or guardian must attend. A review session for anyone who missed our first seminar will be Jan 11th, 11am-12pm. First Reconciliation itself will be on Sun Jan 12th at 11:30am.

Catechist Retreat... Reminder to all catechism teachers & assistants of the upcoming Diocesan Catechist Retreat taking place on Jan 24-25 at the Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center. Please call Jennifer Scott to register at 902 368 8005. Retreat is free for all our catechist teachers and assistants.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest... We would like to congratulate the following winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:

Juniors age 5-7

1st Place	MacKenna Weir	Prize \$50.00
2nd Place	Emme Ballem	Prize \$25.00
3rd Place	Bri-Ann Melone	Prize \$5.00

Intermediate age 8-10

1st Place	Charley Weir	Prize \$50.00
2nd Place	Alessandria Recio	Prize \$25.00
3rd Place	Autumn Martin	Prize \$10.00

Senior age 11-14

1st Place	Bree McAluff	Prize \$50.00
2nd Place	Olivia Gallant	Prize \$25.00
3rd Place	Ethan Reeves	Prize \$10.00

Prizes will be presents to children this Sun, Dec 22nd at the 10:30am mass. 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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Suggested food items for this week: shampoo, body wash, coffee, black tea, canned fruit, cookies and peanut butter.

Our volunteers gave out approximately 160 bags of groceries since the first of December. Your continued monetary and food donations allow us to do so. Thank you!

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.

St. Paul's Youth Group... There is NO Youth Group over the Christmas holiday (Dec. 25 and Jan 1) **Youth Group will resume on Wed, Jan 8, 2020.**

St. Paul's CWL News... The next meeting will be **Sat, Jan 4 at 1:00pm** in the Main Hall preceded by the executive meeting at 12:30pm in the boardroom. Please note change in day and time.

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.

Congratulations to the Christmas Fundraiser winners:

1st prize (\$300 money tree)	Norma Arsenault
2nd prize (Nativity Scene)	Rose Gallant
3rd prize (Fruit Cake)	Norma Steele

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>

PEI CWL Bursaries... Catholic girls & women attending colleges/ universities can apply for the Catholic CWL Girls Bursary by Jan 31, 2020. Applications in the Parish Office.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje... Apr. 30 – May 10, 2020. Cost of \$2135 (+ \$675 fees) includes airfare, accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner & experienced local guide. Accompanying priest is yet to be determined. Info: Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.

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, 7:00-8:00pm. Alter Serving is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn & understand more about what's going on at Mass & to make new friends!

Novena to St Marguerite Bourgeoys... Join the sisters from Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre, Jan 3-12 at St. Paul's church. We will be saying the novena immediately after each daily mass concluding at the 10:30 Sunday mass on Jan 12th. This year marks the 400th Anniversary of St Marguerite Bourgeoys foundress of the Congregation of Notre Dame. Marguerite was the first female saint in Canada, canonized on October 31, 1982.

Christmas 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 – 9:00am

Tuesday, Dec 31 - 4:30pm

Wednesday, Jan 1 - 10:30am