



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 26, 2021

PASTORAL TEAM

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SUNDAY OFFERING

September 19, 2021 - \$2682.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society - \$3077.00

Your continued generous support is appreciated. Thank you!

Masses & Intentions

Monday	9:00 am	Betty Hogan
Tuesday	9:00 am	A Special Intention
Wednesday	9:00 am	No Mass
Thursday	9:00 am	Diane MacDougall
Friday	9:00 am	Catherine Gallant
Saturday	4:00 pm	Brendan Flood, Elizabeth Aylward, (A)Louise & Alyre Arsenault, A Special Intention, Merrill Cronin
Sunday	8:30 am	Karen Fraser
	10:30am	People of the Parish

Mass Readings for October 3, 2021

1st Reading: Genesis 2.7ab,15, 18-24
Psalm 128
2nd Reading: Hebrews 2.9-11
Gospel: Mark 10.2-16

CWL Prayer Line: Please call 368-7247 or 892-2571 and leave your intention. Open to all parishioners.

Bulletin Announcements: will be accepted until noon on Wednesday.

St. Pius X Church is a "SCENT-FREE SPACE." Please be courteous to other parishioners and visitors.

REFLECTION

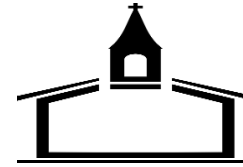
In the gospel today, Jesus made it clear that all good comes from God the Father and that doing charitable work was not the exclusive right of his followers. God moves where he wills and chooses whom he wills. His spirit is at work beyond the confines of established religion. Unfortunately, we can all fall prey to the type of thinking and misguided notion that only the church can contain truth and only her members can perform spiritual works. When we think along these lines we are inclined to turn the church in on herself and deny that great works can be achieved outside her influence. Even within a church, there can be the temptation to form our own select groupings; to promote the club mentality which is basically about being in and keeping other people out. The gospel tells us that any person of goodwill doing their best to follow Christ's footsteps graces the world. Every good deed contributes towards the battle against evil, so downgrading the motives behind someone's charitable gestures amounts to spiritual begrudgery. God's action is not limited to any class of people. He may be sending his message to us in the most unexpected and tragic events that befall us. Goodness is where we find it.

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REGISTRATION for Weekend masses: you must pre-register to attend the weekend masses. We are still allowed two groups of 50 at each of the weekend masses. You may register online using the links on the parish website or call the Parish Office to register. **The deadline to register each week is on Friday afternoon at 2:00 pm.** Kindly contact the Parish Office to cancel a booking if you are not able to attend.

Weekday masses: pre-registration is not required to attend the 9:00 am masses on weekdays. A maximum of 50 attendees are allowed. First come, first serve.

Masks at masses: Mask-wearing is again mandatory while attending mass. Masks must be worn while entering and exiting the Church and for the Communion procession but may be removed when seated as long as physical distancing can be maintained. Physical distancing, hand-sanitizing, and staying home if feeling unwell (or if required to be in self-isolation) are all still necessary under the current public health protocols.



PARISH NEWS

Live-stream Broadcast of the Sunday 10:30am Mass: The link to access the live stream for this Sunday is: [26th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

Update on Fr. Maurice: A couple of weeks ago I had mentioned about my limp from my right ankle. I had thought that going over on the ankle in the cemetery was the exact cause for the problem with the ankle especially since it was eleven years since the last of four surgeries was performed. However, on September 16th, I was proven wrong as I was called to Atlantic Baptist Nursing home to administer the Sacrament of the Sick to a lady there. As I was navigating the stairs to the second level, my right ankle fractured and I now have the right lower leg and ankle in a non-weight bearing Cast. This will remain on for at 3 weeks and then I will move to a walking cast. For this period of time, I will be totally out of commission and it will necessitate other priests filling in until I am able to return to duty, Please continue to pray for my recovery.

Fr. Maurice

Catechism registration for 2020-21 is underway. Parents may register their child(ren) at: [catechism-registration-grades-2-9/](#) Parents will be updated about plans for classes or home-based religious education as directives from the Provincial health authorities allow. Lessons will begin the week after Thanksgiving.

Food Drive: The St. Pius X Knights of Columbus will be hosting a drive through food drive in support of the Upper Room Food Bank on Saturday, October 2nd from 8:30 am-12:00 noon in the **back parking lot** at St. Pius X. Contact-less drop off will be available. Monetary donations in support of the Food Bank will also be accepted. Any questions, please contact Colin Cameron at 902-569-7909.

OPTIONS FOR DONATIONS

Weekend Masses: donation boxes in the Church foyer will be available only during these liturgies for any regular or special envelopes.

Mail slot: There is a secure mail slot just to the left

of the Parish Office door.

Pre-Authorized Debit or E-transfer Donations: Please phone or email the Parish Office for details.

AROUND the DIOCESE

Temporary Change in Mont Carmel and Egmont Bay parishes: Fr. Michel Painchaud will be taking a health leave from October 1, 2021, until January 3, 2022. During this time, Fathers Eloi Arsenault and Eddie Cormier will be helping with sacramental ministry and Fr. Chris Sherren will be the temporary Administrator of both parishes.

Applications are now being accepted at the Community Foundation of Prince Edward Island (CFPEI) for The St. Andrew's Society Scholarships (\$50,000 in total scholarships available). The Scholarship Fund awards full-time university students in any of their first three years of university who are currently residents of Prince Edward Island, Roman Catholic and of Scottish descent. The deadline for applications is October 31st. For more information & how to apply visit <https://cfpei.ca/>

Knights of Columbus 100th anniversary on PEI: The State Council of the Knights of Columbus invites all Knights to attend its 100th Anniversary of being a K of C jurisdiction on October 7 at St. Paul's Church in Summerside at 7:00 pm. The evening will consist of a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree Exemplification; a re-commitment to the Knights; a re-affirmation of devotion to Our Lady; a statement of belief in the sanctity of human life; and the Eucharist. For more information, contact your council's Grand Knight.

Women's Retreat Day: The Martha Spirituality Centre is pleased to announce that Dr. Anne Walsh, an adult faith formator, is offering a Women's Retreat Day on Zoom entitled "Returning to the Well: Finding Sources of Gratitude in Challenging Times" on Saturday, October 2nd from 10-AM to 3PM. For more information or to register, email Sister Joan Campbell at drjoancsm@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed - Charlottetown Meals on Wheels Inc: is a volunteer-based organization that delivers meals to those in the Charlottetown and Stratford areas who because of age or disability need assistance. We are in great need of people to assist us. Could you donate approximately four hours per month of your time? For further information, please contact Isabel at (902)569-3802 or Keyshawn at (902)368- 7337.