

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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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 at Holy Family Church May4-8

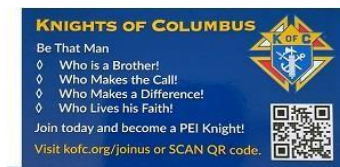
Monday at 6:30pm, Tuesday at 9:00am No Mass Friday

Sunday May 10, 2026, Mass Intentions:

9:00am Holy Family – **Patricia and Alfred Brennan**

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

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, May 10, 2026

Lector: Paula Aylward

Eucharistic Minister: Mary MacKay

Welcoming Ministry: Members of CWL

Ushers: Gilbert Arsenault and Ivan Gallant

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Lector: Ruth Coady

Eucharistic Minister: Marion Curley

Welcoming Ministry: Members of KofC

Ushers: Rose Connell and Lorraine MacDonald

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

ST. JAMES PARISH: \$605.00

ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: Sunday Collection \$948.95 Seminarians \$149.00 Food Bank \$25.00 Direct deposit \$225.00



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

The Mass time schedule for Sunday May 24th (Pentecost Sunday) will be changed due to the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Family Parish. The Mass schedule will be as follows for that Sunday only: Sunday, May 24th 9:00am Mass and Confirmation at Holy Family no time change Mass at St. James changed to 11:00am Please note time change.

Men of the Harvest Concert at Holy Family Church Sunday, May 3 at 3:00PM. Join us for a special performance by Men of the Harvest. We are collecting donations for the Kensington Food Bank – non-perishable food items or monetary gifts welcome. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your support.

Poetry Reading Vic Negus will be reading his own poetry at the Kensington Library on Saturdays in May. All are invited and welcome to attend from 2-3pm, beginning Saturday, May 9 and continuing for the next three Saturdays in May.

Annual Holy Family Property Clean-Up with the arrival of the Spring season, the clean-up of the church and rectory grounds will take place to ensure that the properties will reflect the beauty of the warmer summer months.

Volunteers are invited to take rakes and shovels on Wednesday, May 13th from 6-8pm to clean the properties. Rain date will be Thursday, May 14th 6-8pm. Bags for the raked leaves and debris will be provided by the parish. If you are not able to come out for this annual outdoor clean-up on Wednesday, May 13, feel free to do your part anytime during the week. Many hands make light work!

Take Out Lasagne Dinner KARSII Fund raiser Saturday, May 23rd prepared by 'Three Renowned Island Chefs' **Emily Wells** – The Mill in New Glasgow (Lasagne and salad), **Robert Pendergast**–Boulangerie Pendergast (Bread), **Adam Loo** – ADA Culinary Studio (Dessert). Tickets are \$37.50 each, vegetarian option available. Pick up between 4:00-5:00 PM at Kensington United Church 17 School Street or The Mill in New Glasgow – 5592 Route 13 New Glasgow. To purchase tickets or for more info please contact:

Carolyn Francis Carolyn.francis1946@gmail.com
Patricia Bennett patriciabennett687@gmail.com or loo.judy@gmail.com

Annual Yard Sale in support of KARSII (Kensington & Area Refugee Sponsorship Initiative) will be held on Saturday, June 27th at Jim Blanchard and Carolyn Francis' home 24613 Route 2 in Kensington. Time of sale to be announced.

Parish Synod Group Meeting Our Synod Group will meet on Monday, 11 May, at 6:30 pm in the church. Assignment: Part V "So I Send You" pgs. (49-53) and Conclusion pgs. (61-62). If interested, please feel free to come as everyone is very welcome!

News from the Diocese

To The Heights Young Adult Retreat - July 31-August 2, Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre: The Diocese of Charlottetown is partnering with the Verso L'Alto Young Adult Group and SDU to host a weekend retreat for young adults aged 18 through their 30s. This gathering provides a dedicated space for young adults to reach to the heights of their faith life through sacraments, guest speakers, and opportunities for fellowship. Whether you are looking to deepen your prayer life or find a supportive community, we would love to have you there! The cost is \$160/person for single occupancy and \$115/person for double occupancy. Register online at sites.google.com/view/totheheights2026. For more information, contact Anna Vail at anna@dioceseofcharlottetown.com.

Medjugorje Youth Festival July 29 – August 8, 2026: 50,000–60,000 young people from around the world gathering in one place... worshipping, praying, praising, climbing mountains, encountering Jesus, and holding the hand of Our Blessed

Mother. This is a call to return to the Source of all grace — to Jesus — through the Sacraments, prayer, Adoration, fellowship, and deep communion with God. The 2026 theme: "Ad Fontes! – To the Source! During our pilgrimage we will: Climb Apparition Hill; Pray at the Blue Cross; Climb Cross Mountain; Attend daily Mass, Adoration & the full Youth Festival program; and grow in faith alongside thousands of other young Catholics. Spiritual Chaplain: Father Isaac Longworth, Saint Benedict Parish, Halifax and Group Leader: Rhonda-Lynn Cormier. \$3,299 CAD departing from Halifax Stanfield International Airport Includes: Round-trip airfare, Shared accommodations, Three meals daily, and Airport transfers in Europe. Travel from other airports in Canada and the United States can be arranged. (price adjustments apply). Seats are limited. To book your seat with the group, call Rhonda-Lynn at 902-448-3660.

You are invited to a Jubilee Year of St. Francis Celebratory Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Stratford, Friday, May 29th, 6pm followed by food and fellowship in the Parish Centre. Presider: Father Jim Willick, Parish Pastor and Diocesan Administrator. Homilist: Fr. Bruce Ansems, speaking on "Mary and Francis: Models of Faith for Us All". This event is sponsored by Brother Leo Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. Everyone is most welcome to come and celebrate!

The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) invites all people of faith to join in a nationwide 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care during National Hospice Palliative Care Week (May 3-9, 2026), as a witness to the sanctity of human life. At St. Dunstan's Basilica, this will take place on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. There will be Mass at 12:05pm, followed by a presentation @ 1pm in the K of C Room by Pat Weidemer, Executive Director of PEI Life/Life Canada on the theme "You are Worth It". The rosary will follow at 3:30pm. For more information, please contact Gay Garvey @902-218-3003.

REFLECTION

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Thomas and Philip completely miss Jesus' point. They are looking for a roadmap – they ask Jesus to show them the way. They haven't grasped what they have encountered all along: Jesus is "the way and the truth and the life." When asked "how can we know the way?" to the Father's house, Jesus does not provide us a roadmap. Instead, Jesus' answer is a surprisingly personal one: "I am the way and the truth and the life." Here Jesus himself is equated with risen life. Believing in Jesus and doing his works is the way to the Father. We today must encounter and come to know Jesus in our daily living, and by so identifying with him become for others "the way and the truth and the life."

The real challenge of this gospel, then, is to expand our seeing and believing to recognize the many, varied, and surprising ways he comes to us – and to become for others those ways.

Father Doug shares an excerpt with us this week
From Living Liturgy 2011