

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Communities of

St. Mary's Holy Family and St. James

Parish Contact Information



Father Doug MacDonald, Pastor, 902-836-3609

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: January 25, 2026

9:00am Holy Family – Patrick Glover

10:30am St. James

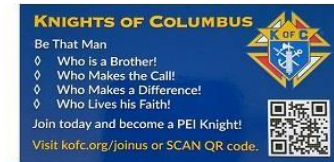
Weekday Mass January 26-30, 2026, at Holy Family Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9am.

Sunday Mass Intentions: February 1, 2026

9:00am Holy Family – Deane and Mark Ferrish

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 1, 2026

Lector: Vic Negus

Eucharistic Minister: Cheryl Negus

Welcoming Ministry: Shawn and Joanne

Usher: Rose Connell and Lorraine MacDonald

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Lector: Jim MacLellan

Eucharistic Minister: Paula Aylward

Welcoming Ministry: CWL members

Usher: Rose Connell and Lorraine MacDonald

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

ST. JAMES PARISH: \$450.00

ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: \$1,180.60 cash, Direct Deposit \$75.00, \$10.00 cash for Sunday envelopes, \$60.00 clothing



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, you're your name on the outside and CWL Dues and I will make sure Cecile receives it. These are due before the end of January.

Thank-You

Sincere thanks to Donnie Moase (Barb) (Kelvin Road) for donating his time and talents in making a new cover for the heat pump at the Rectory. Donnie had made a cover previously; however, we needed a new heat pump, and the original cover was too small. Donnie donated the new cover to the parish. We appreciate your generosity.

Parish Enhancement Program Donation Our parish community gratefully acknowledges the generous donation received from **St. Dunstan's University Board of Governors** through their *Parish Enhancement Program*. This funding supports parish initiatives such as faith formation, youth formation, catechetics, music ministry, and men's and women's groups.

We thank St. Dunstan's University for their continued commitment to strengthening parish life. Projects to be supported by this funding will be identified during 2026.

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

Confirmation Class News

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

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.

"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 - including 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.

FEAST OF THE SANTO NIÑO CELEBRATION: Join the Filipino Community Mass on **January 25 at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Church** in Charlottetown as we celebrate the Feast of the Santo Niño. **Everyone is warmly invited to attend and celebrate together.**

The annual General Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre 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 & Earla at 902-394-4116, 902-388-1952 or ourladyofhope@dioceseofcharlottetown.com.

Are you in grade 11-12 or between the ages of 18-29 and are interested in a year of mission? NET Canada invites YOU to our Halifax Mission Discernment Night on Saturday, February 7th from 7-9pm at St. Mary's University in the Loyola Academic Building, room 183 (923 Robie Street). Join other young adults like you for a night of fellowship, food, and prayer and find out what it's like to be a NET missionary! Sign up on our website at netcanada.ca/apply! What do you have to lose? [#missionary](https://twitter.com/missionary) [#dosomethingamazing](https://twitter.com/dosomethingamazing) [#catholic](https://twitter.com/catholic) [#netcanada](https://twitter.com/netcanada)

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 2, 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)

Cor Christian Counselling is welcoming new clients in 2026! We're a private counselling practice in Charlottetown with in-person and virtual options available.

We serve individuals and couples facing a variety of challenges, including depression, grief, anxiety and relationship issues. Using evidence based therapeutic practices, **we encourage you to move forward in your mental health and faith journey.** Sessions are confidential and tailored to your needs. To learn more or book a **Free Exploratory Call**, visit our webpage at corchristiancounselling.ca or reach us by phone at 902-394-0236 or email at info@corchristiancounselling.ca

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.arseneault@wwme.org.

May 13- 24, 2026: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Hector Caissie. Cost of \$2795 (plus taxes) includes airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) **Payment by e-transfer, bank transfer or cheque gets a REBATE of \$250.00** INFO: Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or 506-857-2295.

13-24 mai 2026: Pèlerinage à Medjugorje avec Hector Caissie. Le coût de 2795\$ (plus taxes) comprend vols de Moncton et Halifax, hébergement (double ou triple), deux repas/jour, guide professionnel. (Supplément pour chambre individuelle, 250\$/p.) **Paiement par virement électronique, virement bancaire ou chèque obtient un rabais de 250\$.** INFO: Hector Caissie à hectorcaissie@gmail.com ou au 506-857-2295.

Reflection

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

As Jesus begins his public ministry, he issues two commands: "Repent" and "Come after me." The gospel suggests that both repentance and following Jesus are ways to walk in the light that reveal the kingdom of heaven at hand. The kingdom of heaven is neither earthly realm nor distant place. The kingdom of heaven is present in our response to Jesus. It is our willing obedience to hear him call, to leave everything, to follow him without counting the cost. The "kingdom of heaven is at hand" when we turn from darkness and not only walk in the light but also become that light ourselves.

How does "repent" open one to heed Jesus' call to follow him and become the light? We must be able to see the light who is our Savior before we can be light for others. To see an embrace the light is already following Jesus. So, one way to think about repentance is that it is turning from darkness so we can see the light. By changing our minds about the behaviours that bring darkness, we are able to focus on the light that then shines brightly enough for us to follow – becoming the light ourselves. To follow means to be light.