

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

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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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.

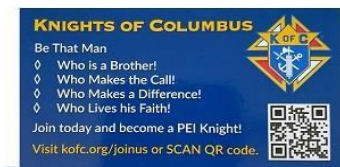
Weekday Masses March 30-April 4, 2026, Monday Mass of Chrism 7PM, No Mass Tuesday/Wednesday Thursday, 7PM Good Friday 1PM at St. James and 3PM – Holy Family Easter Vigil at 7PM at Holy Family

Sunday April 5, 2026, Mass Intentions:

9:00am Holy Family – **Fr. Frank Jay**

10:30am St. James – **Fr. Frank Jay**

Weekday Mass is cancelled if there is a funeral.



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.

Holy Thursday, April 2

Lector: Marleen Clark

Eucharistic Minister: Marion Curley

Welcoming Ministry: Shawn and Joanne

Usher: Mary MacKay

Good Friday, April 3

Lectors: Shawn McCarvill & Jim MacLellan

Eucharistic Minister: Audrey Glover

Welcoming Ministry: Denise Jakubiak

Usher: Kenny MacLellan

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

ST. JAMES PARISH: \$600.00

ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: Sunday \$1,125.70 Direct deposit \$50.00 Solidarity Sunday \$30.00



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

Remembering Loved ones during the Easter Season during this Easter Season of hope and renewal we invite you to fill in a Remembrance card in honour of your loved ones. Place their names on a card, they will be remembered and prayed for during the Easter Season.

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.

Fraud Prevention Session at Malpeque Hall on Wednesday, April 8th at 1:00pm. From phone scams to online fraud and identity theft, we are pleased to welcome Kerri Bertram from the Malpeque Bay Credit Union, who will share information on learning how to recognize the warning signs and protect your personal information before it's too late. All Welcome.

Easter Vigil 7PM Holy Family

Ministers: Lectors: Paul Brown, **Epistle and 1st Reading,** Carol Evans, **3rd Reading,** Susan Ashley, **5th Reading,** Lorraine Mulligan **7th Reading. Eucharistic Minister:** Walter Arsenault, **Ushers:** Rose Connell and Lorraine MacDonald. **Welcoming Committee:** Don and Karen Clark

Easter Sunday: Lector: Vic Negus **Eucharistic Minister:** Cheryl Negus, **Welcoming Committee:** Leigha & Sophia **Usher:** Ivan Gallant

Holy Week Christian Council Prayer Service will be held on Monday, Tuesday (March 30-31), Wednesday and Thursday (April 1-2), at Noon at the Anglican Church in Kensington. All, welcome! Fr. Doug will preside on Wednesday.

News from the Diocese

Senior Reflection Session at Marguerite Bourgeys Center, Tuesday, April 7, 10:30 am - 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.

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 are warmly encouraged to attend and participate with their families in this meaningful public witness of faith. Come and walk with Christ.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST: A LENTEN SHADOW DRAMA April 3, 7:00 PM at St. Dunstan's Basilica. Come and experience the Passion of Christ through a powerful shadow re-enactment by our St. Dunstan's Parish Youth Group. Let this moving presentation draw you into prayer, reflection, and the depth of His love. All are warmly invited.

Upcoming Programs at The Living Well - a project of the Sisters of Saint Martha: Introduction to Chair Yoga with Annella Lie-Nielsen on Wednesday, April 1 at The Living Well, 96 Patterson Drive, Charlottetown (inside Martha Place) from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. No experience is necessary for this gentle yoga class. Space is limited and registrations are accepted on a first come basis. Please email tlwpei@gmail.com to register. This is a scent free space. There is no charge for the session. Participants are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for our monthly in-house Food Bank.

Also, at The Living Well, a project of the Sisters of Saint Martha- Tapping Away Stress: Simple tools for finding your calm with Carol Richard on April 8 at The Living Well, 96 Patterson Drive (inside Martha Place) from 1:30 – 3:30pm. Space is limited and registrations are accepted on a first come basis. Please email tlwpei@gmail.com to register. This is a scent free space. There is no charge for the session. Participants are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for our monthly in-house Food Bank.

Good news for married couples! The Vatican has formally recognized Worldwide Marriage Encounter as an International Association of the Faithful. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend for Atlantic Canada will be May 1-3 at Between The Hearts Renewal Centre in Amherst, Nova Scotia. Learn more at <https://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/news/2026/worldwide-marriage-encounter--comunita-magnificat--una-nuova-ass.html>. Contact Ron & Joanne Arsenault at (506)451-8489.

Looking Good Inside and Out Convention for girls: Becoming the best version of yourself just how God intended. For girls ages 11-15, May 2nd at the Credit Union Place in Summerside. 9:30 am-4 pm, \$75/girl (discount for siblings)- Lunch and snacks provided. Workshops (to be confirmed), may be on topics such as skin care, fitness, music, and discovering your inner beauty. Please contact Tracy Jones by April 20th at stjosfamilycentre@gmail.com for more info or to register.

St. Paul's Parish Eucharistic Congress - Saturday, April 11 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM - 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 and 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.

REFLECTION

HOLY WEEK BULLETIN REFLECTION

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This week we celebrate in pointed liturgies the meaning of our whole Christian living: dying to self so that God can raise us up too. This dying can be as simple as setting aside the time to participate in all the Triduum liturgies or as demanding as to recognize what in our lives we still need to abandon to be exalted as sons and daughters of God living new life.

Perhaps what we need to abandon is a habit of thinking of ourselves and our own needs first, ahead of others. Perhaps it means not making ourselves the center of attention. Perhaps what we need to abandon is a lot of clutter we've accumulated that can tend to take our minds off what is really important. Perhaps we need to abandon the frenetic pace of our lives and cut some things out so we can concentrate on our loved ones more or help out those in need more. In all these cases what we give up—what we abandon—leads to a new lease on life. Most importantly, it leads to new and deeper relationships and richer experiences. This is all new life for us.

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