

March 15, 2026

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### 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**

**Website: [www.holyfamilystjames.ca](http://www.holyfamilystjames.ca)**

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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 16-20, 2026, Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9am – Holy Family**

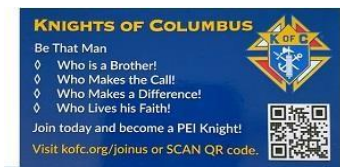
**Sunday March 22, 2026, Mass Intentions:**

9:00am Holy Family – **Fr. Joe (Reverend Joseph Brazel)**

10:30am St. James – **Randy Champion**

**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 22, 2026**

**Lector:** Shawn McCarvill

**Eucharistic Minister:** Dorothy Peters

**Welcoming Ministry:** Marion Curley

**Usher:** Kenny MacLellan

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**Lector:** Jim MacLellan "S" Shawn McCarvill Readings & "N"

**Eucharistic Minister:** Walter Arseneault

**Welcoming Ministry:** Denise Jakubiak

**Usher:** KennyMacLellan

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

**ST. JAMES PARISH: \$565.00 Direct Deposit \$50.00**

**ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: Sunday \$940.00 cash \$50.00 cash Food Bank \$260.00 direct deposit**



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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

**Reconciliation Service** will be held at Holy Family Church on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm with visiting priests to hear confessions in preparation for Easter. Parishioners from both parishes are most welcome.

**Annual Mass of Chrism** The annual Mass of Chrism will be held at St. Dunstan's Basilica on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. If there are parishioners from St. James and Holy Family who normally attend this Mass and who would be willing to receive the Holy Oils for the parishes or would be willing to attend please indicate to Fr. Doug ASAP. The oils are handed out at the end of Mass and the names of the parishes will be read aloud. There will be special seating for those who are receiving the oils at the Mass.

**Wings of Hope – Sparrow Landing Tiny Homes Fundraiser** will be held on **Friday, March 27** from 6:30-9:30PM at the Murchison Centre – 17 St. Pius X Avenue, Charlottetown. Tickets are \$25.00 Enjoy music by Kelley Mooney, with guest speaker Charles Burrell, founder of Monton's Humanity Project, Light refreshments will be provided, and the evening will include a cake auction. All proceeds will support Sparrow Landing Tiny Homes as we work to create supportive housing for those rebuilding their lives after recovery.

**PEI Friendly Visitor Program** Are you a senior who is home alone more than you would like to be? Wouldn't it be nice to have a senior friend who visits you once a week to play cards or a game, or to simply chat? The PEI Friendly Visitor Program can find you that friend. Interested in learning more about this confidential program? Contact Julie at 902-368-9008 or email [peifvp@gmail.com](mailto:peifvp@gmail.com)

**Birthday Wishes** Former parishioner Doreen Beagan, (wife of the late Tom Beagan) will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Her daughters have requested that those who know Doreen and would like to send her Birthday card to please send it to Brenda Beagan, 2577 Creighton Street, Halifax, NS B3K 3S3

**Healthy Aging** an eight-week journey toward healthy living. There will be two Introductory sessions, one on April 6 at 6:30pm for couples (husband/wife, brother sister), and a second session for individuals on April 8 at 6:30pm. Sessions will be held at the Kensington Senior Surfers building beside Credit Union Centre. For more information or to register (space is limited) please call Carol Evans by April 1 at 902-888-8714.

**St. Paul's Parish Eucharistic Congress** - Saturday, April 11 — Reserve the Day! This is a special opportunity to deepen our love, understanding, and devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist. Join us for a day of inspiring talks, prayer, and fellowship as we reflect on the beauty and centrality of the Eucharist in our Catholic life. Fr. Keith Kennific, Fr. Chris Sherren, Fr. Francis Sohe will offer reflections on themes including **Liturgy, Sacred Scripture, Eucharistic Spirituality, and Pastoral Practice**, helping us grow in appreciation of the "source and summit" of our faith. The registration fee of \$10 includes a **nutritious lunch, coffee, and snacks**. We have only 80 seats available. **To register**, please contact: Wayne & Linda Doucette at 902 436-4005.

**Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick within Mass at St Paul's, on Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 AM.** This is a special moment of grace in which Christ brings **strength, healing, peace, and comfort** to those who are seriously ill, elderly, or preparing for surgery. Through the prayer of the Church and the sacramental anointing, the Lord draws close to those who suffer and renews their hope. Parishioners are encouraged to **invite and assist those who may benefit from this sacrament**, especially the sick, the elderly, or anyone facing health challenges, so that they may experience the Lord's healing presence. Let's join in prayer for our brothers and sisters in need. **Outdoor Way of the Cross — Good Friday On Good Friday, April 3 at 9:00 AM.** St. Paul's Parish in Summerside will hold an **Outdoor Way of the Cross (Via Crucis)** beginning at the church and proceeding through several **downtown streets**. The Way of the Cross invites us to walk with Jesus in His suffering and to meditate on His love and sacrifice for our salvation. Praying the stations together helps us enter more deeply into the mystery of **Christ's Passion on Good Friday**. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to **attend and participate with their families** in this meaningful public witness of faith. Come and walk with Christ. All are welcome.

## News from the Diocese

**In preparation for the Diocesan Mass of Chrism** to be held on Monday March 30 at the Basilica, **choristers from across the Diocese are invited to attend a choral rehearsal on Monday March 23 at 7 pm in the boardroom of the SDU building** on Great George St. In Charlottetown. Please contact music director Leo Marchildon ([leomarchildon88@gmail.com](mailto:leomarchildon88@gmail.com)) for more information.

**Project Heaven on Earth Workshop Day** on **Friday, March 27** from 9:30-3:30 pm at the Martha Spirituality Centre in Charlottetown. Heaven on Earth is impossible...or is it? What if Heaven isn't a place we wait for—but something we build? **Join Martin Rutte, author of Project Heaven on Earth**, for a powerful one-day immersive experience exploring how you can help bring Heaven to Earth—in your life, your work, your nation, and our world. **Martin Rutte** is an internationally recognized speaker, author and consultant and is president of Livelihood- a management consulting firm based in Charlottetown, Canada and New Mexico. For more than 15 years, Martin has led Project Heaven on Earth, a global initiative inviting people to envision and create a better world. Cost is \$60 including the text (available that day). If you already have the text, your cost is \$40. Register soon with [srgemma@eastlink.ca](mailto:srgemma@eastlink.ca), as space is limited

**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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 15, 2026

Ideally, Lent leads us to encounter Jesus, sharpens our vision of his saving mission, and challenges us to more authentic worship. Lent is also a time when the darkness of our ignorance is challenged by the One who is the light of the world. This gospel challenges those who are preparing for baptism or full reception into the church to greater faith; it challenges all of us to deepen our faith so that our "enthusiasm" enables us to be possessed by our God. Then, like the blind man whom Jesus helps to see, we can exclaim "I do believe" and worship with raised hearts and voices. Worship may not lead to believing (seeing), but true believing always leads to worship.

The worship prompted by faith is wholehearted participation in divine presence by those who have seen the Lord and been disciplined in the challenges of discipleship. This gospel teaches us that faith always moves the believer to action: confessing Jesus as Lord and worshipping him. **Father Doug shares an excerpt with us this week from Living Liturgy Workbook 2011.**