

February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Communities of

St. Mary's Holy Family and St. James

Parish Contact Information



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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

For clarification, as directed by the Diocese, the offering for a Mass stipend is \$10.00. This is the standard amount set for Mass intentions throughout the Diocese. You can email your request, use one of the Mass cards available on the ushers table or make arrangements directly with Fr. Doug by calling 902-836-3609.

Weekday Masses February 16-20, 2026, Monday and Tuesday at 9am, Ash Wednesday at 7:30am and 6:30pm, Friday at 9am – Holy Family

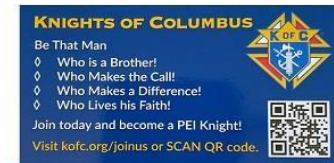
Sunday February 22, 2026, Mass Intentions:

9:00am Holy Family – Negus, Kierstead & Byers Families

10:30am St. James – Marjorie and Earl Clow

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, March 1, 2026

Lector: Confirmation Candidates (**rescheduled from Feb. 22**)

Eucharistic Minister: Audrey Glover

Welcoming Ministry: Confirmation Candidates

Ushers: Confirmation Candidates

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Lector: Edna Ferrish-Clark

Eucharistic Minister: Marion Curley

Welcoming Ministry: CWL

Usher: Kenny MacLellan

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

ST. JAMES PARISH: \$605.00

ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: \$5,000.00 cash donation, \$1,157.00 direct deposit \$280.00



Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

If you would like to send your donation by E transfer, please

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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

February, at a Glance

February 9, 6:30PM Holy Family	Synod group meets All Welcome
February 10, 7:00PM Holy Family	CWL meeting All women 18+ Welcome
February 18, 7:30AM Holy Family	Morning Mass for Ash Wednesday
February 18, 6:30PM Holy Family	Evening Mass for Ash Wednesday
February 22, 9:00AM Mass	Confirmation Rescheduled
February 23, 7:00PM Holy Family	Kensington & Area Christian Council meeting
February 26, 6:30PM Holy Family	To establish a joint Parish OutReach Program – All Parishioners Welcome
March 1, 9:00AM Holy Family	Confirmation 'Mass as Class'

Ash Wednesday Masses will be held at St. Mary's – Holy Family Church 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 February 22nd for those unable to attend on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Service led by the Rev. Shirley Cole and Ellen Locke, will be held on Wed., Feb. 18, at 11am, at St.

Mark's Anglican Church in Kensington. Lent is a time for fasting and feasting and you are invited to come and receive instructions for your Lenten journey from Matthew's Gospel. There will be Imposition of Ashes available to those who wish. This service will feature the Stations of the Cross. Please join us!

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.

Annual Meeting St. Mary's Holy Family Parish will be holding its Annual Parish meeting on Sunday, March 15, 2026, following the 9:00am Mass. This meeting will highlight the financial and Pastoral happenings of the parish for the 2025 year. Financial Statements will be available at the meeting. All parishioners are invited to stay in the church following the Sunday morning Mass March 15th for this meeting.

News from the Diocese

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026 Please join us for the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience through the life events of Christians from other countries and cultures, and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The 2026 service was written by the Nigerian World Day of Prayer committee. This year's theme is "I Will Give You Rest: Come – Matthew 11:28-30." Date: Friday, March 6, 2026, at 2:00 p.m at Holy Redeemer Church, 3 Pond Street, Charlottetown. More information is available by contacting Linda Dennis at lmakuch.dennis@gmail.com or 902-394-0818. The World Day of Prayer is coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

Theology on Tap Join us for our next event with guest presenter Dr. Doug Al-Maini from St. Francis Xavier University, with a talk on Greek mysticism leading into the Christian era. Join us at 7:00 pm on Thursday, **March 12th** at the Salvador Dali Cafe in Charlottetown.

On behalf of Rev. James Willick, our new Diocesan Administrator, we would like to share the following statement by the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in Support of Bill C-218: "An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Medical Assistance in Dying)." The CCCB supports Bill C-218, which seeks to stop "MAiD" for mental illness alone, and encourages the Catholic faithful, in communion with their local Bishop, and all people of goodwill, to express their support for the same. We further call on the government to allow free conscience voting on this matter, given its profound moral and social implications. Human life is a gift that must be protected and valued at every stage and in every

circumstance. As Canada's Bishops have consistently affirmed, euthanasia and assisted suicide – whether for the sick, the dying, persons with disabilities, or those with mental illness – are always morally unacceptable. As Christians, our response to persons living with mental illness should be modelled after the powerful witness of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), who, rather than abandoning his neighbour in need, responded personally with charity, compassion, care, and self-sacrifice, acting as a bearer of God's love and as a sign of hope. For additional details, you may access the media release and CCCB writings on euthanasia and assisted suicide at: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide/>.

The second period of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), called the Catechumenate, will soon end with the Rite of Election. The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of the names of all the Catechumens seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. As we are without a bishop, our Diocesan Administrator, **Rev. James Willick**, will officially elect the catechumens based on testimony from godparents and catechists. The Rite involves affirming the intention of the catechumens, the enrollment of names in the Book of the Elect, and Father Jim declaring them the Elect. **The Rite of Election will be held at St. Dunstan's Basilica Cathedral on February 22, 2026, at the 10:00 am Mass.** Following this, the Elect enter a period of purification and enlightenment in preparation for receiving the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. This year, the Easter Vigil will take place on Saturday, April 4.

Reflection

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

Jesus is not setting aside the old law. He categorically states that he has "come not to abolish but to fulfill" that law. While the world exists, we still need God's law to guide us because we are imperfect, coming only slowly to the fulfillment that Jesus promises. However, Jesus makes clear that simply keeping the law – as the scribes and Pharisees were so careful about doing – is not enough. The gospel is a lengthy comparison between the law of the Old Covenant (especially as the scribes and Pharisees to whom Jesus refers in the gospel interpreted and lived it) and a new law – a New Covenant – Jesus offers. The point of Jesus' lengthy discourse is clear; he is challenging us to a whole new covenantal basis for interpreting God's law. Rather than looking at the minimal letter of the law, we are to look at the spirit of the law, which calls us to a much fuller way of relating to God and one another. Jesus' new covenant is built on right relationships that extend beyond the letter of the law. The kingdom of heaven belongs only to those who fulfill the law by choosing fullness of life, goodness, and justice (see first reading).