

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



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**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 9:00AM to 4:00PM

**Confessions:**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays** 8:30-8:55am

**Saturdays:** 11:00am – 12:00pm

**Additional confession times:**

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>** 6:00pm – 7:00pm

**Parish Information...** St. Paul's Parish has a **200 -person** capacity for our weekend masses. Registration is not required, and entrance is based on a first come first basis. Daily masses remain at a 100-person capacity. **Public Health protocols must be followed**

**Christmas Masses...** To allow more parishioners to celebrate Christmas Mass, we will be having additional Christmas Masses this year. Mass times will be as follows:

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021** - 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm

**December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021** - 10:00am

These masses will be based on a first come first serve basis this year, no registration required.

**Last week's Offerings**

Sunday Offering: 4,584.30  
Automatic Debits: 1,566.00  
Building Fund: 330.00  
E transfers: 466.70

**Total: \$ 6,947.00**

Cost to operate St. Paul's Parish each week: **\$7,440**  
*Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!*

**LEGACY FUND UPDATE**

We have sold 233 bundles of shingles to date! **THANK YOU!!**  
Total Raised: **\$ 53,356.00**

**Mass Times & Intentions  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday 9:00am**  
+Catherine (Kay) Profit

**Tuesday 9:00am**  
+Virginia & Arnold McNeil

**Wednesday 9:00am**  
+Addy Doucette, Brian  
Boylan, Alexis & Gary Gallant  
& Rodney Boylan

**Thursday 9:00am**  
Deceased members of the  
Knights of Columbus

**Friday 9:00am**  
+Billie Mae Janer  
+Kay Profit

**Friday 9:30am**  
**Holy hour of Adoration**

**Saturday 4:00pm**  
+Claude & Ernest Gaudet  
+Clarence (Claire)  
MacDonald

**Saturday 6:00pm**  
+Ben Gaudet  
+Alfred Moore

**Sunday 9:00am**  
+Jackie Praught

**Sunday 11:00am**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**Anniversaries:**  
Catherine (Katy-Lou) Gallant

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

**Prayers for the Sick/Suffering**

*Katlin McGary, Adrien Gallant, Ted Dalton, Leonard Bell, Larry  
MacQuaid, Rick Speelman, Dorothy Farish, Linda Martin, Morris  
Gallant, Stephen Doyle, Kathleen Gaudet, Sharon MacNeill, Donald  
MacDonald, Jean Gallant, Keith Peters, Paula Kirev, Daniel  
Arsenault, & Christine Arsenault-Nowak*



that Jesus may bring them healing.

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

**Security Codes have been reset...** if you haven't updated your code with Jackie yet, please do so. Your code will not work after December 1<sup>st</sup> unless it gets reset. Thank you.

**Sundays Missals...** 2021-2022 Sunday Missals are available by donation this year. They will be available before and after Mass or they can also be picked up in the main office during the weekdays.

**Christmas Poinsettias...** Each Christmas the Parish decorates the sanctuary with poinsettias. If you would like to offer one in memory of a deceased family member, please call Karen at 902 439-6451.

**Special Thank you** .... St. Paul's would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to the late James 'Jimmy' Ronan. He was a parishioner here who left a generous bequest to St. Paul's Parish. May his soul and the soul of all the faithfully departed rest in peace

**Mass Readings for Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Micah 5.2-5a  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10  
The Gospel Reading: Luke 1.39-45

**St. Paul's CWL News...** St Paul's CWL would like to extend a big thank you to all who supported our lottery and bake sale! It was a great success. The winners of the lottery were as follows:  
1st prize (a money tree) - Annette Gallant  
2nd prize (a Nativity scene) - Bernadine Gallant  
3rd prize (a fruit cake) - Trudy Cameron  
CWL sends wishes for a Blessed Christmas to all!

**Awaken Faith Formation Update...** This Sunday, December 12th, will be our final Sunday of catechism for 2021; Sessions will resume on Sun January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. May all our catechism students and families have a blessed Christmas Season! Reminder that there will be a dress rehearsal for all students participating in the Nativity Sun December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Church.

**Christmas Poster Contest...Posters due this Sunday!** All entries for the Knights of Columbus Poster Contest must be submitted this Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Posters can be submitted at the sign-in desk for Awaken Kids or Awaken Youth Sessions.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul...** *Suggested items this week:* crackers, juice, canned beans, jam and Christmas treats such as box chocolates, mixed nuts, peanuts, chips etc. Thank you!

**Nativity Night of Music...** Experience the birth of our Savior in a whole new way! Join us on Dec. 16th as our catechism students re-enact the night when love was born, accompanied by your favorite Christmas Carols performed by talented local artists. Guaranteed to fill any heart with Christmas Spirit! Open to all St. Paul's parishioners. Doors open at 5:30pm, event begins at 6:30pm. Maximum capacity of 200 persons; seating will be first come, first served. Public health measures of physical distancing, contact tracing and hand sanitizing will be in effect.

**Teen Encounter Alumni...** Save the date! Teen Encounter is hosting a Retreat Day for Alumni on Saturday, January 29 at St. Paul's Parish in Summerside. Expect talks, Adoration, and music. More details and registration will be available in January. Note that this event will follow all CPHO Policies.

**Synod 2021-2023...** The word 'Synod' comes from two Greek words: "syn" meaning with/together and "odos" meaning way/path/road. So literally, 'synod' means journeying together. With this Synod process, the Church is practicing how we journey together in faith.

**Please keep our Island potato farmers and their families in your daily prayers** as they deal with the Canadian government's decision to impose a ban on their exports to the U.S. Pray for support for the workers impacted by this decision and a quick resolution to the situation.

**Scripture Reflections by Father George...** you can pick up a copy of Father George's book at the St. Paul's office, there are only a few copies left. Cost is \$20.00. The following is his reflection for this Third Sunday of Advent:

**The sinners**

Those of us who pray daily happen to be asking our Blessed Mother 'pray for us sinners.' In the Our Father we ask the Father to 'forgive us our trespasses and to deliver us from temptation'. We also sometimes go for a confession and tell the priest, 'Bless me, father, for I have sinned' or bless me, father, a sinner'. Obviously in all these occasions we do acknowledge that we are sinners, and that we have committed sins. And that is the truth. However, we don't want anyone to call us 'a sinner'. If anyone dares to do that, we are likely to teach that one a lesson or two, which he/she will never forget!

Jesus often called some groups from his audience 'hypocrites'! Is it likely that we might be around there in that group? John the Baptist in continuation of his cry from the wilderness last Sunday, dares to call his audience 'you brood of vipers'! (Luke 3:7) Apparently, the Baptist was not fleeced and stoned by the crowd. Instead, many came forward asking for counsel to turn back to God and get reconciled. Among them were publicans, tax collectors, soldiers and maybe, 'good people like us.' The counsel the Baptist gave was not only for repenting and turning away from sins like extortion, robbery, over-taxing the people, false accusation- (Sometimes what we console ourselves branding it as gossiping), threatening, doing acts of greed, and collecting for self what belongs to others. He also prescribed for them remedies to rectify their error: "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." (Luke 3:11)

When true repentance and reconciliation takes place, there is a need also of 'leveling up the mountains and valleys' (Luke 3:5) which today can mean also feeding those who do not have anything to eat by those who have just enough or more, clothing those who do not have any clothes by those who have two or more sets. Hence repentance does not end at acknowledging our sins in the secrecy of our heart, in the privacy of a confessional, or in repeating structured prayers. True repentance presupposes humility of heart, which can find ourselves at ease even when someone else is accusing us of the wrong doings we might have committed, or even a false accusation, as they did to Jesus. He showed us the way to respond, "Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23, 34)

Adherence to truth involves acknowledging and accepting our shortcoming before others and agreeing to repair the damage done. This also is part of 'preparing the way for the Messiah, with which we busy ourselves these days!

- Fr. George Palamattan