

September 20, 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

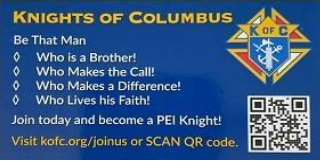
Weekday Masses at Holy Family Church September 28-Oct.2 Mass Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 am Holy Family

Sunday, September 27, 2026, Mass Intention:

9:00 am Holy Family – Donnie Gillis

10:30 am St. James – Alvin McCarville

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 27, 2026

Lector: Vic Negus

Eucharistic Minister: Cheryl Negus

Welcoming Ministry: Denise Jakubiak

Ushers: Gilbert Arsenault and Ivan Gallant

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Lector: Paula Aylward

Eucharistic Minister: Marion Curley

Welcoming Ministry: Don and Karen Clark

Ushers: Lorraine MacDonald and Rose Connell

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

St. James Parish: \$605.00

St. Mary’s Holy Family Parish: Sunday \$1,392.00 (cash) Direct Deposit \$185.00



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

Advertising Opportunity for Businesses

The full colour part of the bulletins with the advertising are going to be printed for this coming year. If you have a business and are interested in advertising in the weekly bulletins, you may contact Shani Court at 902-314-5307. The deadline for advertising is Wednesday September 23.

KISH KD Lunch Volunteers

Would you like to take part in the KD lunch ministry at Kensington St. John's Presbyterian church this school year? Lunches are Thursdays. We're looking for people to bake cookies, and/or serve in the kitchen. Please contact Nanette Clark if you're interested in helping or for more information, ngclark62@gmail.com or 708 799-1544 (call or text). Come join our ecumenical team as we serve the youth of Kensington and area!

Job Opportunity

Please see the attached job posting for a Baker/Cook/Kitchen Assistant at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre. They are looking for someone with basic baking and kitchen skills who can assist with making bread, rolls, simple desserts and home-style meals. They are also very open to meeting someone who may not have all these skills yet but has a genuine interest in cooking and baking and is willing to learn. This is a unique opportunity for someone interested in working in a peaceful, supportive and relatively low-stress environment. Part-time or full-time work is available, and for the right candidate, private on-site accommodation may also be available at a reasonable rental rate. Please share.

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!

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!

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

News from the Diocese

Anyone wishing to sing in this year’s Christmas Concert at St. Dunstan's Basilica

is invited to attend choir practices starting Wednesday October 21 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the boardroom of the SDU building next door to the church. This year will feature Vivaldi’s Gloria, Ralph Vaughan Williams’ Fantasia on Christmas Carols and Fantasia Noel 2, the sequel to the popular cantata which lends a contemporary spin on well known carols. The concert itself will take place on Tuesday December 22 at 7 pm. For further information, please contact music director Leo Marchildon. leomarchildon88@gmail.com

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!

From Development and Peace-Caritas Canada

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.

Mindfulness Christian Meditation Course

is a simple 3-session program for beginner meditators on Fridays Sept. 25, Nov.2 and Nov. 9 from 10:00 -11:45 am. These sessions practice focusing one's attention on the present moment and practicing the way of stillness and silence. Cost \$25. Register srgemma@eastlink.ca.

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.

Martha Spirituality Centre

Once a month on Fridays of Sept. 18, October 16, Nov. 20 and December 11 from 10:30 – 11:30 am, join us for a time of prayer for the care of creation. There is no fee, but donations are accepted for the ongoing ministry at the Spirituality Centre. Register with srgemma@eastlink.ca.

Verso L'Alto Catholic Young Adult Group

After a short summer break, Verso L'Alto is kicking off a brand new season. We will be diving deeper into prayer, scripture, saints, and opportunities to serve. We meet every Tuesday at St. Pius X, starting with Adoration at 6:00 PM and Mass at 7:00 PM, followed by time for prayer and discussion. Feel free to join for any portion of the night that fits your schedule. We will be kicking off this season with a Pizza and Prayer night on September 8th. Check out our website for more information: <https://sites.google.com/view/verso-lalto-pe>. Come meet other Catholic young adults as we reach Verso L’Alto, To the Heights!

REFLECTION

In this gospel parable the landowner’s behaviour is remarkable in two ways: his care for idle workers not able to put their skills and energy to good use, and his manner of paying wages. His behaviour describes aptly the kingdom of heaven: God calls each of us to use whatever our gifts are to advance the growth of the kingdom; God “pays” us not in dollars and cents but with the free gift of salvation that is immeasurable, unlimited, endless, and overflowing. In God’s kingdom there is no cause for idleness and no limit on “wages”.

Father Doug shares an excerpt with us this week

From Living Liturgy 2001

Gospel Acclamation: Acts 16:14

Alleluia. Alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your son. Alleluia.

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