

October 11, 2026

29th 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 Oct. 12-15 Monday at 9am Tuesday, Funeral Mass for Geraldine Camerson Tuesday (Oct 13) at 11am and Friday Mass at 9am Holy Family Church

Sunday, October 18, 2026, Mass Intention:

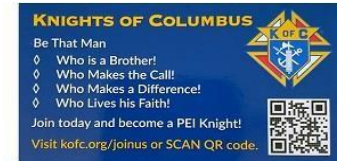
9:00 am Holy Family **Donnie Gillis**

10:30 am St. James – **For Canadian Missionaries in Northern Canada:**

Bishop Omer Robidoux, Fr. Jean Dufour, Sister Lise Turcotte and

Fr. Didier

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 18, 2026

Lector: Shawn McCarvill

Eucharistic Minister: Audrey Glover

Welcoming Ministry: KofC Members

Ushers: Ed Doucette and Peter McCarville

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Lector: Carol Evans

Eucharistic Minister: Susan Ashley

Welcoming Ministry: Denise Jakubiak

Ushers: Carl Gallant and Kenny MacLellan

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

St. James Parish: \$805.00

St. Mary's Holy Family Parish: Sunday \$2,042.55 (cash) Direct Deposit \$615.00 Cemetery \$100.00 (cash) Food Bank \$25.00 (cash)



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

All Souls and All Saints Service In response to the attendance and encouraging feedback, including for this to be an annual event, 'A Service for All Souls and All Saints' will be held again this year – Sunday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.

at Southwest River United Church, Margate. This is an Anglican and United shared service, and all are welcome to attend.

"Men of the Harvest" fall concert will be held on Sunday, October 25, 3:00 pm at Princetown United Church, Malpeque. Admission \$15 at the door. All Welcome!

Healthy Living Workshop Tuesday, October 27th, 2026, to take place at the St. Eleanor's Community Center, 1 West Drive, St. Eleanor's. (St. Eleanor's Fie Hall) Welcoming begins at 9am with activities beginning at 9:30am and will run through to 3pm. Vegetarian and regular light lunch will be provided; pre-registration is required by October 19th. For more information and/or to register call 902-888-7418 and please inform us of any food allergies when registering.

News from the Diocese

Local Catholic Gift Shop at St. Dunstan's Basilica - Now Open! Did you know there is a gift shop at St. Dunstan's Basilica? Somewhere local to buy your Catholic books, sacramental gifts, medals, crucifixes, art, jewelry, Bibles, locally made goods, beeswax candles, and more! We are currently open daily from 10-5. Come check it out! See us on our Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61589283568187> and on Instagram @stdunstansgiftshop.

Have you been experiencing problems dealing with anxiety, loss, depression, separation, parenting or relationship issues? Free counselling services are available through a project sponsored by The Living Well. If you would like to speak to a qualified social worker about these issues you can contact us through e-mail 20tlwp23@gmail.com or call 902 330-2028. All inquiries will be confidential.

October 21 at The Living Well, a project of the Sisters of Saint Martha, [96 Patterson Drive, Charlottetown](#) from 1:30 – 3:00. Annella Lie-Nielsen will offer an Introduction to Chair Yoga. No previous experience necessary for this gentle yoga class. Please wear comfortable clothing that you can move freely in. 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.

Martha Spirituality Centre's Creation Care Prayer continues Friday, October 16 from 10:30-11:30. This month's prayer focus will be on "Trees", their contribution to life and our need to provide care. Let us know if you plan to attend so we will have materials ready. All are welcome. Contact srgemma@eastlink.ca.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada, Fall Action Workshop, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Sunday, October 25, Mackenzie Room, St. Pius X Church Parkdale. Speakers: Amy Montesdeoca, President of the UPEI Student Union, on D&P's work in her country, Ecuador; Adah Ogbe, D&P animator, on this year's theme, "Is Canada on Track for Justice"? There will be a sharing table.

Messe en français à Charlottetown La prochaine messe en français sera célébrée à l'église St. Pius X le dimanche 18 octobre à 5:00 PM. Merci de le faire savoir à vos amis.

2026 Newman Dinner: UPEI's Catholic Studies students present the 8th St. John Henry Newman Dinner on November 20, with Dr. Mark McGowan, Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto, speaking on "The AI Revolution, the Pope, and the classroom". Proceeds support enrichment opportunities in Catholic Studies. Tickets can be purchased at newmandinner2026.eventbrite.com.

CWL East and West Fall Conferences Fall Conference West will be Hosted by Sacred Heart Council, Alberton on Saturday, October 10, starting with Mass at 9:00 am. Fall Conference East will be Hosted by All Saints Council, Cardigan on Saturday, October 24, starting with Mass at 9:00 am. Guest speaker, David Riel, Director of Mission and Pastoral Services for the Diocese of Charlottetown, will be speaking at both Conferences on Intentional Accompaniment. Lunch will be a sharing table. All are welcome!

Martha Spirituality Centre at SDU Place in Charlottetown is offering a unique retreat experience (planned by the Jesuit Centre of Concern) on the theme of Nurturing Ecological Conversion. It involves 8 retreat-based sessions, the first four will be offered on the Saturdays of October 17 and 31 and Nov. 14 and 28 from 9:30-noon. The remaining four sessions will be offered in 2027. Cost for the 8 sessions is only \$30, and each participant is to purchase their own text from novalis.ca. Register by October 13 with srgemma@eastlink.ca.

PARISH MISSION AT THE BASILICA Mark your calendars for Nov. 22-25. Fr. Abraham Joseph, OFM, Director of the Shrine of Bl. Frédéric Janssoone, will be coming to lead a mission at St. Dunstan's Basilica. Topics include: "Faith, Hope, and Love Bring us to the Eucharist", "Life Experiences of the Saint with the Eucharist", "The Mystic Encounter that transfigures our Lives", and "Mary, Mother of the Eucharist". Fr. Abraham will be celebrating and preaching the weekend Mass for Christ the King, Nov. 21/22, and the Mission talks will begin on Sunday evening, November 22nd, at 7PM, and follow each evening until November 25th.

Glenaladale Scottish Cultural Days at Glenaladale Schoolhouse, Thursday October 15, 1:30 pm to 3:45, the History of Scottish Country Dancing and demonstrations, led by Brenda Porter. Friday, October 16, 1:30pm, Myrna Babineau, Aggi-Rose Reddin and Mary Gallant on the life of Dr. Roderick MacDonald of St. Peter's Bay, Canada's longest serving doctor, also fun sharing of Gaelic and folklore. Admission by donation.

Saint Dunstan's University Foundation Award of Merit Are you a Holland College Catholic Student in the second year of a two-year program? Saint Dunstan's board of Directors offers five awards of merit, valued at \$3000. Visit www.saintdunstansuniversity.ca for information and the application form.

NET CANADA YOUTH RETREATS IN PEI! Join NET Ministries Canada for prayer, talks, games, and music. All youth are welcome - bring a friend! 1. Summerside, St. Paul's Hall | Oct 9, 6–10 PM (Grades 7–12 | Contact [902-436-5112](tel:902-436-5112) or office@stpaulsparish.ca) 2. Stratford, Assumption Hall | Oct 10, 9:30 AM–2:30 PM (\$20 lunch included | Contact Cathy at [902-569-4769](tel:902-569-4769) or cbcleclair@gmail.com) 3. Tignish. St. Simon & St. Jude | Oct 11, 10 AM–5 PM (\$10 lunch included | Contact st.simonandjude@pei.aibn.com

All are welcome to the CWL Fall Coffee Party on Saturday, October 17 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall in Cornwall from 9-11:30 am. Tickets are \$10 each and available from a St. Francis CWL member or at the door!

REFLECTION

Today's parable is about being invited to God's feast. We are all invited guests. Sometimes we too refuse the invitation. This scandal of the refusal of our King's invitation is an indication why sin is so damaging. We are invited to God's feast because we share a special, loving relationship with God. Sin is our refusal to share in God's feast of life, and this refusal damages our relationship with God as well as our relationship with each other. A refused invitation is not simply a missed opportunity but is a weakening in our relationship between host and guest. Like the wedding feast the king put on for his son, God's banquet will also be served, and places reserved for us! Will we come?? We are also invited to the Eucharist feast each week. We come, but do we truly participate in this banquet?

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



If you didn't know the story of Charles Schulz before Fr. Doug's Homily last weekend, I'm sure you have a new appreciation for Charlie Brown!

Happy Thanksgiving!

