

ST. PAUL'S PARISH

SUMMERSIDE, PE

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23rd , 2026

“It is one thing to know something about God and another thing to know God.”
— St. Gregory Palamas

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WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS AND PASTORAL CARE

Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, August 24

9:00 AM - St. Paul’s: + Zelma Blanchard

Tuesday, August 25

10:00 AM – St. John’s: **+Intentions of the Donor**

12:00 PM – St. Paul’s: +Tim McNulty, +Eileen Brown, +Asma Hebert, +John-Ray Coopera

Wednesday, August 26

9:00 AM - St. Paul’s: + Fred Wieland

Thursday, August 27

9:00 AM - St. Paul’s: +Louise Richard

Friday, August 28

9:00AM - St. Paul’s: + Pat Power

10:00AM – St. John’s: Intentions of the Donor

Saturday, August 29

4:00PM – St. Paul’s: +Emmett Power + Mary Perry, +Joseph, Denise & Robert Caissie, +Francis Doucette, Baby Jamie & Louis Perry, +Andre Brochu

Sunday, August 30

9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: + St. Paul’s emorial Book

10:00 AM - St. John’s: Intention of the donor

11:00 AM – St. Paul’s: Intentions of Parishioners

Sacraments and Parish Services

- **Baptisms – Celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Please contact the office to register and arrange for Baptism preparation.**
- **Marriages – Please contact the pastor 6 months in advance.**
- **Anointing of the Sick – Available anytime. If at the hospital, ask the nursing staff to contact us.**

- **Funeral planning – Contact your Funeral Home. The parish will assist families with all steps regarding liturgy and spiritual needs.**
- **Cemetery Plots - Contact the office to inquire**
- **Home Visits & Communion for the Sick – Call the office.**
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation: By appointment or Tuesday: 11:30 AM, Thursday: 8:30 AM & Saturday: 11:00 AM**
- **Eucharistic Adoration: Summit – First Sunday of the Month 7pm to 8:30pm**
- **Devotion to St Peregrin: Every Thursday Mass at 9:00 AM**

Prayer for the Sick: Johanne Rowan, Brian Chappell, Jeanette Arsenault, Shirley Arsenault, Gladys Spin, Melvina MacLellan, Brian Gray, Pat Poirier, Derek Matthews, Chris Mooney, Vernon Donnelly, Sr. Liya, John McNeill, Betty Gallant, Pat Williams, Jean Murray, Mike Spin, Sheila Perry, Gail & Thomas Cybulski, Barbara Gillis, Jeanette MacKenzie, John Richard

CWL Prayer Line: Our CWL Members would be honoured to pray for your intentions. Please call 436-5039 or 436-6135.

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week’s Offerings Total:	\$ 6,578.00
Regular Collection:	\$ 4,455.25
Automatic Debit:	\$ 1,732.75
E-Transfers:	\$ 140.00
Building Fund:	\$ 115.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 135.00

50/50 Legacy Fundraiser Thank you for your support! Since the July prize money remained unclaimed, after two full weeks, the July prize money (\$405.00) will now be added to the August prize money for our August draw. Therefore, as of August 19th, 2026, the total received this month from our 50/50 ticket sales is \$810.00. The winner receives half, PLUS \$405.00, for a total prize, so far, of \$810.00 The August draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in The Parish Centre Lounge, on Sunday, August 30th.

Tap-to-Donate Option at St. Paul’s Parish Tap-to-Donate is available at the front entrance of the church. A QR code is also available for those wishing to register for a tax receipt. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish mission.

OUTREACH

Society of St Vincent de Paul (902) 724-3454

Please help us to help those that need a hand up, especially during these tough economic times. Suggested food items: school treats, coffee, can fish, can meat, hearty soups. Thank You!

Fresh vegetables & fruit can be dropped off directly at the food bank during regular hours, which are Mon, Wed, Fri from 10 am to 12 noon.

“People who are in need...are loved by God just as deeply as we are. They deserve our help because they are part of our family...Almsgiving is a matter of the heart.” Fr: **The Word Among Us**

Sisters of the Sacred Heart: We welcome the Superior General of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Sr. Myla to our Parish. The sisters will have an open house meet and greet on Sunday from 3:00pm til 5:00pm.
Contact: (902) 436-5386 | sacredheartpei@gmail.com

Parish News & Events

Catechism Volunteers needed We are looking for volunteers to teach and assist in **Grades 1 and 4**, as well as to assist in **Grade 5**. If you can help, please contact Leanne Doiron at education@stpaulsparish.ca

Youth Group for Grades 7–12: Join us for our next gathering on 7:00pm -9:00pm in the Parish Hall. Youth group leader - Nick Sauve

Colombian Earthquake Relief. A devastating earthquake struck western Colombia on August 10, causing serious damage in my hometown of **Trujillo**, where many families have lost or had their homes severely damaged. With the permission of the Diocese of Charlottetown, I am asking for your support for immediate relief efforts. Donations may be made through your parish collection, clearly marked **“Colombian Relief – Fr. John Molina,”** or by e-transfer to office@stpaulsparish.ca or frjohn@live.ca. Please keep the people of Trujillo and all those affected in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity and solidarity.

The Catholic Funeral Liturgy seeks to have the community of faith pray for the deceased as well as to provide consolation to those grieving the loss of their loved ones. Music is an essential component of this Liturgy and must follow certain guidelines in order for it to remain sacred, meaningful, and appropriate. The Diocese has updated the pamphlet entitled “Music Guidelines for Catholic Funeral Liturgies”. When planning funerals, your Pastor and Music Ministers/organists will be making music recommendations based on these guidelines. If you would like a copy yourself, please speak to your pastor or parish office.

MESSE EN FRANÇAIS : Une messe en français sera célébrée chaque mois à partir du mois de septembre à St Pius X. **La première célébration** aura lieu le **dimanche 20 septembre à 5:00 PM**. A l'occasion de la première messe, je demanderai ce jour-là si l'horaire convient ou si les personnes préféreraient avoir l'eucharistie à 12:15 le dimanche. J' invite aussi les personnes intéressées à former une chorale. La première répétition sera le mercredi 2 septembre à 19h à la paroisse St Pius. **Merci de le faire savoir à vos amis – P. Jacques Rigaud.**

Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

This Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time brings us to one of the most important questions of the Christian life. Jesus asks His disciples, “But who do you say that I am?” It is not simply a question about what people have heard about Jesus. It is a personal question addressed to each one of us.

Peter’s Answer, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” is the foundation of our faith. There is a difference between knowing *about* someone and actually knowing that person. We can know and say many things about Jesus: teachings, miracles, parables, His death and resurrection. We can study theology, read the Catechism, attend religious education, and participate faithfully in the liturgy. All of these are important. But the deeper question remains: Do I know Jesus?

St. Gregory Palamas expressed this distinction beautifully: “It is one thing to know something about God and another thing to know God.” To seek God’s presence is to move from information to relationship. Jesus is not simply a historical figure about whom we have learned. He is the living Lord who we encounter, walks with us, speaks to us, and become part of our lives if we allow him.

How, then, do we come to know Him?

We begin by spending time with Him. We listen to His Word in Scripture and allow the Gospel to speak to our own circumstances. We encounter Him in the Eucharist and in the other sacraments. We meet Him in prayer, sometimes through words and most of the time through silence. And we learn to recognize Him in the people who cross our path, especially those who need our compassion, patience, and love.

Knowing Jesus also means allowing Him to change us. Peter's confession was the beginning of a life of discipleship, with moments of courage and moments of failure. In the same way, our relationship with Christ grows gradually. We learn to trust Him, to surrender our fears, to follow His teachings, and to allow His teachings to become our way of living. Perhaps [today](#) Jesus is asking each of us to answer His question personally: Who do you say that I am? Not who does the Church or society say He is, but who is Jesus for you?

May our answer become more than words. May it become a way of life. May we come to know Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, and through knowing Him, discover more deeply what it means to live continually in the presence of God.