

ST. PAUL'S PARISH

SUMMERSIDE, PE

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30th, 2026

“Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven.” — Saint Rose of Lima

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Tuesday- Thursday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS AND PASTORAL CARE

Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, August 31

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: Intentions of Chantale Gagnon

Tuesday, September 1

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

12:00 PM – St. Paul's: +Norma Hashie, +Louis Trainor,

+Donald J. Arsenault & Lorraine Regier, Intentions of Liam & Eve

Wednesday, September 2

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Ann Messervey

Thursday, September 3

9:00 AM - St. Paul's: +Clifford & Theresa Gallant

Friday, September 4

9:00AM - St. Paul's: +Herb & Mary McQuaid

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

Saturday,

4:00PM – St. Paul's: +Arvilla Roach, +Florence & Armand

Gallant

Sunday,

9:00 AM – St. Paul's: +Al McCarville

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:	\$ 6,452.90
Regular Collection:	\$ 4,270.15
Automatic Debit:	\$ 1,732.75
E-Transfers:	\$ 165.00
Building Fund:	\$ 140.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 145.00

50/50 Legacy Fundraiser: Thank you for your support! As of August 26th, 2026, the total received this month from our 50/50 tickets is \$1030. 00 (The winner receives \$515.00 PLUS \$405.00 from last month's non-winner for a total prize of \$920.00). Draw will be held after the 11:00 am Mass, in The Parish Centre Lounge, this Sunday, August 30th, (the last Sunday in August)

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, pancake mix, pancake syrup, can fruit and juice. 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.

High School Students — School Supply Assistance

We are aware that local high school students do not receive the same assistance with school supplies—such as notebooks, pencils, pens, backpacks, and other essentials—as elementary and junior high students do. We have a “limited number” of Walmart gift cards available to help families with school supplies this year. If your “high school” student needs assistance, please contact the Food Bank **in person or by phone**.

“St Paul is telling us that we, who were saved by grace, must respond to God's gracious gift. (Eph 2:5, 10) And the best and only response we can have to this gracious gift from God is to try to be just as gracious as he is by doing charitable works in service for people in need). Fr: The Word Among Us

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Faith • Service • Social Justice. President: Judy Lewis

CWL Retreat will take place on **Saturday, September 19th, from 10:00–11:15 a.m.** at **St. Paul's Parish Hall**.

Following the retreat, we will enjoy a **sharing-table lunch**. Please bring a dish to share and join us for a time of fellowship and community. All women are welcome!

Knights of Columbus Empowering Catholic men to live their faith. Grand Knight: Garth McKinnon kofc2070@gmail.com.

Sisters of the Sacred Heart: Contact: (902) 436-5386 | sacredheartpei@gmail.com

Parish News & Events

Summit Join us Sunday, Sept 6 for Summit - a night of Worship & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a short reflection by Shawn Jones, a time of musical worship and silent prayer. 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM All are Welcome!

Catechism Volunteers needed We are looking for volunteers to teach and assist in **Grades 1 and 4 & 5**. If you are willing to help, please contact Leanne Doiron at education@stpaulsparish.ca or call the main office 😊

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

Recollection for Women A Recollection for Women will take place Monday, September 14, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at St. Dunstan's Basilica, Charlottetown. The evening includes Adoration, guided prayer, Confession, and a spiritual talk. All women are warmly invited. For more information, contact Debbie Bulger at 902-439-5098

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Our marriage enrichment weekend gives couples the opportunity to pause, pray, listen, share and rediscover the blessing of their life together. The next weekend will be held from October 16–18, 2026 at Between The Hearts Renewal Centre, Amherst, NS. Contact Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Ron & Joanne Arsenault at 506-451-8489 or ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org.

Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

his Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time presents us with one of the most challenging events in the Gospel. Peter, who only a short time earlier had professed Jesus as the Messiah, cannot accept what Jesus is revealing: that He must suffer, be rejected, and die before rising again. Peter wants a Messiah of success, strength, and victory. Jesus turns to His disciples and says: “If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

Here we have the essential meaning of seeking God's presence. We look for spaces of solitude and peace and try to find God in moments of consolation, success, and peace. We pray for good things: health, stable families, meaningful work, and freedom from suffering. Still Jesus teaches us that God's presence is not limited to life's victories. Very often, we encounter Him most profoundly in the places and events we would rather avoid. The cross is not simply suffering for its own sake. It is the daily choice to place God's will before our own even if it means to suffer struggle. It is the courage to forgive when resentment feels easier. It is the patience to accompany a loved one through illness. It is the generosity to serve when we would rather think only of ourselves. It is the willingness to remain faithful when faith seems difficult. Peter's mistake was to think in purely human terms. He could not yet see that God's plan often unfolds differently from our expectations. The same temptation exists for us. We may wonder why God allows evil, struggles, disappointments, or uncertainties in our lives. Yet the Gospel reminds us that the path to resurrection passes through the cross. God's grace is often at work precisely in those moments when we feel weakest; when the refiner's fire purifies our hearts. Seeking God's presence means learning to trust that the Lord walks with us even when the road go thru the valley of darkness. We do not carry the cross alone. Christ goes before us, carrying His own cross, and invites us to follow Him with confidence. The more we unite our lives to His, the more we discover that what appears to be a loss becomes a gain, and what seems to be an ending becomes the beginning of new life.

“What will it profit us if we gain the whole world but forfeit our life?” In a culture that often measures success by possessions, status, or achievement, the Gospel calls us to focus on what truly lasts: our relationship with God and our love for one another. By following Christ through the ordinary crosses of life is when we discover the deepest experience of His presence.