

January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord

Catholic Communities of

St. Mary's Holy Family and St. James

Parish Contact Information



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Fr. Doug's weekly day off is Wednesday

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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.

Sunday Mass Intentions: Sunday, January 11, 2026

9:00am Holy Family – Annette Arsenault

10:30am St. James – Robert Croken

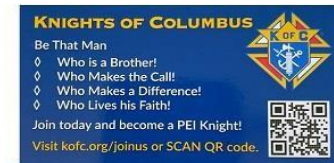
January 12-16, 2026 Mass at Holy Family Monday 9am

Tuesday 6:30pm and Friday at 9am

Please note that Mass next weekend at St. James will be held on Saturday, January 17 at 4PM explanation follows under Parish news...

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.

Saturday, January 17, 2026 Mass at St. James Parish at 4PM Mass intention is for

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Lectors: Confirmation Candidates

Eucharistic Minister: Marion Curley

Welcoming Ministry: Confirmation Candidates

Usher: Confirmation Candidates

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Lector: Paula Aylward

Eucharistic Minister: Audrey Glover

Welcoming Ministry: Denise Jakubiak

Usher: Gilbert Arsenault

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

ST. JAMES PARISH: \$530.00

ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: \$1,711.55 cash Direct Deposit \$2,135.00



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

Thank-You

I want to thank all who were involved visibly or invisibly ensuring that the season/Feast of Christmas was celebrated in such a beautiful way for the parishes of St. James and St. Mary's-Holy Family. In a particular way to those who served in Eucharistic

ministry, lectors, and ushers/hospitality ministries. To those who set up the Masses as sacristans, and those who ensured that the churches were cleaned between Masses. To Carrie Rogers, keyboard music and singer for St. James, to Mary Pendergast, organist and choir director and choir members of St. Mary's-Holy Family. Your music was superb!

To the elves who decorated the churches...St. James, Sherry and Adrian Wedge, and St. Mary's Holy Family Dot Peters and her daughter Erica Peters. So-so many comments about how beautifully the church(es) were decorated. Certainly, a lot of work on your part! To Logan MacKinnon for his computer and graphic expertise, to the members of the CWL and the Knights of Columbus for the work you have done and thank-you to Joanne McCarvill, parish administrator for assisting me with all my firsts as parish pastor and her willingness to assist anyone who asks. You go above and beyond!!

Last, but not least, thank-you to the parishioners of St. Mary's-Holy Family and St. James for the kindness, care and support that you have offered to me as Pastor. Your cards, gifts and well-wishes are certainly appreciated. To all who were not mentioned, a sincere thank-you. May 2026 be filled with peace, happiness and good health. Fr. Doug

*****NO MASS AT ST. JAMES NEXT SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18TH*****

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity will hold their common worship service at Kensington United Church, School Street (next to St. Mary's-Holy Family Church). This is sponsored by the Kensington and Area Christian Council. All are welcome. Let's meet and pray together.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: MASS AT ST. JAMES WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH AT 4:00PM

Synod Group Our Synod Group will be continuing to meet in the New Year 2026, on Monday, January 12, at 6:30 pm in St. Mary's Holy Family Church. All parishioners from St. James and St. Mary's Holy Family are invited and very welcome, as always! Our first meetings will focus on Pope Francis's Final Synod Document which is now part of the Magisterium and has Pope Leo's approval. The assignment for January 12, will be Part 1 "The Heart of Synodality" pgs. 5-17. The document is available in the vestry at Holy Family and a few copies will be left on the ushers table after Mass on Sunday. Please feel free to come, even if you haven't done the reading. You will still enjoy the evening! **Confirmation Class News** "Mass as Class" On January 18, 2026 the students will participate in most Ministries during the 9AM Mass.

January 25, 2026 Class will be held at 10:00AM at Holy Family.

News from the Diocese

Recovery Rosary offers 5 weekly Monday sessions beginning **January 19** from 2:00-3:30 pm on the **5 Luminous Mysteries** (Baptism of Jesus, Marriage feast of Cana, Proclamation of the Kingdom, Transfiguration, Eucharist). These sessions will be held at Martha Spirituality Centre, located at SDU Place on Great George St. and include Scripture and personal reflections from a perspective of addiction recovery and Catholic tradition. Register at srgemma@eastlink.ca.

Lectio Divina, which means divine reading, offers weekly Thursday morning sessions on Zoom beginning **January 15** from 10:30-11:45 am to reflect upon the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Sessions are offered through Martha Spirituality Centre. Register drjoancsm@gmail.com.

Martha Spirituality Centre offering: Christian Meditation, the prayer of the heart, opens us to the presence of God in silence and stillness. Sessions are held on Tuesdays on Zoom beginning on **January 13** from 7:00-7:45 pm Register at karenyogapei@gmail.com.

In-person program at Martha Spirituality Centre, located at SDU Place on Great George Street, Charlottetown: a Book Study of "Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul" by Phillip Newell will take place every second and fourth Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 pm beginning on **January 14**. Group size is limited so register early at srgemma@eastlink.ca.

Mindfulness Meditation sessions will be held at Martha Spirituality Centre at SDU Place on Great George Street, Charlottetown on Thursdays, January 15 and 22 from 1:30-3:30. These sessions are for beginner meditators. Register srgemma@eastlink.ca.

"Is Our Blessed Mother Calling You?" Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Spiritual Chaplain Father Danny Wilson, March 16th to 27th: Group Leaders are Rhonda-Lynn Cormier and Lori Currie. Cost: \$3,299.00 - includes airfare and all airport taxes from Halifax (flights from other airports and the USA can be arranged with adjusted pricing), twin accommodation, daily breakfast and dinner, a professional local guide. Single room supplement: \$350.00 if available. For bookings or more information, please contact Rhonda-Lynn at 902-448-3660.

The annual General Retreat at Our lady of Hope Retreat will be held from Friday, January 30th until Sunday, February 1st with retreat master Father Eric Dunn. This year's theme is "The Sacraments." For more information or to register, contact Martin or Earla at The Centre at 902-621-2385 or ourladyofhope@dioceseofcharlottetown.com.

Theology on Tap returns! The UPEI Department of Religious Studies is proud to present the return of the popular Theology on Tap series. Join us at 7:00 on **January 28th** at the Salvador Dali Café in Charlottetown for our first event, with speaker Sr. Dr. Libby Osgood, CND. For updates, follow us on Facebook at **Theology on Tap PEI**.

Reflection

Beginning this week, Fr. Doug will be providing weekly reflections for inclusion in the parish bulletins.

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The start of the new year provides us with an opportunity to review our commitment to Christ and reflect on our calling as a member of God's family. Our special role is to announce Jesus to the world. The ways of doing this are many and varied. We are all called to witness to Christ in our own sphere of living and to make the world a better place by our presence. The lighted candle at the end of the baptism ceremony means we are to show forth Christ by word and deed wherever we go. Do we think of this promise when we are challenged to be honest or to refrain from taking away our neighbour's character? We reflect the glory of God when we refuse to compromise with evil in any of its forms.

In such fashion we make Christ believable in simple ordinary ways.