



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



COMMUNITY ROSARY NIGHT
SEPT 8 TUESDAY
6:30 PM

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us for an evening of serenity and contemplation at the Rosary Night. This is an opportunity for community members to unite in prayer and reflection.




Prayer Meet
Sept 15 6:30 pm
Join us
St Louis Parish

Music Ministry Schedule 10 am

Sep 6 French
Sep 13 English
Sep 20 French

Sep 27 English
Oct 4 French
Oct 11 English

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 * Lorian Lafrenière *
Camille Gresola * Carrie Goldsmith * Isabelle Hetu

Safe Parish Committee:

Audrey Campbell * Germaine Prybysh.

Cemetery Committee

Germaine Prybysh * Annette Schultz
Robert Albert * Paul Huserau * 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 & Muriel Sadlowski

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 Extending care

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

August 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Live for Tomorrow

Why is it easier for us to focus on today than the future? Why do we make decisions for the future based upon today's needs?

As the 1960's pop hit from the Yardbirds states, "Live for today." Many people use that phrase as a motto. Our material culture uses it as a mantra. Enjoy life today and postpone pain until tomorrow. Doesn't that sound familiar?

Sometimes this attitude seeps into our prayer life. We ask God with expectation, not anticipation. If the Creator does not deliver, we will be tempted to abandon prayer (or at least postpone it). Yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we would recognize that prayer life is different from popular culture. Prayer sometimes demands the pain and suffering with patience. Sometimes we need to wait, even if that means "hanging by a thread."

Jesus took this spiritual fact one step further. The Christian life means life postponed for the good of others. That's what Jesus did as he walked to Jerusalem and to the cross. He called us to do the same.

Peter had expectations for Jesus. What do we expect from God? Why are we surprised when he chides us for our selfishness?

Jesus compared two ways of life, the way to true life and the way to death. This analogy was popular in the early Church. As one of the first Christian catechisms ever written, the Teachings of the Twelve Apostles (circa 110 A.D.) painted the Christian life in these terms. One road led to self-giving, light, and life. The other road led to selfish sin, darkness, and death.

Notice how Jesus compared the two ways as focal points. The road to life traveled through suffering and death. To follow him meant looking beyond what the disciple possessed at the present moment, even at the risk of losing it all. In fact, physical death meant total loss, possessions, power, and relations. "We are born into the world alone. We will die alone."

WHAT DO YOU BENEFIT IF
YOU GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD
BUT LOSE YOUR OWN SOUL?

Matthew 16:26



Yet, how many cling vainly onto the power, possessions, and relations they have today, in mistaken hope they will have them forever? Jesus played these two focal points (today vs. forever) against each other in the word "life." "If someone only wants to keep their life (i.e., everything they possess today), they will lose it. But, if someone loses their life (everything they possess) because of me, they will find it (i.e., true or eternal life)." [16:25]

Finally, Jesus wove the notion of the Christian life with the ethical life. The Christian life was based upon sacrifice, just as the Master sacrificed himself on the cross. Such self-giving also grounded the ethical life. In other words, Matthew held one's righteousness can only be measured by sacrifice made for others, in the name of Jesus. As the Son of Man would die, rise, and return to repay everyone for their deeds, the Christian would suffer and even die (through self-giving), only to be raised and receive his/her reward. [16:26]

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This section from Matthew's gospel follows upon last week's reading. Simon declared Jesus the Messiah. And Jesus empowered Simon with a new name and new authority. Now, Jesus explained what he meant by "Messiah:" death and resurrection. [16:21]

With his new authority, Simon (now Peter) took Jesus aside to challenge him. Peter had a different view of the Messiah: God's Spirit would lead Jesus and his cohort into Jerusalem so they could sweep the Romans into the sea. Jesus would cleanse the Temple from corruption and restore true worship. Jesus would establish a rule that would last 1000 years! Talk of suffering and death diminished the status of Jesus, his group, and Peter's authority in the group. Peter figured it was time to talk some sense into his Teacher. [16:22]

Jesus, of course, would have none of it. He sharply rejected Peter's comments. [16:23] Turning to his followers, he described the cost of discipleship: to do as he did.

What are the benefits of sacrifice? How does desire postponed bring you closer to Jesus?

In our materially oriented culture, we Christians are caught in a "Catch-22." We have so many material possessions to acquire and maintain, yet so much to give up in the name of Christ. How can we walk the road of loss, when our desires want more and more? How can we live for Christ when we are tempted only to live for today? This is the challenge Jesus gave us in Matthew.

Make a short list of your important possessions, relationships, and powers. Offer that list to the Lord. Pray for guidance and prudence. And pray for faith when those things and people are taken from you. ■

Source: Excerpt from <https://www.word-sunday.com/Files/a/22-a/A-22-a.html>



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)

You are Invited to

The Celebration of Fr. Rene Realuyo's



Retirement & 45TH Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

October 18, 2026

4 pm Holy Mass
Celebrant: Bishop Gary Franken
Choir: Koro Filipino
Paroisse St Louis de France

5 pm Welcome
6 pm Dinner
7 pm Presentation
Notre Dame High School Gym

RSVP - Audrey
780-812-5245 or
email: arcadmin@mcsnet.ca



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 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	
Monday Lundi Aug 31			No Mass		
Tuesday mardi Sept 1	8:30 am	Church	+ Leo Ducharme	Helen Michaud	
Wednesday Mercredi Sept 2	10:30 am	Hospital	+Evelyn Michaud	Lia Biddley	Blessed André Grasset
Thursday jeudi Sept 3	9:00 am	Bonnylodge	+Claire Fortier Special intentions of Millie Pietrusik	Real Croteau	Saint Gregory the Great
Friday Vendredi Sept 4	9:00 am	Church	+Bob & Julie Popyk	Leonard & Yvette Shostak	Blessed Dina Bélanger
Saturday samedi Sept 5	5:00 pm	Church	+Deceased members of the Lambert Family	Grace & Georges Lambert	Saint Teresa of Calcutta
Sunday dimanche Sept 6	10:00 am	Church	For Parishioners		

COLLECTIONS		QUÊTES
August 23, Offering Building Fund	\$3211.00 260.00	Offrandes Remplacement du 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.

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 September 6

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you do not speak to warn the wicked, I will require their blood at your hand.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9

R: O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Love is fulfilling the law.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.