

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent Catholic Communities of

St. Mary's Holy Family and St. James

Parish Contact Information



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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 9-13, 2026, Monday 9am, Tuesday 6:30pm and Friday at 9am – Holy Family

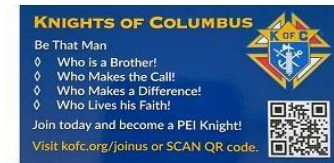
Sunday March 15, 2026, Mass Intentions:

9:00am Holy Family – **Deceased members of the Fayen & Lafferty families**

10:30am St. James – **Special Intention**

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 15, 2026

Lector: Susan Ashley
Eucharistic Minister: Paula Aylward
Welcoming Ministry: KofC
Usher: Kenny MacLellan

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Lector: Shawn McCarvill
Eucharistic Minister: Dorothy Peters
Welcoming Ministry: Marion Curley
Usher: Kenny MacLellan

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

ST. JAMES PARISH: \$505.00

ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: Sunday \$2,469.25 cash \$50.00 cash Food Bank \$470.00 direct deposit



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

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 15th for this meeting.

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.

Annual Mass of Chrism The annual Mass of Chrism will be held at St. Dunstan's Basilica on Monday, March 30th 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. **Confirmation Class** will be held on March 15 immediately following the 9am Mass. Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 from 9-11am.

Family Skate will be held at CUC on Sunday, March 29th from 1-2pm. This is a co-sponsored event with the Knights of Columbus and the Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided.

KISH Breakfast Program & Student Services Support need support to help care for students who arrive at school hungry. Student Services often provides lunch to students in need, and your generosity can make a meaningful difference.

A donation box is **located in the school entryway** for anyone who would like to contribute. For the convenience of parishioners, a donation box will be placed in **both churches**. All donations will be delivered directly to the school. Items especially needed include:

- Granola Bars (Nut free)
- Cheese Whiz
- Rice Krispie Squares (individually wrapped)
- KD cups (individual servings)
- Goldfish crackers (individual servings)
- Welch's fruit snacks
- Mr. Noodles
- Pudding cups
- Fruit cups
- Applesauce (individual servings)
- Men's and Women's deodorant (unscented)
- Disposable forks and spoons

Thank you for your kindness and support of students in our community. Your help is truly appreciated.

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!

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 and reading the **mini-magazine** and following the **Solidarity Calendar**.

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.

SAVE THE DATE On June 6, Campaign Life Coalition will host the **PEI March for Life** from 2:00-3:30 PM. We will meet at the hall of Central Christian Church on 223 Kent Street in Charlottetown where we will hear from guest speakers with the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR) and the Silent no More Awareness Campaign. Afterward, from 2:30-3:30, we will march from the church to outside the legislative assembly for an hour of peaceful prayer.

REFLECTION

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
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Jesus promises the Samaritan woman living water and the disciples food that satisfies beyond mere hunger. What is this living water that Jesus gives? It is himself as Savior, the “love of God...poured out into our hearts” (second reading) as the gift of the Spirit. Jesus helps the woman at the well go from a literal understanding of water to his gift of living water (the Spirit) by telling her everything she had done. He helps her come to a new self-understanding that enables her to witness to Jesus as the Messiah. She began her “Lenten journey” at the well with an encounter with Jesus, faced the truth about herself that she needed to change, and eagerly proclaimed her newfound lease on life. She models for us what happens when we drink the life-giving water Jesus offers. She models for us insight and new self-understanding of a depth only God can give.

Coming to know Jesus as the Savior of the world requires a constant deepening of faith, a faith that comes from the ‘gift of God.’ Our lives constantly play out the struggle to deepen our faith and get to know Jesus better; the journey of all disciples is to come to deeper belief, which leads to a deeper self-understanding as those who follow Jesus faithfully.

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