



*If you are interested in being initiated into the Roman Catholic Church, please contact the parish office at 780-826-3010 to enquire about the **RCIA / OCIA** (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)*

Music Ministry Schedule 10 am

Aug 30 English	Sep 20 French
Sep 6 French	Sep 27 English
Sep 13 English	Oct 4 French

NOTE

The bulletin can be accessed online during the months of July and Aug.

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My name is Mel Poulin, and on behalf of St. Louis Parish and the Sacramental Preparation Program, I would like to extend an invitation to join our team.

Involvement in sacramental preparation is a way to forever change the life of a child in a positive and lasting way, so whether you are a parent wanting to get involved, or a younger or older member of our parish looking for something meaningful to be a part of, we would love for you to join us.

Our program is unique and dynamic and brings the faith to life in a fun and informative way. Whether it's helping through participating in entertaining skits, playing music for celebrations, leading game shows and craft projects, teaching the faith or talking about your favourite saint, leading children through simple prayers, planning and decorating for celebrations, prepping material for sessions, running the projector, or leading the parent video program, there are plenty of ways that any person of any talent can be involved.

Commitment will involve a preliminary meeting in September to get acquainted and figure out dates.

There will be one planning meeting followed by 2-3 two-hour sessions per sacrament. Sessions are usually on a Sunday afternoon, between the months of September to the middle of June. At the end of the preparation for each Sacrament there will be a celebration, and to finish it all off, at the end of preparation for all three sacraments, there will be a final half day retreat.

If you have the time to give to this important and fulfilling ministry, please call or text me at 780-815-0144 as soon as possible.
Thank you

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr. Rene Realuyo, **Pastor**
Dave Scott, *Maintenance* – part-time
Jojo Policarpio, *Secretary*
Parish Office Tel: 780-826-3010
OR email officebonnyvillestl@dostp.ca
Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Parish Council Elected Members

Dave Sharun – *Chairperson*
Members -----

Leona Bonneau	Wayne Marks
Audrey Campbell	Lise Medford
Gerarda Germain	Rachel Reid
Nathan Gumangan	Maria Shea
Vince MacDonald	Marie Southcombe
Joe Marion	Vince Spila
Jason Morgan	Sheldon Germain

Finance Committee

Russ Yamuch * Luc Vincent * Lorianne Lafrenière *
Camille Gresola * Carrie Goldsmith * Isabelle Hetu

Safe Parish Committee:

Audrey Campbell * Germaine Prybysh.

Cemetery Committee

Germaine Prybysh * Annette Schultz
Robert Albert * Paul Husereau * Yvonne Primeau

Adoration - Janet Ancil - 780 826-1085

Adult Servers - Dan Dugas

Baptism Preparation - Jojo Policarpio

Bldg & Maintenance Concerns - Roger Lafreniere

Camp St. Louis: Monique Morgan 780-812-5879

Collections - Joanne Coulombe & Joyce Cervinski

Communion in the Homes - Call the Parish Office

Knights of Columbus - Dave Scott

Lakeland LIVE IN: Monique Morgan 780-812-5879
Robert Lambert 780-826-0905

Ladies' Prayer Group: Natasha Miller
780-815-1500

Liturgical Scheduling

Fran Kusch - 5 p.m. Mass

Audrey Campbell - 10:00 a.m. Mass

Marriage Preparation - Call Fr. Rene
6 months in advance.

Men's Group: Robert Lambert 780-826-0905

Music Ministry

Saturday: Patrice MacDonald

Sunday: Margaret Borders

Dimanche: Anna Laplante

NOVUM: Lana Lambert 780-201-5262

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Jojo - Call Parish Office

Pastoral Care - Call Parish Office

Sacristan - Janet Ancil

Sacramental Preparation - Mel Poulin

SEARCH: Monique Morgan 780-812-5879

Sunday School - Natasha Miller 780-815-1500

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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Alternates Eng/French

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
First Friday - After the 6 pm Mass till 7:30 pm



Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 10:30 am Hospital
Thursday: 9:00 am Bonnylodge
Friday: 6 pm
Last Friday: 10:30 am Extendercare

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

August 23, 2026

21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Storming the Gates: The Offensive Mission of the Church

Have you ever wondered how an inanimate object like a gate can "prevail" against a church? Most people picture the netherworld on the offensive, attacking a defensive Church. But gates are defensive structures. The imagery of Jesus saying the "gates of the netherworld shall not prevail" means hell is actually on the defensive. We are on offense, storming the kingdom of darkness to rescue souls from damnation.

Still, there has to be a reason he uses the image of "gates" rather than armies. The Church's mission is to call people out of the fallen world and into the Body of Christ. The gates of hell will not "prevail" because they will not be able to keep people out of the Church. And the image of binding and loosing fits with this theme.

The Church is empowered to break two of these gates. The first one, error, will not prevail because Jesus has sent the Spirit of Truth to the apostles. By the Holy Spirit, the church will never officially teach error... it will never lose the truth about who Jesus Christ is and what he taught. This doesn't mean members of the Church, even her leaders, will never make mistakes, but it does mean the Church herself will never officially teach falsehood. This is what Jesus means when he changes Simon's name to Peter – which means "rock" – and then says he will build the church on the rock.



The other gate, sin, is broken by the Church's power to forgive sins, to bind and loose on earth and heaven. The devils know the truth but remain in hell because they have eternally chosen sin. While on this earth, we have the ability to turn away from sin, to repent. This repentance is received through the Church. Jesus gave the authority to forgive sins to the Church so this cannot be ignored. The Church is the body of Christ, hence trying to get forgiveness without the Church, is basically trying to divide Jesus against himself. Put

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The Offensive Mission of the Church

God uses feeble, fallible men as agents of his infallible truth. He uses weak, sinful men as agents of his forgiveness. Some do become saints, but even when the priests and bishops are not, God's power still works through them. Nonetheless, the mission of the Church is not limited to us. You too are meant to be a voice that "calls out" to souls lost in the kingdom of darkness, to point them beyond the gates to the truth and mercy of God in the Church.

So be that voice! Start by considering whether or not you've been set free yourself. Do you know the faith? Do you reject certain doctrines of the Church? Do you perhaps just misunderstand them? The gates of hell use lies, errors, and false impressions to keep us locked up in the delusion that we know better, trapped in the belief that the way of the world is true enough. Never stop studying the faith, especially those doctrines you find the most difficult to understand.

And go to confession! Consider what it offers: Certainty that you are forgiven. You hear the words "ego te absolvo" or "I absolve you" and you know you are forgiven by Jesus Christ's own power. It helps to be held accountable, motivating you to avoid sins so you don't have to say them again. It gives you the chance to ask advice and guidance on escaping sins that have trapped you behind the gate. There is also a real psychological and spiritual benefit to speaking your sins out loud; The seal of the confessional is absolute. Please do not let a bad priest, or a good priest on a bad day, be an excuse to stay away from the power of Jesus Christ given to that priest, to all priests. Go to confession at least once a year, but I urge you to go more than that, once a month is much better.

Allow yourself to be called out beyond the gates of the netherworld, the barriers of sin and error. Then, join your voice to the Church calling friends, family, neighbors, and even enemies beyond the gates. When you feel stuck, when you seem unheard, when the task seems impossible, do not be afraid, do not be disheartened. The Church is empowered by Christ himself who built it up, and the gates of the netherworld will not prevail against it. ■

Source: Excerpt from <https://alberttheordinary.com/2020/08/23/homily-for-the-21st-sunday-of-ordinary-time-beyond-the-gates/>

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for Teachers

*We pray that educators
may be credible witnesses,
teaching fraternity rather
than competition and
helping the youngest and
most vulnerable above all.*



Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth
and teaches us your ways.

Look upon all teachers.

Let them strive to share their knowledge with
gentle patience and endeavor always to bring
the truth to eager minds.



DIOCESE OF ST. PAUL PILGRIMAGE 2026

Saturday, September 5, 2026

Holy Mass

1:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Cathedral

Veneration of a 1 Class Relic
follows the Mass

in HONOUR of
Saint Teresa of Calcutta's
10th ANNIVERSARY
of her CANONIZATION
& the 40th Anniversary of the
Arrival of the
Missionaries of
Charity Sisters to St. Paul

JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK LUNCH

after the mass at the
St Paul Seniors Citizen Centre



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Day	Time	Place	Mass Intentions		Feasts / Solemnities
Saturday samedi Aug 22	5:00 pm	Church	For Parishioners		Feast of the Queenship of Mary
Sunday dimanche Aug 23	10:00 am	Church	Gaby & Paul Langlois 30 th Wedding Anniversary	Mailloux Diane Schappert	St. Rose of Lima
Monday Lundi Aug 24			No Mass		Saint Bartholomew
Tuesday mardi Aug 25	8:30 am	Church	+ Bob & Julie Popyk LRCSSD Mass for Teachers	Nick & Edith Rossey	Saint Louis Saint Joseph Calasanz
Wednesday Mercredi Aug 26	10:30 am	Hospital	+ Zoe Bleau (Birthday)	Bleau Siers	
Thursday jeudi Aug 27	9:00 am	Bonnycastle	+Claire Fortier	Yvonne & Irene Chatel	Saint Monica
Friday Vendredi Aug 28	9:00 am	Church	No Mass		Saint Augustine
Saturday samedi Aug 29	5:00 pm	Church	Thanksgiving for all blessing received	Amparo & Roque Family	
Sunday dimanche Aug 30	10:00 am	Church	+Lionel & Marie Lafond	Terry & Paulette Coleman	

COLLECTIONS		QUÊTES
August 16, Offering	\$4894.00	Offrandes
Building Fund	355.00	Remplacement du
Camp St Louis	200.00	toit
*Does not include e-transfers Thank you for your generosity! Merci!		

August 2026 Pope's Prayer Intention / Intention de prière du Saint-Père For evangelization in the city Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community. Pour l'évangélisation en ville Prions pour qu'au sein des grandes villes souvent marquées par l'anonymat et la solitude, nous trouvions de nouvelles façons de proclamer l'Évangile, en découvrant des chemins créatifs pour construire la communauté.
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Parish Council
MEETING



Tuesday, Sep 15
6:00 pm
Parish Hall

Please pray for the grace of healing for all those who are suffering from all types of Cancer, and illnesses and autoimmune diseases.

Next Week's Reading Aug 30

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has become for me reproach and derision

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 63:1, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

R: *My soul thirsts for you,
O Lord my God*

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves.