

August 16, 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 contact Fr. Doug by calling 902-836-3609.

Weekday Masses at Holy Family Church August 17-21

Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9:00am Holy Family

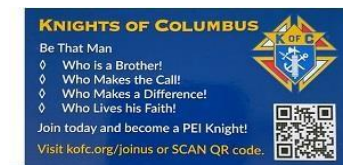
Saturday August 22, 2026, Mass Intention:

6:00 pm St. James – Deceased members of the Rowe Family

Sunday, August 23, 2026

9:30 am Ecumenical Service – Kensington Rink

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. **No meetings June/July/Aug.**

Saturday, August 22, 2026, 6:00pm at St. James Parish Ministries will be filled by parishioners of St. James. NB One Mass this weekend only at St. James on Saturday.

Sunday, August 23, 2026, Ecumenical Service at the Rink at 9:30 am

Presider: Father Doug MacDonald
Lector: Shawn McCarvill **may be additional lectors needed**
Ushers: Gilbert Arsenault and Ivan Gallant

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Lector: Susan Ashley
Eucharistic Minister: Paula Aylward
Welcoming Ministry: Don and Karen Clark
Ushers: Anne Cousins and Lynn Croken

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

St. James Parish: 2523.00 Cemetery Sunday

St. Mary's Holy Family Parish: Sunday Collection \$2,635.60 cash \$220.00 direct Cemetery \$75.00 cash Keyboard \$905.00 cash – direct \$1,000.00

Total collection to date for Keyboard \$7,355.00 – Thank you!



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

Important Mass information The Mass scheduled for the Parishes of St. James and Holy Family will be changed for the weekend of August 22-23 due to the Roman Catholic Church being responsible for the annual Ecumenical Service which will be held Sunday morning, August 23rd at the rink in Kensington at 9:30am. This Ecumenical Service is a part of Kensington Harvest Festival festivities.

The schedule for Mass that weekend only will be held at St. James Parish on Saturday, August 22 at 6:00pm. There will be no Mass at Holy Family Parish on Sunday, August 23rd. Please make an effort to attend the Ecumenical Service on Sunday, August 23 at 9:30am to support the strong ecumenical ties that exist in our community and beyond.

If you contribute to the collection at the Service and mark your name, address and that you want your contribution to be returned to the Catholic Church, it will be returned to our parishes. Regular Sunday envelopes with the marked church name on it will also be returned. Otherwise, the money will go to the Kensington & Area Christian Council which supports many local charities. All are welcome!

The **Kensington and Area Christian Council** is planning the **Annual Harvest Festival Ecumenical Service** to be held on Sunday, August 23rd, 9:30am at the Credit Union Centre (AKA the Rink). There will be an ecumenical choir formed from churches in the area, and participants are welcomed. (If interested, there will be one practice at Holy Family Church, Broadway St. Kensington on Monday, August 17th, at 10:30am. Please contact Mary Pendergast at marygpendergast@gmail.com if you have any questions) Food and/or monetary donations for the Kensington and Area Food Bank will be collected at the service. **All are welcome!!**

Colombian Earthquake Relief. A devastating earthquake struck western Colombia on August 10, causing serious damage in my hometown of **Trujillo**, where many families have lost or had their homes severely damaged. With the permission of the Diocese of Charlottetown, I am asking for your support for immediate relief efforts. Donations may be made through your parish collection, clearly marked “**Colombian Relief – Fr. John Molina,**” or by e-transfer to office@stpaulsparish.ca or frjohn@live.ca. Please keep the people of Trujillo and all those affected in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity and solidarity.

Malpeque Historical Society presents ‘The Talks’
August 19th Michael Pendergast – Make me a Song – Folksongs of PEI.

Carol and Don Evans, on behalf of **Chalice Canada**, thank you, the good people of Holy Family and St. James parishes, for sponsoring children's education and helping their family to have more resources for their families. There were five children sponsored with two more pending and Chalice Canada were very happy with that outcome as were we. It is a privilege indeed to help someone that is striving to make their world a better place for themselves and for their community. Thank you so much and blessings to all.

News from the Diocese

St. Mary's (Hunter River) Cemetery Sunday There will be a service of prayer and song at St. Mary's Cemetery, Hunter River on Sunday, August 30, 2026, at 1pm. All are welcome. Please pass this invitation along to anyone you know who may have friends or family members in the cemetery or former parishioners of St Mary's of the People.

The Basilica summer concert series concludes on Wednesday, August 19 at 1 pm with organist Jason Chen, former student of Leo Marchildon and currently studying Organ performance at Mount Allison University. Admission by donation.

The Catholic Funeral Liturgy seeks to have the community of faith pray for the deceased as well as to provide consolation to those grieving the loss of their loved ones. **Music is an essential component of this Liturgy and must follow certain guidelines for it to remain sacred, meaningful, and appropriate.** The Diocese has updated the pamphlet entitled “**Music Guidelines for Catholic Funeral Liturgies**”. When planning funerals, your Pastor and Music Ministers/organists will be making music recommendations based on these guidelines. If you would like a copy yourself, please speak to your pastor or parish office.

MESSE EN FRANCAIS Une messe en français sera célébrée chaque mois à partir du mois de septembre à St Pius X. **La première célébration** aura lieu le **dimanche 20 septembre à 5:00 PM**. A l'occasion de la première messe, je demanderai ce jour-là si l'horaire convient ou si les personnes préféreraient avoir l'eucharistie à 12:15 le dimanche. J'invite aussi les personnes intéressées à former une chorale. La première répétition sera le mercredi 2 septembre à 19h à la paroisse St Pius. **Merci de le faire savoir à vos amis – P. Jacques Rigaud.**

The annual **Queen Square School Reunion** will take place on **August 21, 2026**, at the Murphy Centre (former Basilica Recreation Centre) at 200 Richmond Street in Charlottetown from 4-7 PM. Finger foods and refreshments will be available. Former students and teachers are invited to attend - hoping to see you all there!

REFLECTION



In this gospel Jesus initially declares that his mission is only to “the house of Israel” and, consequently, harshly rebuffs the Canaanite woman. Subsequent dialogue between Jesus and this persistent woman leads Jesus to extol her great faith and heal her daughter. The gospel challenges us to be persons of strong faith who are persistent in prayer and courageous in asking for salvation. For such people God's salvation is already given. The encounter between Jesus and the woman reveals the unrestricted mercy of Jesus, the power of great faith, and the universality of salvation for those who believe. For, after all, what God offers us is **life**. And this life is more than even our own human life; God offers us a share in divine life, now and for all eternity.

Father Doug shares an excerpt with us this week
From Living Liturgy 2001

Matthew 4.23

Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness. Alleluia.

