

September 13, 2026

24th 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 September 14-18

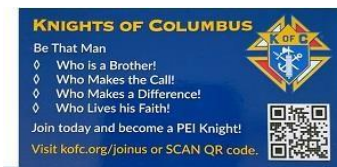
Mass Monday 6:30pm, Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 am Holy Family

Sunday, September 20, 2026, Mass Intention:

9:00 am Holy Family – Eleanor Harding

10:30 am St. James – St. Clair 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. **No meetings June/July/Aug.**

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Lector: Susan Diaz

Eucharistic Minister: Mary MacKay

Welcoming Ministry: Members of KofC

Ushers: Ed Doucette and Peter MacLellan

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Lector: Vic Negus

Eucharistic Minister: Cheryl Negus

Welcoming Ministry: Denise Jakubiak

Ushers: Gilbert Arsenault and Ivan Gallant

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

St. James Parish: \$906.00

St. Mary’s Holy Family Parish: Sunday \$2,614.00 (cash) Direct Deposit \$535.00



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

Knights of Columbus meeting has been rescheduled because of Labor Day on the 7th to **Monday, September 14** at 7pm at Holy Family Church.

Hospice PEI East Prince Peer to Peer Grief Group An 8-week Peer to Peer support group will begin on Wednesday, September 16th from 1-3pm at the St. Eleanor’s Lion’s Club in Summerside. Pre-registration is required. Please call Annie Rousseaux-Bridle Hospice and Grief Services Coordinator at 902-438-4231.

Catechism Classes We are looking for **volunteers to help teach Catechism**. No teaching experience is necessary—just a willingness to share your faith, work with our young people, and help them grow in their relationship with God and the Catholic Church. If you feel called to be part of this important ministry, please speak with **Fr. Doug** for more information. If you have a

child in grades 2-6 and would like them registered for catechism please email the office ASAP at smhfsj17@gmail.com
Thank you! As our summer residents begin their journey home, we want to extend our **sincere thanks for your continued support and presence in our parish community**. Your participation, generosity, and friendship are truly appreciated and add so much to our parish family. Thank you for being part of our community each summer. **You will be missed!**

God bless you, and we look forward to welcoming you back next summer! **Safe travels and see you next summer!**

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH The Friends of St. Mary's Church Association is holding an Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, September 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Provincial Credit Union Pavilion beside Historic St. Mary's Church, Indian River. The Association is beginning to plan for 2027 when the community will celebrate 125 years since St. Mary's Church opened in 1902. All are welcome!

SEPTEMBER AT UNDER THE SPIRE The 2026 fund-raising raffle with great prizes will be available all month at Historic St. Mary's, online at underthespire.ca, or where volunteers have set up a table. The raffle draw will be **September 27th at Soupfest**, the fall community culinary event. Prizes include WestJet tickets, four green fees for Eagles Glenn or Mill River Resort, art work by Tony Diodati, a gourmet dinner at North Shore Canteen, a ticket package to the 2027 Under the Spire Festival, and pottery by potter Alex Bevan-Baker.

Performances continue Sundays at 2 p.m. at Historic St. Mary's. On September 13th, feature The Barocudas, a two time-JUNO nominated early music and Baroque quartet; and September 20th with the rousing Newfoundland trio, The Once. Multiple ECMA award winners, JUNO nominated, and triple Canadian Folk Music Award winners, the Once are an Indie folk rock group bringing their music around the world. September concludes with the annual fall culinary event Soupfest, on September 27th 1 p.m. with delicious soups, biscuits and other accompaniments served in the Pavilion. Music will be featured in the church, and the 2026 raffle draw will be taking place at 2:30 p.m. Tickets and other information are available at underthespire.ca

KARSI is looking for additional volunteers to assist with tutoring. The time commitment will be once per week from 9:30am to 11am. Each volunteer will work with another person assisting some of our newcomer family members learn or improve their English. To volunteer or for more information, contact Carolyn Francis at [902-439-1372](tel:902-439-1372) or by email at carolyn.francis1946@gmail.com

Synod Group will meet on Tuesday 22, September (for this month only) at 6:30pm in St Mary’s Holy Family Church. The regular day and date for future monthly meetings will be determined at that time. This meeting will be “exploratory “, regarding ideas and projects brought up at our June meeting. All interested people are welcome!

News from the Diocese

Words of Gratitude I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the people of the Diocese of Charlottetown. Through your generosity, we have raised \$26,219.85 to assist those affected by the earthquake in western Colombia. These funds have already been sent to help cover basic needs such as food, transportation of relief supplies, and construction materials. On my own behalf and on behalf of those who have suffered the consequences of this disaster, I offer my prayers of gratitude. “Dios les pague.” Peace, Fr. John Molina.

An All-New "Together Again for Christmas: Carols & Comedy" is coming to St Francis of Assisi Parish, Cornwall, this November 28th, 2026, @ 7pm. Bruce Rainnie, Kendra MacGillivray, and our very own Kevin "Boomer" Gallant look forward to starting your Christmas season with laughs, beautiful music, and carols that are sure to get you into the Christmas spirit! Tickets are \$30 per person and may be purchased by ordering through the Unit Office 2 [902-566-3876](tel:902-566-3876), Karen @ [902-393-6286](tel:902-393-6286), Alice @ [902-218-3767](tel:902-218-3767), or Rosalind @ [902-393-5035](tel:902-393-5035). Tickets are payable by cash, cheque (to St Francis of Assisi RC Parish Inc) or by e transfer to officemygs@gmail.com. This show is a parish fundraiser with all proceeds going to support various projects within the parish, and your support is greatly appreciated. Get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment!

A Pilgrimage for Life to the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs will be held at St. Peter's Church, Seven Mile Bay, on Saturday, September 26. A scriptural rosary will begin at 9:30 am, followed by Mass and refreshments. A collection will be donated to Summerside's Hope House which provides supportive housing for vulnerable mothers and babies. This is a co-operative event planned by Provincial Catholic Women's League, and PEI State Knights of Columbus. Please provide a food donation for the sharing table. Everyone is welcome and urged to participate to pray for respect and protection of life at all its natural stages.

From Development and Peace-Caritas Canada The world is full of disasters, and we are called to help! Sister Cecilla Durga Shrestha, director of Caritas Nepal, a trusted partner of Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is asking us to donate to help in their emergency relief and rescue efforts. Caritas is deploying teams to the areas most affected and they need our help. To donate, please call [1-888-234-8533](tel:1-888-234-8533) toll free.

Martha Spirituality Centre (SDU Place) Christian Meditation every Tuesday on Zoom beginning Sept 15 from 7:00-7:45 pm No fee for this program but donations accepted. To register karenvogapei@gmail.com
Martha Spirituality Centre (SDU Place) Lectio Divina- every Thursday on Zoom beginning September 17 (10:30-11:30 AM) to listen to and reflect upon the upcoming Sunday Gospel. To register drjoancsm@gmail.com There is no fee but donations to support Centre programs are welcome.

A Recollection for Women will take place on Monday, September 14, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00p.m. at St. Dunstan’s Basilica, Dorchester Street side entrance. Charlottetown. Recollections are moments of peaceful prayer designed to refresh your spirit and help you find creative ways to live your faith in your family, social, and professional life. They are inspired by the teachings of St. Josemaria Escrivá (www.escrivaworks.org). The Recollection will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, guided prayer led by Fr. Danny Wilson, a cooperator priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei, an opportunity for Confession, and a spiritual talk given by a lay person. For more information about Opus Dei, visit www.opusdei.ca. All women are warmly invited. For more details, please contact Debbie Bulger at 902-439-5098.

Farewell Open House at Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre, Summerside You are invited to join us on Sunday, September 13, 2-4 pm as we bid farewell to the Centre. This will be a time to gather, reminisce, and celebrate the many memories, friendships, and moments of community that have filled these walls.

Book Study of the Tears of Things by Richard Rohr. Every second Wednesday from 1:30 – 3:00 beginning Sept 23. Fee is \$25. Responsible for purchasing your own text. Register with srgemma@eastlink.ca

Book Study of “Years of Ripening: reflections on Aging” By Joyce Rupp on Monday evenings on Zoom on Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 2, 16, 30 and Dec. 14 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Responsible to purchase your own text. Fee is \$25. Register by Oct 3 with lynndelong284@gmail.com

REFLECTION

Christ’s dying and rising models for us our own dying and rising: “no one dies for oneself.” We always die (to ourselves) for the sake of the other. Forgiving entails dying to damaged relationships so that we might all belong to the Lord and rise to every new life with him. Forgiving means God has hold of us and enables us to act in a God-like manner. Forgiving means that petty hurts or even major ruptures pale in comparison to the life-giving wholesomeness of being in health and strong relationships.

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

Gospel Acclamation John 13.34

Alleluia. Alleluia. I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you. Alleluia.