

Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018

Zephaniah 3.14-18a
Philippians 4.4-7
Luke 3.10-18



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Liturgical Schedule

Monday 9:00am + Mary Martin
Tuesday 9:00am Ann & Jimmy Ronan
Wednesday 9:00am + Cancelled
Thursday 7:00pm + Deceased K of C Members
Friday 9:00am + Edward, Priscilla, Paul McAlduff
9:30am – 12:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 9:00am + Cancelled
4:30pm Messe Française
7:00pm Anniversary Mass.... Eugene Gallant, Nazaire Arsenault, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Richards, Ralph Shibley, Ingham MacDonald, Florence & Daniel Warren, Daniel Warren Jr., Eric Warren, Jackie Praught, Gordon Matthews, Bridget Arsenault

Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am

(A cross (+) next to a name indicates prayers for a deceased person.)

PLEASE NOTE:

Mass changes for Christmas
Mon, Dec 24 - 9:00am Cancelled

Christmas Eve Masses
Mon, Dec 24 - 7:00pm
Mon Dec 24 - 10:00pm
Tue Dec 25 - 10:00am

Mary, Mother of God Masses
Monday, Dec 31 - 4:30pm
Tuesday, Jan 1 - 10:30am

Last Week's Offerings

Sunday Offering 7,446.00 Automatic Debits 1,064.00
Children's 17.15 Building Fund
Total \$8,527.15
Cost to operate St. Paul's Parish each week: **\$7,440**
Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!

Christmas Office Hours.... St Paul's Main Office will be closed Mon, Dec 24, Tues, Dec 25 & Wed, Dec 26.

St. Paul's Prayer Group ... Tuesdays in Parish Main Hall, 7:30pm preceded by Rosary at 7:00pm. All are welcome!
Prayer Line ... to have prayers said for family/friends experiencing health problems, call 436-5039 or 436-6135.
St. Peregrine Mass (Patron Saint of cancer & other serious illnesses) ... every 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm followed by a blessing with the St. Peregrine oil.
Catholic Women's League ... First Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the main hall. www.cwl.ca
Provincial C.W.L.... www.cwlpai.ca
Knights of Columbus... Meetings 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. The K of C lead the Rosary on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 6:35pm & offer it for the peace of the world

2018 Sunday Envelop Packets & Auto Debit Envelop Packets ... Are ready and available for pick up in the Parish Centre hallway.

Notice of Daily Mass Changes... The daily morning masses (at 9:00am) on Wednesdays and Saturdays will be cancelled for the time being.

Hospitality Ministers Sign Up Sheet.... Any Hospitality Ministers wanting to sign up for Christmas and New Year's masses? Sign-up sheet on the wall on the right side of the Church entrance.

Wee Ones Word... All children aged 3-7 are invited to come downstairs to the Main Hall before the 10:30am Mass begins to take part in our Children's Liturgy of the Word. Parents please come down to sign your children in! The children will return to Mass during the Offertory Hymn, so make sure they know where to find you. If you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, contact Jessica education@stpaulsparish.ca.
Dec 16th will be our last Wee Ones Word until the New Year. W.O.W will resume on Jan 6th.

Today's W.O.W. Message... We are almost ready for Jesus to enter our hearts at Christmas! In today's Gospel, John the Baptist tells us some ways we can prepare for Jesus – by telling the truth, being thankful, sharing what we have, and being kind to others. Pick even one of these things and do it everyday this week and watch your life change.

Prayers for the Sick/Suffering... *Janine Landry, Rosalie Folland, Raymond Arsenault, Judy Lewis, Ann (Ronan) Boyle, Margaret Cole, Jack Carruthers, Maxine Paynetter, Maurice Gallant, Mary Keith, Ernie Doucette, Lorretta Goguen, Albina Arsenault, Bree Dechambeau, Harold Langille, Kim Arsenault, Frances Hamill, Joshua Gallant, Joan Newell, Liam Robert Leclerc, Eric Cormier, Donat Arsenault, Gary Gallant, Jeannette Arsenault, Sharon MacNeill, Donald MacDonald, Susan Lynn MacLean, Robert Arsenault, Sr. Della Gaudet, Colette Cormier, Mary Linn Bridges, John & Mary Veerabathina, Della Arsenault, Adam Bourque, Brenda Rogers, Lemma Rose, Wayne Spin,* that Jesus may bring them healing.

Religious Education News... Thank you to all our students and parents that helped out with our Nativity Play! May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Our last regular class before the Christmas Break will be on December 16th. Classes will resume on January 6th.

Grade 7 Group Mass... will take place on January 6th at the 10:30am Mass. Students are asked to sit together in the reserved seating area at the front of the Church with their teacher.

At Home Catechism Support... A meeting for all those parents who are teaching their children Catechism at home will take place on Monday, January 14th at 7:00pm in the boardroom of the Parish Center.

First Reconciliation Preparation Session... All children who are preparing for First Reconciliation this spring and their parents are asked to attend the First Reconciliation Preparation Session on Saturday January 26th from 1:00-5:00pm. At least one parent must attend with each student. This session will provide specific information to ensure that the students and parents are prepared for this important event. Snacks will be provided.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul... Suggested items this week: personal hygiene items, Christmas food treats, hearty soups, cereal, instant coffee, black tea & canned milk. Thank you!

Reverse Advent is a great fun Christmas idea to do with your family to help St. Paul's foodbank. We can even arrange for families/children to pack the groceries on our foodbank shelves that they've collected - if interested please call 902-439-1543.

It's not too late to adopt a family for Christmas....call Sue, co-chair of the Kin Family Appeal at 902-303-0135.

Sincere thank you for all the generosity with food and monetary donations this holiday season. All donations are truly appreciated!

Religious Store... The 2018 Sunday Missals are available for sale \$5.00. There are Christmas Cards available from the Right to Life Association and suitable books for young children as a Right to Life fundraiser at \$15 each. Advent wreaths and candles are now available. The Religious Store will now be open after both Sunday morning Masses

Decorating the Parish... Volunteers Needed!! Sunday, Dec. 23rd at 6:30pm come and join in the fun decorating St. Paul's Parish for Christmas. Any help is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Knights of Columbus... The K of C are currently selling lottery tickets and can be purchased in the Parish Office.

St. Paul's Youth Group ... Wednesdays, 7:00– 9:00pm, 2nd level of Parish Centre. All youth, Grades 6 & up are welcome to attend. Come and see.

The Priest's Benevolent Fund... The Priest's Benevolent Fund would like to express a sincere thank you to all those who make contributions to the Priest's Benevolent Fund pledge campaign. If you require a tax receipt for 2018 contributions, cheques must be dated by Dec 31, 2018.

The K of C/ Sisters Bottle Exchange... Thank you for your continuous support! As of today, we have currently raised \$300 for the Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

Giving to the Church... If you ever notice the person next to you at Mass didn't put anything in the collection, they might be giving through an automatic withdrawal from their bank account. It saves you the hassle of trying to remember the envelope before rushing out the door & you know your parish will still benefit from your generosity when you are travelling. Contact the parish office if you want more info or to sign up!

Candlelight Carol Service... At Holy Redeemer on Sun, Dec 16th at 7:30pm in the church on Pond Street. The Carol Service will consist, as in the past, of inspirational Christmas readings & a number of Carols. This is an excellent opportunity to enhance your preparation for Christmas. Admission by donation

St. Dunstan's Annual Christmas Concert... Fri, Dec 21st at 7:00pm. Music director Leo Marchildon corrals the PEI Pops & a 50 voice chorus in a performance of Bach's "Magnificat", as well as the Island premiere of "Fantasia Noel 2", the sequel to the popular cantata introduced a few years ago, which takes traditional carols & turns them on their ear for a more contemporary sensibility. Due to fire regulations, seating is limited & doors close once 1,000 attendees have been admitted, so please arrive early.

General Retreat... With Fr. Danny Wilson, themed "The Four Marks of the Catholic Church," at Our Lady of Hope Retreat centre from January 18-20, 2019. Book early to avoid disappointment. Cost per person is \$137.50. Please call the Centre to reserve your spot –902-621-2385 / 902-388-1952

Are we ready to receive Him?

Before the birth of Jesus, his parents asked for a simple dwelling place, but there was none. If Mary and Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus, would they choose ... your heart, and all it holds?

Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas not in the cold manger of a selfish heart, but in a heart full of love, compassion, joy and peace, a heart warm with love for one another.

– Mother Teresa of Calcutta