

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Catholic Communities of

St. Mary's Holy Family and St. James

Parish Contact Information



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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.

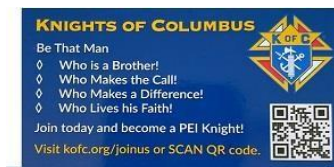
Weekday Masses April 13-17 Monday 9AM, Tuesday 6:30PM, Friday 9AM

Sunday April 19, 2026, Mass Intentions:

9:00am Holy Family –

10:30am St. James - **Sister Mary Cornelia and Fr. Robert Croken**

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.

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Lector: Paula Aylward
Eucharistic Minister: Audrey Glover
Welcoming Ministry: KofC
Usher: Gilbert Arsenault

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Lector: Jim MacLellan
Eucharistic Minister: Paula Aylward
Welcoming Ministry: Denise Jakubiak
Usher: Gilbert Arsenault

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

ST. JAMES PARISH: Good Friday \$755.00 Easter Sunday \$745.00

ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: Holy Thursday \$339.00 cash \$20.00 DD Good Friday \$1,324.40 cash \$20.00 DD Easter \$1055.00 cash \$25.00 Direct Sunday \$1,658.05 cash Direct deposit \$450.00



Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

If you would like to send your donation by E transfer, please
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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

Synod Sessions Our regular Synod follow up session will be held on Monday, April 13 at 6:30 pm, focusing on Part 1V of the Final Document "An Abundant Catch" pgs. 39 - 48. All are welcome!

Thank you It was a joy to be able to sing at your service and be gifted your warm appreciation. The love flowed both ways that day! Many thanks for your wonderful support of our choir! Summerside Community Choir.

PEI LIFE Association is pleased to invite you to a special public awareness tour this April: **Made for Life: What's Wrong with MAiD**. This forum is a collaboration among Focus on the Family Canada, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC), the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada (CMDA Canada), Inspire FM, and PEI Life. Together, we are traveling across the Maritime provinces to address the expansion of MAiD and discuss a better approach to care that honors the God-given dignity of every person.

Evening: Public Awareness Event (6:30pm-8:45pm) Everyone is welcome to attend this forum, which will benefit anyone interested in understanding the challenges of MAiD. The evening features biblical, legal, theological, and practical perspectives, followed by a deep-dive Q&A panel session. Wednesday evening, April 15 (public) at Community Baptist Church, 162 Sherwood Road, Charlottetown. Registration is now open. Please visit our registration page to secure your spot and find further details: <https://inspire.fm/maid/>

News from the Diocese

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.

Have you been experiencing problems dealing with anxiety, loss, depression, separation, parenting or relationship issues? Free counselling services are available through a project sponsored by The Living Well. If you would like to speak to a qualified social worker about these issues you can contact us through e-mail 20tlwp23@gmail.com or call 902 330-2028. All inquiries will be confidential.

The Congregation of Notre Dame is currently recruiting a Coordinator of Care and Community Life for the Notre Dame sisters living at Andrews of Charlottetown Community Care facility (part-time position - 25-30 hours/week). Reporting directly to the Animator of Pastoral Care and Community Living, this person will work collaboratively with the staff at Andrews of Charlottetown, to advocate on behalf of the sisters, promoting programs and activities to support quality of life for the CND Sisters living at Andrews. Interested in learning more? Contact Ellen Crowley at ellentcrowley01@gmail.com.

Young people don't know Christ! They are separated from God and his plan for them - afraid, alone, anxious, and lacking meaning. The Church needs your help! Join us in proclaiming Jesus to high school students and showing them how to respond and live for Him. Catholics ages 16-30 are invited to join us at our upcoming online NET Mission Discernment Event happening on Saturday, April 25th from 3-4pm EST! Get a glimpse into what this transformative year of mission could look like! Interested or know someone who would be? Sign up at netcanada.ca/apply! Have questions? Email recruit@netcanada.ca or call/text 613-292-9991!

St Pius X CWL Coffee Party on Saturday, May 9th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the MacKenzie Room (lower level of St. Pius X Church). Gluten-free available. Tickets are \$10.00. There will be a 50/50 Draw as well as Door Prizes. Proceeds go to Local Charities. All are welcome.

The Living Well, a project of the Sisters of St. Martha, at 96 Patterson Drive, Charlottetown (inside Martha Place), will host "An Introduction to Patio Gardening and Caring for Houseplants" on Wednesday April 22nd from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. This session's facilitator is Joyce Kelly. 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. **UPEI Chaplaincy Centre Sunday Masses** will conclude for the semester on Sunday April 19. To mark the end of a successful academic year, we will celebrate our Spirit Without Borders with readings, prayers and music in various languages - French, Spanish, English, Latin and a bit of Greek. We will also acknowledge our graduates at this mass and invite students graduating from other post-secondary institutions, either locally or not, to join us. Mass will be at 10:30 am on Sunday April 19, 2026, at the UPEI Chaplaincy Centre. Please share this invitation with families and friends. Contact Sister Sue sukidd@upe.ca with questions.

Project Heaven on Earth Workshop will be re-offered on Friday, April 10 from 9:30-3:30 pm at the Martha Spirituality Centre in Charlottetown. **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. If you have a text, cost is \$40. Register soon, as space is limited. srcemma@eastlink.ca.

The Living Well, 96 Patterson Drive, Charlottetown (inside Martha Place), will host "Navigating Loss on Life's Journey" with Joan Coffin on Wednesday, April 15th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. 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. The Living Well is a project of the Sisters of St. Martha.

REFLECTION

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The prayerful atmosphere of the gathering spoken about in this morning's gospel is rudely interrupted by the stubborn disbelief of Thomas. The only way he will believe that Jesus has risen is to put his fingers into the wounds of Calvary. Good Friday had ended all the hopes he had put in Christ. It shattered his faith to the point where he made no attempt to hide his doubts. Thomas is echoing the doubts and voicing the uncertainties that darken the minds and cloud the faith of most believers from time to time. We sometimes share the feelings of Thomas when our dreams are crushed by an unexpected death, a broken relationship or other heavy crosses in our lives. Sometimes believing is not a problem, but at other times it can be a struggle. It's worth remembering that the faith of the apostles was no overnight experience, but something gradual. The same is true of our faith, it will grow provided we are more Christ-like in our daily living. The challenge of Thomas and for all of us who believe, is to be more outgoing and to touch people in such a way as to bring hope and encouragement to those we encounter in our everyday lives. By the witness of our lives, we produce evidence that Christ has indeed risen. Through our faith, doubters will have the closed doors of their minds opened to see Christ, to touch his wounds and to be touched by him in return.... "Lord, I believe, Help my unbelief."

Father Doug shares an excerpt with us this week from Voicing a thought on Sunday, 1992.