

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent.  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Isaiah 61.1-2a,10-11  
1 Thessalonians 5.116-24  
John 1.6-8, 19-28

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**Confessions:**

Due to COVID-19, Individual confessions will not be taking place until

**Liturgical Schedule Intentions**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	+Brenda Bowering Zita Mulligan
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	+Roland(Kayo) Clow
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Urban & Noreen & Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	+Daniel Bertrand +Ivan & Troy Albert +Joyce & John Bennett
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	+Alfred Doucette +Millie (Cameron) Thomarat
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	+ Jackie Praught
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	+ Claude & Ernest Gaudet +David Gallant + Mabel & Ernie Richard

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

**Anniversaries...**

**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](mailto: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](http://www.cwl.ca)

**Provincial C.W.L....** [www.cwlpei.ca](http://www.cwlpei.ca)

**Knights of Columbus...** Meetings on the third Tuesday of every month. The K of C lead the Rosary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 6:30pm & offer it for the peace of the world.

**St. Paul's Notice...** Due to the current outbreak of COVID-19, all Masses, Confessions, and other parish activities are cancelled until December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The church will be closed for the duration of the two-week period assigned by the Public Health. Our Parish Office remains open to serve you. Masses will be live-streamed each day on our Facebook page, Monday-Saturday at 9am and Sunday at 10am, and recordings will be available on our Website at [stpaulsparish.ca](http://stpaulsparish.ca).

Though we cannot meet in person, our faith community is still rallying together during this time through prayer, online Masses and learning opportunities. Join us as we continue to grow in faith during this difficult time.

**Christmas Masses Update...** We are awaiting word from Public Health on or before December 21<sup>st</sup> to determine if Christmas Masses will be able to go ahead as planned or not. If we return to 'New Normal' on or before Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Masses will go ahead.

All those currently registered will have their spots held. Currently, the 4pm, 6pm, 8pm & 10pm are full. There is space remaining at the Midnight Mass Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day Mass at 9am. **Registration is required for all Christmas Masses for all cohorts.** Please call 902-724-3646 between 10am-12pm Mon-Fri or email [education@stpaulsparish.ca](mailto:education@stpaulsparish.ca) to register.

Waitlists are available. **If you currently have a reservation, please let us know if you will not be attending before Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm.**

**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 4,350.20 Automatic Debits 1,535.25  
Children's Building Fund

**Total \$ 5,885.45**

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

**Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!**

**Nativity Raffle...** Tickets are now available on a beautiful Nativity Scene Framed Picture valued at \$130. All proceeds will go to support children and youth programs at our parish. The winner will be drawn at our live-streamed daily Mass on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be purchased at the Main Office or at Kelly's Flower Shoppe for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets are also available through e-transfer. Simply send your funds to [office@stpaulsparish.ca](mailto:office@stpaulsparish.ca) with the security answer 'church' and in the Memo section put 'Nativity' and we will email your tickets to you.

**Nativity Night cancelled...** Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to have our Nativity Night this year. Thank you to all who had been involved in the planning of this event.

**Catechism Teacher Meeting...**All catechism teachers and assistants are asked to attend a short meeting on Monday January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Parish Center. If we cannot gather in person, we will meet virtually for this meeting.

**Youth Group Update...** Youth group will not be meeting for the next 2 weeks as we await the results of the Provinces' circuit breaker strategy.

**Christmas Break...** Catechism Christmas Break is starting early this year with the new restrictions put in place this week. There will be no classes on Sun Dec 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. We are hopeful that classes will resume again on Sunday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Wishing all our catechism students, teachers and families a joyful and safe Christmas Season.

**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...** Our first Sacramental Preparation Seminar is set for **Saturday Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm** in the Parish Center, assuming we are able to gather at that time. 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](mailto:education@stpaulsparish.ca). **Deadline for submission is December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**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!

**St. Vincent de Paul...** A Special thanks to Furniture Gallery for their generous donation of a new freezer for our food bank. This allows us to give our clients healthier options. We would also like to thank Clem Gallant for his generous donation of the Nativity Scene which is proudly displayed in front of our church. We will all enjoy that for many years! We also thank everyone for the monetary and food donations that continue to come in regularly.

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, cereal, shampoo, toothbrushes & tooth paste, and Christmas treats such as canned nuts, candy, chocolates, etc.

*-We cannot help everyone, but everyone can help somebody*

**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.

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**Catechism in French...** Are you or someone you know looking for Catechism in French? Le Bureau d'Éducation Chrétienne is offering an online series on Advent. Go to the Family Catechism/Catéchèse Familiale page on Facebook at the following link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/195672402160777> and click JOIN to access the weekly PowerPoints and activity pages. The series is designed for grades 3 to 6 primarily but can be adapted by the parent viewing it with their child. There is also material in the activity pages for grades 7 to 12. Support local this year while celebrating the reason for the season!

**Chad Matthews Christmas album...** Chad is a local artist and has a new Christmas album available for sale, which includes some well-known hymns. For more information or to purchase, contact him on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/chad.matthews.568>

**Planned Giving...** We are all stewards of our future. The most integral part of this future is our youth. Your Gift could provide for programs targeted towards shaping the young Catholics of tomorrow. If you would like to help bring our church into the future by providing a Gift to your Parish or Diocese now or at estate planning time, please visit us at [www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com](http://www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com) and click on the "Planned Giving" quick link.