

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2020

1 Kings 3.5- 12
Romans 8.28-30
Matthew 13.44-52

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Confessions:

Tuesday 10:00 - 10:30am

Thursday 10:00 - 10:30am

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00am

Due to COVID-19, Individual confessions will be taking place in the Library (located to the right of the Sanctuary).

Liturgical Schedule

Monday 9:00am I. Gillis

+ Betty Poirier

Tuesday 9:00am + Marguerite Richard

Sam Vail & Walter Flynn

Wednesday 9:00am + Edgar Pius Gallant

Thursday 9:00am + Eddie and John Gaudet

Cathy and Gladys Lecky

Friday 9:00am + Anthony Gallant

Saturday 4:30pm + Mary Trainor

7:00pm + Lester DesRoches

Sunday 9:00am + Souls in Purgatory

11:00am Intentions of the Parishioners

4:00pm Todd Swim

Anniversaries... Mary Trainor

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

Last Week's Offerings

Sunday Offering 4,473.00 Automatic Debits 1,064.00

Children's Building Fund 408.00

Total \$ 5,945.00

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

Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!

Mass changes Please note... Starting on Monday, July 20th, **Daily Masses will be Monday – Friday at 9:00am. All daily Masses at 6:30pm ARE CANCELLED** due to lack of demand for two daily Masses.

All weekend (Sunday) Masses are now open for 100 people capacity.

Baptism ... Inquiries/registrations, Contact the Parish Office at (902) 436-5112 or office@stpaulsparish.ca

Prayer Line ... To have prayers said for family/friends experiencing health problems, call 436-5039 or 436-6135.

Catholic Women's League ... www.cwl.ca

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

Knights of Columbus... Meetings will resume in September. The K of C lead the Rosary on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 6:30pm & offer it for the peace of the world.

St. Paul's Masses Update... YOU DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER FOR MASS ANYMORE!

We applied and received approval from the Government of PEI under the new regulations for phase 4 in order to open the church to 100 people during weekend Mass as per their Multiple Gathering Option. With this approval, **Daily Masses and Weekend (Sunday) Masses Do Not Require any Registration.** All Masses will be based on first come, first serve and we ask that you please arrive at least 10 minutes early to every Mass because you will need to sign in upon arrival.

With Phase 4 of Renew PEI underway, the Church is now open for Daily Masses (Monday-Friday at 9:00am) and weekend (Sunday) Masses on Saturdays at 4:30pm & 7:00pm and Sundays at 9:00am, 11:00am and 4:00pm. The Parish doors will open approximately thirty minutes before every Mass. Thank you for your patience and support. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole in the Parish Office.

St. Paul's Live-Streaming Masses Update... As we are now opening our weekend Masses to a larger capacity, we will be discontinuing our live streamed Masses at this time. If the situation changes or demand for live-streaming increases, live-streaming may be re-introduced at a future time. Thank you to all those who joined us in worship virtually throughout this time!

Prayers for the sick/suffering... We have noticed a number of instances when names were left on our list of prayers for the sick & suffering for many weeks and even months after a person has recovered or sometimes after they are deceased. because we were not notified. To avoid this in the future, the prayers for the sick & suffering will now be updated monthly. If you would like an individual kept on the prayer list, please contact the parish office each month This will help keep our prayer list up to date. Thank You!

Prayers for the Sick/Suffering... David Allen, Carrie MacQuarrie, Jason MacQuarrie, Betty Poirier, Laurlyn Ley, Joan Creelman, Peggy Dunville, Kathleen Gaudet, Lavenia O'Connor, Gail Bernard, Camden Kingyens, Shirley Hardy, Jean Profit, Adam Bourque, Matthew Ricard, Clay Rayner, Mary Gallant, Mary Dunbar, Raymond Caissie, Peggy Gallant, Glen Birt, Myrtle Smith, Monique Arsenault, Louis Arsenault, Janine Landry, Rosalie Folland, Ann Boyle, Maurice Gallant, Mary Keith, Bree Dechambeau, Harold Langille, 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, that Jesus may bring them healing.

St. Paul's Online... Connect with us online on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/stpaulspei or our website stpaulsparish.ca for all the latest info on how the Church is responding to COVID-19. Join us as we continue to grow in faith during this difficult time.

French Missalette Order... The time has come to order French Missalettes for 2020/2021. Anyone who is currently subscribed through the Parish can renew their subscription before it expires in September. **If you are wishing to renew or begin a subscription, please contact Nicole in the Parish Office by July 31.** Subscribe through the parish for your own convenience & to enjoy some savings. English Missalettes will be ordered later in the year and a notification will be sent out.



Fr. George Reflections... Reminder that Fr. George's Reflections on each Sunday's readings are available on our website: <https://stpaulsparish.ca/homily-reflections>.

Baptism Prep Class... Classes will be held 4 times per year. It is advisable to have the Baptism Prep class done early even while still expecting therefore you can have your child baptized the month of your choosing. The next Baptism Prep class will be happening soon. Please contact Nicole in the Parish office for registration.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Our food bank has now been opened for a few weeks and those in need are returning. Special thanks going out to Members of Knights of Columbus who are assisting us with social distancing among those returning and our volunteers. Safety for all is our utmost concern and consideration as we reach out to those in need.

Thank you for your continued support!

Let the words we say and the words we choose not to say and our actions demonstrate the compassion and goodness of the Lord. Never forget that Christ is in us. We can all make a difference.

Contractor Needed... St. Paul's Parish is looking for contractors interested in giving quotes on a building a garage for the Priest's house. (This is necessary, as priests can be called in the middle of the night on an emergency basis) Interested contractors are asked to email rodmackinnon49@gmail.com, call 902-432-1451 or contact the Parish Office. Please express interest by Friday, July 31st. Thank You!



Youth Group Updates... Our new Senior Youth Group for gr. 9-12 will be meeting in person every Friday at 7:00pm at the Parish Center. Our Youth Worship Night for all youth in grades 5-12 will be meeting in person on Wednesday Nights at the Parish Center at 7:15pm.

Religious Education News... Catechism classes are now complete for the 2019-2020 year. If anyone has borrowed teacher guides or other resources from the Catechism Dept, please return those to the Main Office as soon as possible.

Rocky Railway Summer Camp... Our Summer camp will be going ahead this August! This camp is FREE and open to all students who will be in grades k-6 this fall. Register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/stpaulsparishsummerside>. Space is limited, so please register your child now! In order to accommodate more children, we will be holding it twice – the first camp is August 10th-14th, and a second Aug 17th-21st. Please let us know which week you prefer in by entering it in the comments section when registering. Camp will run from 9am-3pm each day and will follow all public health guidelines.



Rocky Railway Camp Leader Training Session... All youth and adult leaders as well as volunteers for our Summer Camp are asked to attend a training session on Fri, July 31st at 10:00am-12:00pm in the Parish Hall. **This is an important training as it will explain all our COVID-19 adaptations and precautions.**

Rocky Railway Camp Donations... Thank you to those who have been bringing in donations for our Summer Camp. We still require these items: **Packing tape & black duct tape, bottle caps, and bubbles.** If you have any of these items at home & want to donate them, please drop them off at the Main Office. We are also accepting monetary donations at the Main Office—every \$20 donation provides supplies for a child to attend camp!

Rocky Railway Camp Decorators Needed... In preparation for our upcoming Summer Camp, we will be decorating every day during the week of Aug 2nd-8th. If you are available any day that week, please contact the Parish Office to sign up to help.

The PEI Right to LIFE Bursary... PEI Right to LIFE is offering a \$2000 bursary to an Island woman who has experienced an unplanned pregnancy, chosen life for her baby and now wishes to continue her post-secondary education. Please contact Pat at office@peiright2life.ca or call 902-894-5473 for more info. Application due date: August 31

Everyone is experiencing sorrow and pain due to the coronavirus. The only way to survive this situation, is by sticking together. Live this moment with penance, compassion and hope.

Prayer helps us understand our vulnerability, it is the cry of those who are sinking, who feel they are in danger and alone. And in a difficult, desperate situation, it is important to know that the Lord is there to cling to.

- Pope Francis