

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Communities of

St. Mary's Holy Family and St. James

Parish Contact Information



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Parish Council Chair: Adrien Wedge 902-432-0229
Property and Finance Chair: Paul Brown 902-432-4704
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Music Ministry: Carrie Rogers 902-439-1430
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To receive Bulletin via email please email smhfsj17@gmail.com

The Diocesan Misconduct Advisory Team has been established for action related to complaints of misconduct or sexual abuse. The Misconduct reporting telephone number is 902-892-1252.

Mass Intentions are welcome

There are Mass cards for this purpose on the usher's table. Cards may be given directly to Fr. Doug, mailed to the parish, or put in with the collection and Lorraine or Joanne will see that Fr. Doug receives the request.

Weekday Masses February 2-6, 2026, Monday at 6:30 pm. A KofC meeting takes place at 7pm at Holy Family.

Tuesday and Friday at 9am – Holy Family Church

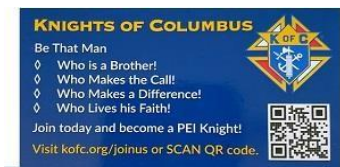
Sunday February 8, 2026, Mass Intentions:

9:00am Holy Family – Paul McCarvill

10:30am St. James

Weekday Mass is cancelled if there is a funeral.

Confessions before/after weekday Mass or by appointment.



Knights meet at Holy Family Church on the **first Monday** of the month at 7:00pm with Mass at 6:30pm.



CWL meets at Holy Family Church on the **second Tuesday** of the month at 7:00pm with Mass at 6:30pm
All women 18+ welcome.

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Lector: Jim MacLellan

Eucharistic Minister: Paula Aylward

Welcoming Ministry: CWL members

Usher: Rose Connell and Lorraine MacDonald

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Lector: Marleen Clark

Eucharistic Minister: Walter Arsenault

Welcoming Ministry: KofC members

Usher: Ivan Gallant

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

ST. JAMES PARISH: \$470.00

ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: \$790.25 + \$25.00 Food
Bank cash \$240.00 direct deposit



Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

If you would like to send your donation by E transfer, please
Email: smhfsj17@gmail.com

Bulletin announcements are to be sent to smhfsj17@gmail.com or phone Joanne at 902-836-5029. Announcements are due no later than Wednesdays at Noon.

Parish and Community News

CWL Members are asked to pay their dues of \$32.00. For your convenience there is an envelope in your boxed set of envelopes for this purpose. If you do not use these envelopes, you may pay your dues directly to Cecile or put them in an envelope with your name on the outside for Cecile to register your membership.
Mass Cancellations When school is cancelled for the day due to weather conditions, the weekday Mass will be cancelled. This will allow those who clean the roads, streets, sidewalks and steps

to do their work without worrying about traffic impeding what they need to do.

Ash Wednesday Masses will be held at St. Mary's – Holy Family Church only at 7:30AM February 18th (a short Mass with distribution of ashes to allow those who work and attend school to do so) and 6:30pm in the evening. Ashes will be distributed at St. James Parish at the Sunday morning 10:30am Mass on Sunday, February 22nd for those unable to attend on Ash Wednesday.

An Outreach Committee meeting will be held at St. Mary's – Holy Family Church on Thursday, February 26th at 6:30pm to investigate whether there is interest from parishioners of St. Mary's – Holy Family and St. James Parishes to distribute Holy Communion to the sick and shut-in and to offer home visits to those unable to attend Masses and activities that take place throughout the year. Interested persons are invited to attend a short meeting to brain-storm possibilities of an Outreach Committee beginning for our parishes.

Report on the Advent Hats/Mitts/Socks Program St. James/Holy Family Parishes I (Dr. Don) must begin with a heartfelt thanks to all for your support in prayer and deeds.

We were able to donate every item we were given and used the cash donations to purchase extra items identified as areas of need for this year: children's socks, hats, gloves and tee-shirts.

Your donations were given in Kensington to the Food Bank, and in Summerside to Women's Shelters, Children's support programs and the Summerside emergency shelter.

We identified these donations as gifts from the Catholic churches of our parish.

This year's items included: Adult gloves – 36; Adult socks – 196; Adult hats – 43; Child's gloves – 12; Child's socks – 60; Child's hats – 17; Underwear – 16; Pants – 3; Earmuffs – 1; and Scarves – 11. *“When God the Creator made all things, he commanded the plants to bring forth fruit each according to its own kind; he has likewise commanded Christians, who are the living plants of his church, to bring forth the fruit of devotion, each according to his (her) character, their station and calling.”*

St. Francis de Sales

All praise and glory to God.



Under the Spire 30th Anniversary Commemorative 2026 calendars

Are available at 33% discount – now \$20, taxes still included but without a tax receipt.

Calendars are available through the website www.underthespire.ca or at Kensington locations: Mike's Independent and Ruby's Counter.

Synod Group Our Synod Group will meet On Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Confirmation Class News February 15th class following 9am Mass. 'Mass is Class' Sunday February 22.

Margate Pastoral Charge is hosting a games afternoon on February 21 (storm date February 28) from 1:30 to 4 at Southwest River United Church. Come along and bring a friend or two for some fun and fellowship. If you have a favourite game, bring it along to share with others. Light refreshments will be served. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Kensington and Area Christian Council The next scheduled meeting for committee members will be held at Holy Family Church on Monday, February 23 at 7PM.

News from the Diocese

A Series of Mini Retreat evenings on Zoom will begin on **Monday, February 9 from 6:30-8:15 pm** with facilitator Lynn Delong. The February 9 Theme is **God's Love for Me**. Following retreat evenings are on February 23, March 9 & 23 and April 27. Contact lynnndelong284@gmail.com. These sessions are offered through Martha Spirituality Centre.

The World Day for Consecrated Life was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997: "... to help the entire Church esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels and to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord." World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 1, 2026, and in parishes over the weekend of January 31 - February 1. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. The Congregation of Notre Dame Sisters arrived from Montreal in 1857. The Sisters of Saint Martha of PEI are an Island foundation that began in 1916. The Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Ragusa are an Italian foundation whose sisters came to PEI in 2018 from Ontario. Various congregations of religious men's communities have served in our diocese. Currently, 4 congregations are in active ministry and one retired. Michaelites, Vocationists, Pallotines, Heralds of the Gospel, Redemptorists (retired)

Strengthen your Sacrament of Marriage through prayer, meaningful dialogue, and renewal on a weekend marriage retreat with **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**. Two retreats will be held this year: **May 1-3** and **October 16-18**. For details, contact Ron and Joanne at (506) 451-8489 or ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org.

Reflection

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Fr. Doug shares an excerpt with us this week from Living Liturgy Workbook 2011:

Paul reminds us in the letter to the Corinthians that if we go against the dominant values of our culture, we must be prepared to be considered fools. To follow Jesus in a society where aggression is the norm, money the measure of respect, and power the way to success, is to risk being condemned as naïve. Like the prophet Zephaniah in the first reading, Paul advocates a deeper wisdom. Gandhi himself, in his espousal of nonviolence, chose such wisdom. He refused to harm or dehumanize his adversaries. Evil, he believed, must be fought without weapons or hatred. Such is the paradox at the heart of the Gospel: Weakness is strength, foolishness is wisdom, and death is the way to life.