

ST. PAUL'S PARISH
SUMMERSIDE, PE
4th d Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13th, 2026

“Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.”
— Sirach 28:2

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****Office closed on Monday September 7th, 2026 ****

WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS AND PASTORAL CARE

Mass Times & Intentions
Monday, September 14
9:00 AM - St. Paul’s: +Jocelyn Lavoie
Tuesday, September 15
10:00 AM – St. John’s: **Intentions of the donor**
12:00 PM – St. Paul’s: Souls in Purgatory, +Eileen Brown,
+Tommy Noonan
Wednesday, September 16
9:00 AM - St. Paul’s: + Louis Praught
Thursday, September 17
9:00 AM - St. Paul’s: +Louise Richard
Friday, September 18
9:00AM - St. Paul’s: + Rena Messervey
10:00AM – St. John’s: Intentions of the donor
Saturday, September 19
4:00PM – St. Paul’s: + Henrietta Fitzpatrick, +Lloyd & Alvina
Cullen, +Tommy Noonan, +Wilfred & Hazel Arsenault,
Intentions of all inmates
Sunday, September 20
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:	\$
Regular Collection:	\$ 4,606.20
Automatic Debit:	\$ 1,732.75
E-Transfers:	\$
Building Fund:	\$ 904.00

50/50 Legacy Fundraiser: September ticket sales are now \$305—thank you for your support! August winning ticket #26200143 remains unclaimed. It must be presented by Sunday, September 13 at noon. If unclaimed, the \$920 prize will be added to September’s prize and the August ticket will become invalid. **The September draw will be held Sunday, September 27, after the 11:00 am Mass.**

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, pancakes & syrup, cereal & laundry detergent. 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.

A limited number of Walmart gift cards are available to help families purchase school supplies for high school students. If your high school student could use some assistance this year, please contact the Food Bank in person or by phone.

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

Words of Gratitude: I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the people of the Diocese of Charlottetown. Through your generosity, we have raised \$26,219.85 to assist those affected by the earthquake in western Colombia. These funds have already been sent to help cover basic needs such as food, transportation of relief supplies, and construction materials. On my own behalf and on behalf of those who have suffered the consequences of this disaster, I offer my prayers of gratitude.“Dios les pague.” Peace, Fr. John Molina.

Parish News & Events

Catechism Registration is Open! We’re excited to welcome our children back for another year of growing in faith! Registration for Grades 1–8 is now open at stpaulsparish.ca, with classes beginning September 27th.
We’d love your help! Volunteers are needed for Grades 1, 4 & 5. Please contact Leanne Doiron at education@stpaulsparish.ca or call the parish office.

Youth Group for Grades 7–12: Join us for our next gathering on Friday September 25th 7:00pm -9:00pm in the Parish Hall. Youth group leader - Nick Sauve

Joining the Catholic Church: Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic? St. Paul Parish will begin a new RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) journey on **October 13 at 6:30 PM**. Whether you are exploring the faith or seeking full initiation into the Church, we warmly welcome you. To register or learn more, please contact the parish office at office@stpaulsparish.ca..

Verso L’Alto Catholic Young Adult Group: A new season begins! Join us Tuesdays at St. Pius X for Adoration at 6:00 PM, Mass at 7:00 PM, followed by prayer and discussion. Come connect with other Catholic young adults as we reach *Verso L’Alto — To the Heights!*

Women’s Recollection: Monday, September 14, 6:30–8:00 p.m. at St. Dunstan’s Basilica, Dorchester Street entrance, Charlottetown. The evening includes Adoration, guided prayer, Confession, and a spiritual talk. All women are warmly invited. For details, contact Debbie Bulger at 902-439-5098.

Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

This Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time invites us to reflect on one of the most difficult and liberating realities of the Christian life: forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who has wronged him. Jesus responds, "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

When we think about forgiveness, we often focus on the person who has been hurt. Indeed, wounds are real. Harsh words, broken trust, indifference, and injustice can leave deep marks on a person's heart and soul. Still, there is another wound that is often overlooked: the wound carried by the one who causes the harm.

Every time a person hurts another human being, there are at least two wounded people. The first is the one who suffers the injury. The second is the one who inflicts it. Sin damages relationships, but it also damages the soul of the sinner. The tragedy is that many times we fail to recognize the hurt we have caused. We become aware of the wounds others have inflicted on us, but we are blind to the wounds we ourselves have created.

When we do not acknowledge our responsibility, we don’t see any need for reconciliation. We convince ourselves that nothing is wrong, that our words were justified, that our actions were necessary, or that time alone will solve the problem. Yet hidden beneath the surface, the broken relationship remains. Distance grows. Trust weakens. Hearts become hardened.

Seeking God's presence requires the humility to examine our lives honestly. Before asking who has hurt us, we must also ask whom we may have hurt. Before seeking forgiveness, we must be willing to seek reconciliation. This is why the Church places such importance on self-examination, repentance, and reconciliation. God’s mercy is always available, but we must first recognize our need for it.

Forgiveness does not erase the past, nor does it pretend that wounds do not exist. Rather, it opens the possibility of healing. It restores connections that sin has weakened. It allows both the wounded and the one who has caused the wound to begin again.

In the end, forgiveness is not only about resolving conflicts. It is about restoring communion. It is about rebuilding our relationship with God, with our neighbour, with ourselves, and with the community to which we belong. When we have the courage to ask for forgiveness and the generosity to offer it, we become living signs of God's mercy in the world.

May the Lord give us hearts humble enough to recognize our own faults, courageous enough to seek reconciliation, and generous enough to forgive as we ourselves have been forgiven.