

March 1, 2026

## Second Sunday of Lent

### 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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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 March 2-6, 2026, Monday 6:30pm, Tuesday and Friday at 9am – Holy Family**

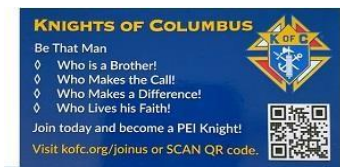
**Sunday March 8, 2026, Mass Intentions:**

9:00am Holy Family – Emma Gillis

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, March 8, 2026**

**Lector:** Edna Ferrish-Clark

**Eucharistic Minister:** Marion Curley

**Welcoming Ministry:** CWL

**Usher:** Kenny MacLellan

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**Lector:** Susan Ashley

**Eucharistic Minister:** Paula Aylward

**Welcoming Ministry:** KofC

**Usher:** Kenny MacLellan

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

**ST. JAMES PARISH: \$805.00**

**ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: Ash Wednesday \$573.70**

**Sunday \$863.85 cash \$150.00 direct deposit**



*Thank you for your generosity and continued support.*

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**Bulletin announcements** are to be sent to [smhfsj17@gmail.com](mailto:smhfsj17@gmail.com) or phone Joanne at 902-836-5029. Announcements are due no later than Wednesdays at Noon.

### Parish and Community News

#### World Day of Prayer 2026-Kensington

Please join us for the World Day of Prayer 2026 at the Presbyterian Church in Kensington on Friday, March 6 at 10:30am. Storm Date: Friday, March 13 at 10:30am. Information about the World Day of Prayer 2026 is identified in the News from the Diocese – there will also be a service at 2:00pm at Holy Redeemer Church, Charlottetown on Friday, March 6, 2026.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> for this meeting.

**St. Mary's Holy Family Cemetery** policy and site map are now available on the website under the section 'Our Parish'. You are encouraged to check it out at [www.holyfamilystjames.ca](http://www.holyfamilystjames.ca)

### News from the Diocese

**Save the Date - Cursillo of Cursillos.** Mark your calendars for a special Cursillo of Cursillos, hosted by the Cursillistas of Prince Edward Island, taking place **June 25-28, 2026**. We are delighted to share that we will be joined by amigos from Mallorca, adding a rich international dimension to this gathering of faith, fellowship and renewal. More details, including registration information, will be shared soon. Stay tuned !

**Heart-of-the-Matter Marriage Prep Course** will be offered on Mar 20/21. This is a Friday evening and all-day Saturday course held at our Lady of Assumption church in Stratford. Registration in advance required. Please reach out to Pat Wiedemer at [patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com](mailto:patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com) for more information and to register.

On behalf of Mr. Sean Lynn, Executive Director God Squad/National Director of Canada for Heroicmen, and inspired by Bishop William McGrattan's encouragement to make March a month of renewal for men, we at Heroic Men have launched the Heroic 30 Challenge—a powerful 31-day journey featuring a different daily video from 31 inspiring Catholic leaders. To add some friendly excitement, we've introduced a competition: Canada vs. USA and diocese vs. diocese. Currently, Calgary is leading, with Austin in hot pursuit! We encourage the men in your diocese to join this transformative challenge. It's simple to sign up at [heroicmen.org](http://heroicmen.org), where you can participate individually, with a buddy, or as a group. This initiative aligns with the Church's call to evangelize and renew the faith of men, fostering deeper commitment to Christ and family. Your support could spark a wave of spiritual growth across your diocese. Heroicmen are mapping every Catholic men's conference, group, and ministry across North America to build a united alliance for evangelization and renewal. You are encouraged to register individually or as a group today at [heroicmen.ca](http://heroicmen.ca). Together, let's strengthen men's ministry in the Church. Thank you for your support!

**This year's Meeting of the Bishops of the Church** in the Americas was held in Tampa, Florida, from 14 to 17 February. This meeting brought together the Executive Committees of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CELAM). One of the fruits of this year's gathering is a joint message by the participating Bishops titled, *Message to the People of God on Pilgrimage in the Americas*. We encourage you to read this letter that has been placed on our Diocesan website: <https://dioceseofcharlottetown.com/>.

**Lenten Faith Formation "Catholicism"** by Bishop Robert Barron. Join us this Lent for an inspiring journey through the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith. Each session is held on Tuesday at 7:00 PM at Holy Redeemer Church and will last approximately 90 minutes. Dates and session topics are as follows: **Feb 24 Happy Are We** (The Teachings of

Jesus); **March 03 The Mystery of God** (Holy Trinity); **March 10 Mary, the Mother of God**; **March 24 St. Peter and St. Paul**. All are welcome to join us as we grow together this Lenten season!

**Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre** invites you to visit their new website, <https://hopepei.com/>. Check out their Facebook and Instagram pages as well, at [https://fb.watch/F3al\\_SWVju/](https://fb.watch/F3al_SWVju/) and <https://www.instagram.com/>. Parishes, please share these through your weekend bulletins and social media platforms.

This Lent, PEI Life Association is holding its annual baby bottle campaign, **Change4LIFE**, from **Feb 18th to Mar 29th**, to promote LIFE on PEI. Join us in helping advance the beauty of LIFE on PEI. **Change4LIFE** is one of many ways that PEI Life aims to help the most vulnerable on PEI and make changes for LIFE! There are two ways to support: **In-person** by taking a bottle from the back of the church; choose a bottle, sign up bottle number and your name, fill the bottle, and return it on **Sunday, Mar 29th**, Palm Sunday or as an **Online option** at: [www.PEILIFE.org](http://www.PEILIFE.org). Questions: Call Pat at 902-894-5473 or email [office@peilife.org](mailto:office@peilife.org)

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, **On Track for Justice**, is now launched. Together, let's support the work with communities in the Global South who are working for Justice, peace and dignity, by **donating** to the Share Lent collection on March 22, or online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) and reading the **mini-magazine** and following the **Solidarity Calendar**.

### REFLECTION

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**Fr. Doug shares an excerpt with us this week from "Living Liturgy, Workbook 2011".**

Jesus commands the disciples to "Rise, and do not be afraid." The journey of discipleship has its dangers (temptations), but we still venture forth on the journey to eternal glory. We trust in God's guidance (given through the law, prophets, teachings of Jesus, Gospel living modeled by others) and surrender ourselves into God's hands. All we need do is *listen*.

Listening to God can come through the readings and homily on Sunday. It can come through our practice of taking some time every day to read God's word in Scripture. It might come through the good modeling of discipleship by another. It might come through the guidance we seek in spiritual direction. It might come through the disciplines we choose for Lent. There are many ways God makes known the diving will for us. Listening means all these things but most important, it means that we keep our eyes focused on the vision of Jesus transfigured and know that God, in great love and divine mercy, intends that we share in that same glory. We cannot lose sight of Jesus himself.