

September 27, 2026

26th 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.

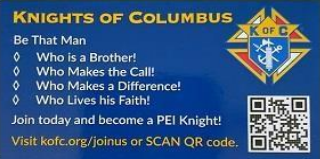
Weekday Masses at Holy Family Church September 28- Oct.2 Mass Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 am Holy Family 10:30 at Clinton View Lodge

Sunday, October 4, 2026, Mass Intention:

9:00 am Holy Family – Saldanha, Crasto and D’souza Families

10:30 am 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. **No meetings June/July/Aug.**

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Lector: Paula Aylward

Eucharistic Minister: Marion Curley

Welcoming Ministry: Don and Karen Clark

Ushers: Lorraine MacDonald and Rose Connell

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Lector: Edna Ferrish-Clark

Eucharistic Minister: Carol Evans

Welcoming Ministry: CWL Members

Ushers: Kenny MacLellan and Carl Gallant

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

St. James Parish: \$1,109.00

St. Mary’s Holy Family Parish: Sunday \$1,357.00 (cash) Direct Deposit \$50.00 Needs of Canadian Church cash \$225.00 direct deposit \$25.00 We received a nice message on a visitor envelope with \$100.00 cash ‘Thank you for being so Welcoming’ St. James Shared Expenses \$6,087.10



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

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, 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. Apply at ourladyofhope@dioceseofcharlottetown.com

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

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

October 7 at The Living Well, a project of the Sisters of Saint Martha, [96 Patterson Drive](#) in Charlottetown from 1:30 – 3:30: Julie Dennis and Karen Nabuurs will give a workshop, Brain Change: What is normal and what is not. This dynamic and engaging workshop helps participants understand and recognize the differences between typical and atypical aging from cognitive and behavioural perspectives. Space is limited and registration is necessary. Please email tlwpei@gmail.com to reserve your spot. There is no cost to attend, participants are invited to bring an item for the in-house food bank. The Living Well is a scent free space.

October 14 at The Living Well, a project of the Sisters of Saint Martha, [96 Patterson Drive](#) in Charlottetown from 1:30 – 3:30: William Stanus will offer a workshop on Hope: What it is and how to sustain it. This workshop will focus on exploring what hope is, the importance of hope for our lives, and how we can find or recapture it in challenging life circumstances. Space is limited and registration is necessary. Please email tlwpei@gmail.com to reserve your spot. There is no cost to attend, participants are invited to bring an item for the in-house food bank. The Living Well is a scent-free space.

Our first show is SOLD OUT, so we've ADDED A SECOND SHOW! Join us at St Francis of Assisi Parish at [5 Lowther Dr. Cornwall](#), on Sunday, November 29th at 2pm for **Together Again for Christmas:** Carols & Comedy, an all-new show featuring Kendra MacGillivray, Bruce Rainnie, and Kevin "Boomer" Gallant. These three talented performers will have your toes tapping, your sides aching from laughter, and your heart full of Christmas Spirit. Tickets are \$30 each and are available by calling the church office at [902-566-3876](tel:902-566-3876), Alice @ [902-218-3767](tel:902-218-3767), Rosalind @ [902-393-5035](tel:902-393-5035), or Karen @ [902-393-6286](tel:902-393-6286). (Tickets NOT available at the door.) Payment can be made via etransfer (to officemygs@gmail.com), cash, or cheque (made payable to St Francis of Assisi RC Parish Inc). All proceeds go to parish initiatives, and your support is greatly appreciated!

The Season of Creation is an annual Christian celebration during which the ecumenical family around the world unites to reflect and care for Mother Earth, our common home. The Season of Creation begins on September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (established by Pope Francis in 2015), and ends on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. This year, the Season of Creation will be marked in our Diocese on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, during the noonday mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Cornwall, PE. During this celebration, Fr. Pierre Ducharme, OFM, will speak on the need to renew our relationship with our Creator and all of creation. Fr. Pierre is a Franciscan Friar who currently serves

as Minister Provincial of the OFM Franciscans of Canada. During this Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, please consider joining us as we celebrate God’s Creation, especially in this beautiful part of the world.

As part of the celebrations to mark the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, a one-hour workshop will be held on October 3, 2026, at 2:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Cornwall, PE. St. Francis is recognized as a “man of peace” and one who dedicated his life to building peace in a world, not unlike ours, plagued with conflict and division. The workshop will be led by Susan Hartley, author of Global Voices for Peace, a collection of reflections, ideas, and strategies from over 100 peacebuilders across more than 50 nations, united by a single purpose: to inspire conscious, collective action for peace. The workshop is entitled “Building hope and community through everyday actions of peace”. Through facilitated dialogue and sharing, we will explore what peace means and how we, as everyday peace builders, can move from a foundation of inner peace to actions that bring hope and peace to our communities. Please join us as we explore practical ways in which we can all build peace in our community.

The Blessing of the Animals is a tradition inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of all God’s creatures, recognizing them as gifts from God. Celebrated around his feast day, and particularly special during this Jubilee Year, the event honors the teachings of St. Francis on kindness and respect for animals. People are invited to bring their pets to St. Francis of Assisi Church on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at 5:00 pm to have them blessed. The blessing will take place outside in the grass area adjoining the parking lot. All pets are welcome, including dogs, cats, birds, small mammals or reptiles. We look forward to seeing you there along with your beloved pets!

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

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 focus one's attention on the present moment and practicing the way of stillness and silence. Cost \$25. Register srgemma@eastlink.ca.

REFLECTION

“What is your opinion?” Jesus asks in the opening line of this gospel. He asks this question not to elicit information from the “chief priests and elders” but to challenge them to do what they say they believe. Believing is doing God’s will. No matter what we say, the real issue is what we do (as with the two sons in the gospel). Any change of mind we have must be about turning ourselves from mere talk to doing God’s will” This is the “way of righteousness” and how we “(enter) the kingdom of God.” This kind of change of mind has serious consequences: whether we gain salvation or not. No matter what we say, the issue is what we believe and how we act on that belief.

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

Gospel Acclamation: John 15.16

Alleluia. Alleluia. I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will last. Alleluia.

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