

2nd Sunday of Advent.
December 6th, 2020



Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11
2 Peter 3.8-14
Mark 1.1-8

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Confessions:

Tuesday 8:30am - 8:55am

Thursday: 6:30pm - 6:55pm

Saturday: 11:00am – 12:00pm

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	+ Douglas Joseph Gallant JoAnne Perry
Tuesday	9:00am	+ Shanon Orcutt Nunez +Jean Paul Gagnon
Wednesday	9:00am	+ Velma Clow
Thursday	7:00pm	+ Muriel Roberts
Friday	9:00am	+ Serge & Marc Gagnon
	9:30am	Holy hour of Adoration
Saturday	4:30pm	+ Brenda Bowering
	7:00pm	+ Special Intentions
Sunday	9:00am	+Clare MacDonald
	11:00am	Intentions of Parishioners
	4:00pm	+ David Gallant

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

Anniversaries... Mamie Laughlin, Philip Hachey

Prayers for the Sick/Suffering... Norma Gallant, Brian Spin, Wayne Spin, David Allen, Carrie MacQuarrie, Jason MacQuarrie, Laurlyn Ley, Peggy Dunville, Kathleen Gaudet, Gail Bernard, Camden Kingyens, Shirley Hardy, Jean Profit, Adam Bourque, Matthew Ricard, Clay Rayner, Mary Dunbar, Raymond Caissie, Glen Birt, Myrtle Smith, Monique Arsenault, Janine Landry, Rosalie Folland, Ann Boyle, Mary Keith, 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, Mary Jones Blair Creelman, Stephen Gaudet, Cecil Gallant and Gina Hall that Jesus may bring them healing.

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 on the third Tuesday of every month. 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.

Weekend Mass Update... With the approval of Public Health, we have opened the church to **150 people** for weekend masses.

Masks are now required to be worn throughout Mass... there are exceptions for children under 2 years of age, children between the ages of 2 and 5 who cannot be persuaded to wear a mask, anyone who cannot remove a mask without assistance and any individual with a valid medical reason. Masks should be removed prior to receiving communion and put back on after receiving. **The church is divided into 3 sections (A, B & C).** Washroom for group A is downstairs, for group B is in the Ushers room (accessed through the foyer) and for group C it is in the crying room. Green tape on the pew is there to indicate 6ft distancing. If you are sharing a pew with others who are not in your bubble, you must stay on the far ends of the pew, not crossing into the 6ft spacing in the middle.

Communion ministers will bring the Eucharist to you.

Please remain on your side of your pew, maintaining physical distance from others not in your bubble, people on one side of the pews will be served first and the minister of Communion will come around and serve those on the far ends of the pew after..

Singing is permitted, so please feel free to praise the Lord in song!

Daily masses remain at 50-person capacity

Christmas Masses... To allow more parishioners to celebrate Christmas Mass during this Covid 19 pandemic, we will be having additional Christmas Masses this year. **Registration is required for all Christmas Masses.** Please call between the hours of 10:00am and 12:00PM only (902) 724-3646 or email education@stpaulsparish.ca.

If you have registered, and discover that you are unable to attend, please let us know, as we have a waitlist for these Masses

2021 Sunday Envelope Packets... Are ready and available for pick up in the Parish Centre hallway. Please follow public health guidelines when retrieving your envelope. A sincere Thank you to all the volunteers; Paula Doyle, Brenda McAlduff, Marilyn Graham, Louise MacDonald, Irene Matthews, Eleanor Doiron and Catherine Macintyre for their help it was greatly appreciated!

Last Week's Offerings

Sunday Offering 3,886.20	Automatic Debits 1,485.25
Children's	Building Fund

Total \$ 5,371.45

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

Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!

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 \$15) to the Parish Office.

Sacramental Preparation Seminar... is set for Saturday Jan. 16th from 1-3pm in the Parish Center. All youth in grades 1-8 who who have registered to receive their First Communion this year, and one parent/guardian must attend. Please remember to submit a completed First Communion Information form along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if they were not baptized here at St. Paul's. Forms may be dropped off at the main office, submitted to classroom teachers or emailed to our coordinator at education@stpaulsparish.ca. **Deadline for submission is December 31st**

Christmas Break...The last catechism class of 2020 will be next Sunday December 13th. Classes will resume on Sunday Jan 3rd, 2021. Wishing all our catechism students, teachers, and families a joyful and safe Christmas Season.

Nativity Night...Our Confirmation students and our Grade 2 students will be performing in a special Nativity Play on Thursday Dec. 17th at 6pm. This event will be live-streamed on our Parish Facebook page and posted on our website following the event for all to watch at their leisure. **There is still in-person seating available for the event; if you would like to register to attend in person, please call 902-724-3646 or email education@stpaulsparish.ca.**

Nativity Rehearsal...All Confirmation Students are reminded to please attend the rehearsal this Thursday Dec 10th from 6-7pm. Please arrive before 6pm if possible so we can start on time and end on time. We will be meeting in the Main Church. Grade 2 students do not need to attend this rehearsal.

Catechism Teacher Meeting...All catechism teachers and assistants are asked to attend a short meeting on Monday January 11th @ 7pm in the Parish Center. Please remember your face masks.

St. Vincent de Paul... Special thanks going out to Furniture Gallery for their generous donation of a new freezer for our food bank. This will allow us to give our clients healthier choices like meat, vegetables, fruit, fish, etc.

We also want to sincerely express thanks to Clem Gallant for his generous donation of the Nativity Scene that is proudly displayed in front of our church. We will all enjoy that for many years!

We must also thank everyone for all the monetary and food donations that continue to come in almost daily.

We are constantly overwhelmed with the generosity of our parishioners and those in the community. We are only able to assist those in need because of that generosity !

Suggested items for food bank this week: soda crackers, small laundry soap, cheese whiz & Christmas treats such as box chocolates, candy, canned nuts, etc

Youth Group Time Change... Wednesday Night Youth will now be meeting from 6:30pm-8:30pm. As always, any youth in grades 5-12 are invited to join us for fun, friends, food, and faith!

All CWL members... this year due to Covid 19 and the many restrictions in place in our church and community, St. Paul's CWL has decided to hold a virtual Bake Sale and Money Tree Fundraiser. We are encouraging all members to kindly donate the amount they would spend by baking goods to the virtual Bake Sale. Also, a donation of \$5. Towards our virtual money tree would be greatly appreciated. Please place your donation in a plain envelope (Name Optional) marked CWL Donation and place in the collection box at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity. Any questions please call Louise 432-0377

Lights of Love Fundraiser... Let your love shine this Advent! Purchase a bulb on one of the two Christmas Trees on the Sanctuary for \$10 in honor of your loved ones. All proceeds will support our building fund. Special envelopes will be available at each entrance of the church, Each envelope will have a Christmas tag in it, you can write your loved one's name on the tag and place the tag along with the donation in the envelope and drop them donation bin. Both trees will be blessed by Father.

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 13th** & can be returned to the Parish Office. Contest rules & regulations and special poster paper, are available in the Parish Office or from Catechism Teachers

Take the opportunity to prepare for the coming of our Lord with an Advent Day Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre in Stanley Bridge. Two one-day retreats are being offered: Monday December 7 and Monday December 14, from 9 am to 4 pm each day. The cost for each retreat is \$20 and includes lunch. Call or email the Centre at 902-621-2385 / ourladyofhope@gmail.com to register for one or both dates. **Space is limited.**

Nativity Raffle... Tickets are now available on a beautiful Nativity Scene Framed Picture. All proceeds will go to support children and youth programs at our parish. The winner will be drawn at our Nativity Night on Dec. 17th. Tickets can be purchased at the Main Office or at Kelly's Flower Shoppe for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. .

Attention Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers for 4:00pm, 9:00am and 11:00am masses... Your schedule is ready and can be picked up in the sunken room in the back of the church Monday to Friday between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

Thank you to our Volunteers...A big thank you to all those who volunteer their time to help with the operations of the church. To all who share their time and talents with our Parish, from Ushers to Eucharistic Ministers; Lectors, to Technology Assistants, Money Counters, Musicians, Altar Servers, Catechism Teachers, Youth Group Leaders, Food Bank Volunteers, Fundraising Committee members, Knights of Columbus, CWL members and many more, your generosity and commitment to serving the Lord and His Church is inspiring and greatly appreciated. May God provide you with every blessing in abundance!