

March 22, 2026

Fifth 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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Music Ministry: Carrie Rogers 902-439-1430

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Property and Finance Chair: Kenny MacLellan 902-432-0541

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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

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 23-27, 2026, Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9am – Holy Family

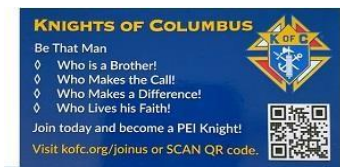
Sunday March 29, 2026, Mass Intentions:

9:00am Holy Family – **Betty Hitchcock**

10:30am St. James – **Clara & Bernadette Lawless**

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 29, 2026

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

Eucharistic Minister: Walter Arsenault

Welcoming Ministry: Denise Jakubiak

Usher: KennyMacLellan

Holy Thursday, April 2

Lector: Marleen Clark

Eucharistic Minister: Marion Curley

Welcoming Ministry: Shawn and Joanne

Usher: Mary MacKay

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

ST. JAMES PARISH: \$527.00

ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: Sunday \$1,146.70 Direct deposit \$590.00



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

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

The CWL are selling tickets on a Mother's Day Basket. We encourage all members to help with the sale of tickets. Books of tickets will be available from Marion C., Anna A...and Debbie G. after Mass on Sunday, March 22.

We would also appreciate if members could contribute items to help fill the basket and make it a beautiful gift for some lucky person...

We THANK you for your continued support of the CWL.

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

Birthday Wishes Former parishioner Doreen Beagan, (wife of the late Tom Beagan) will be celebrating her 90th 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.

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) 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, as space is limited

This Sunday is Solidarity Sunday. Development and Peace reminds us that our donation transforms the lives of some of the most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world including Gaza and Ukraine. Thank you for your generosity. Please join our Solidarity Sunday workshop/celebration, 2:00 pm, Mackenzie Room, St. Pius X Church, Parkdale. Speakers - Sister Libby Osgood, CND, and Adah Ogbe. There will be a sharing table. **Senior Reflection Session** at Marguerite Bourgeoys Center, Tuesday, April 7, 10:30 a.m - 12 noon followed by lunch. The presenter, Sister Norma Gallant, will share some helpful ideas on "Healthy Lifestyles/older adults". A warm welcome to all. Donation toward lunch is greatly appreciated. For further information, call Sister Joan Marie at (902) 330-4559.

EARTH HOUR 2026 – March 28 Since 2007, people around the world observe a 'light off' event to bring attention to the care of the planet. Earth hour is recognized on the last Saturday of March each year. **Martha Spirituality Centre** offers an hour of prayer with 'light off' from 8:00-9:00 pm. All are welcome and we would like to have everyone in place before lights out. Give an hour for the Earth.

REFLECTION

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Mary and Martha's long relationship with Jesus had brought them to believe in him. It must be comforting for us to know that their belief was still less than perfect. So is ours. And, like Mary and Martha, our belief is strengthened by encounters with Jesus. Jesus' presence means new life.

One conspicuous way we encounter Jesus is at Mass when we expressly take time out of our busy schedules to be present. Other prayer times during the day and week are also times when we consciously strive to encounter Jesus. Perhaps less evident as encounters with Jesus would be all those times when we meet him though faith-strengthening and hope-giving encounters with other people. When our discouragement is lessened by a kind remark or when our sinfulness is forgiven by a smile and welcome, we encounter Jesus in the other and are brought to new life. Jesus loves each of us as deeply as he loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, and he gives each of us new life too.

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