

ST. PAUL'S PARISH

SUMMERSIDE, PE

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6th, 2026

“The human person grows more human through participation in community.”
— *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, 384

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

WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS AND PASTORAL CARE

Mass Times & Intentions
Monday, September 7
9:00 AM - St. Paul’s: +Shaun & Pearl McCarthy
Tuesday, September 8
10:00 AM – St. John’s: +Intentions of the Donor
12:00 PM – St. Paul’s: +Marc & Serge Gagnon, Intentions of the Legion of Mary, Intentions of Jessica Cormier
Wednesday, September 9
9:00 AM - St. Paul’s: + Alfred & Dean Perry
Thursday, September 10
9:00 AM - St. Paul’s: + Frank, Delima, Gerald & Ivan Richard
Friday, September 11
9:00AM - St. Paul’s: + Tony Richard
10:00AM – St. John’s: Intentions of the Donor
Saturday, September 12
4:00PM – St. Paul’s: +Donnie Arsenault, +Lloyd & Alvina Cullen
Sunday, September 13
9:00 AM – St. Paul’s: +Alvin 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:	\$ 8,338.80
Regular Collection:	\$ 5,241.05
Automatic Debit:	\$ 1,732.75
E-Transfers:	\$ 390.00
Building Fund:	\$ 270.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 705.00

50/50 Legacy Fundraiser: Check your tickets! August winning ticket number is unclaimed, winning number is **26200143 and must be claimed by Sunday Sept 14th.**

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, juice, coffee, sugar, canned fish & meat. 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.

“Come, you that are blessed by the Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food.” **Matthew 25:34-35**

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 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 11th 7:00pm -9:00pm in the Parish Hall. Youth group leader - Nick Sauve

Farewell Open House at Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre, Summerside. You are warmly invited to join us on Sunday, September 13, 2-4 pm as we bid a heartfelt farewell to the Centre. This will be a time to gather, reminisce, and celebrate the many memories, friendships, and moments of community that have filled these walls.

Healing Mass: Fr. Danny Wilson, CWL Provincial Spiritual Advisor, will offer prayers for healing at a Mass on **Wednesday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m.** at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Stratford. All are welcome to join in prayer for personal healing and for family and friends. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

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. Our season kicks off with **Pizza & Prayer on September 8th.** Come connect with other Catholic young adults as we reach *Verso L’Alto — To the Heights!*

Development and Peace–Caritas Canada: Caritas Nepal is providing emergency relief and rescue efforts in areas affected by disaster. Your support can help those in urgent need. To donate, please call **1-888-234-8533** toll-free.

Seeking God's Presence

By Fr. John Molina

This Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time invites us to reflect on one of the most important dimensions of the Christian life: community. In [today's](#) Gospel, Jesus speaks about correcting a brother or sister who has gone astray and about the role of the community when relationships are broken. At first glance, it may seem that the community exists primarily to witness wrongdoing or to help resolve conflicts. Yet the Gospel points us toward something much deeper. Human beings are created for relationship. From the very beginning, God did not create us to live in isolation. We become who we are through our relationships with others. We learn to love, to forgive, to serve, and to receive care within the network of connections that make up our families, friendships, parishes, and society. In a profound sense, we are "beings in relationship." Seeking God's presence therefore requires more than personal prayer. It requires building and nurturing the bonds that unite us. Jesus reminds us that "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." God's presence is not only found in the silence of our hearts but also in the communion of believers who gather in faith, hope, and love. The Gospel speaks about "binding and loosing." Often these words are understood in terms of authority, but they can also help us reflect on the work of building community. To bind is to connect, to unite, to strengthen the relationships that allow people to flourish. Every act of reconciliation, every effort to understand another person, every gesture of forgiveness helps weave together the fabric of God's people. Seen from this perspective, sin is much more than breaking a rule. Sin breaks relationships. It damages our connection with God, with other people, with creation, with our own deepest selves, and with the community that sustains us. The consequences of sin are often experienced as separation, isolation, and division. The work of grace, on the other hand, is always directed toward healing and restoring communion. This is why the Christian community is so important. We need one another in order to grow in faith. We need companions who encourage us when we are discouraged, challenge us when we lose our way, and rejoice with us in moments of blessing. No one becomes a disciple alone. In a world where loneliness is increasingly common, the Church is called to be a place of encounter. Every parish community should be a sign that God's Kingdom is built through relationships rooted in love and mutual care. When we strengthen these bonds, we become living witnesses to the presence of Christ among us. As we celebrate Labour Day weekend, we need to be reminded that the work we do is not simply a way of earning a living; it is one of the ways we contribute to the common good and help build the fabric of our community and our society. May we ask the Lord for the grace to be labourers of communion. May our words and actions strengthen the bonds that unite us, so that through our relationships others may discover the living presence of God.