



No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church. No matter what your personal history, age, background, orientation, race or colour. You are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved at the Bishop MacEachern Pastoral Unit.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21st, 2024**

REFLECTION

The readings invite us to reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. This image reminds us that Jesus is intimately involved in our lives, and that he knows us and loves us individually. It also reminds us that we are called to follow him, and to trust in his guidance and protection.

As we reflect on this image of the Good Shepherd, we are invited to consider the quality of our own relationship with Jesus. Do we recognize his voice and follow him? Do we trust in his care and protection, even in the face of difficulty or uncertainty? Are we willing to let him guide us on the path he has set for us?

We are invited to reflect on the promise of eternal life. As believers, we have the hope of sharing in the resurrection of Christ, and of being united with him forever. This hope gives us strength and courage to face the challenges of life, knowing that we are not alone and that our ultimate destination is with Christ in heaven.

We are not alone in our journey. We are called to support and care for one another, just as the Good Shepherd cares for his sheep.

**Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
April 22nd - April 28th**

- Monday, April 22nd - No Mass**
- Tuesday, April 23rd 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Everett Russell by Judy & Paul DesRoches
- Wednesday, April 24th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Eleuierio Manguiat & Lorenzo Manguiat
by Rhonalyn Panganiban
- Thursday, April 25th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Theodore & Mary McGuigan by Estate of Madelyn Oblak
- Friday, April 26th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Noreen Connolly by Estate of St. Clair Coyle
- Saturday, April 27th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**
Cecil Hughes by Joe & Claire McCarron
- Sunday, April 28th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**
For the People of the Pastoral Unit
- Sunday, April 28th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Levi & Marguerite Power by Billy & Audrey Power



Contact Information: Fr. Andrews' email address is fathermacdonald@hotmail.com.

For our Graduates: For the past number of years St. Mary's has been hosting a Mass to recognize the High School Graduates from the Bishop MacEachern Pastoral Unit. If you, a family member or someone you know is graduating from High School this year, please contact the Parish Office. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and wish our Graduates well in the future.



Just in time for Mother's Day!
8x8 pan for \$15 - frozen and ready to bake!
Order by phoning the Parish Office at (902)838-2253 or by email to stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com.

Live your best life in love with your spouse! Unlock the power of your relationship with new ways to do the "I Do" by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. It will be held in PEI at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre, on **April 26-28th 2024**. For more information and to receive an application form, call 902-626-8875 or email noonans@eastlink.ca

The PEI Health Coalition invites you to a Public Meeting: **"Profiting from Healthcare, What's the Problem?"** at **7:00 pm Tuesday, April 23** in the Lecture Theatre of **Colonel Gray High School**, 175 Spring Park Road, Charlottetown. Guest Speaker is Dr. Pat Armstrong, distinguished research professor and writer, York University. Dr. Armstrong is very concerned about the way profit seeking companies are taking over so much of our public health delivery. Universal healthcare is a wonderful example of a country practicing together the second great commandment, **"Love your neighbour as yourself."**

Listening, Speaking and Growing Together: You are invited to join us at the Spirituality Centre on Saturday, April 27 from 10am to 3pm to explore Spiritual Conversation as a tool that deepens relationship and community with God. The session will be facilitated by three members of the P.E.I. Local of the Atlantic Association of the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate. Everyone is welcome to attend. To register, email Sister Joan at drjoancsm@gmail.com by April 22nd. Suggested fee is \$25. Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring your own lunch.

Have you been experiencing problems dealing with anxiety, loss, depression, separation, parenting or relationship issues? 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.



Pope Francis has reminded us that Saint Francis of Assisi describes Earth, our common home, as a sister with whom we share our life. On Monday April 22, there will be an **Earth Day concert** at 7:00 pm in the Chapel at The Mount Continuing Care Community (141 Mount Edward Road, Charlottetown). All are welcome. Freewill offerings to support Spirituality Centre programs will be accepted.

PEI Life Association annual baby bottle campaign, Change4LIFE, to May 12th, to promote LIFE on PEI. Join us in helping advance the beauty of LIFE on PEI. Change4LIFE is one of many ways that PEI Life aims to help the most vulnerable on PEI and make changes for LIFE! There are two ways to support: Online option as an individual or as a team is via: www.PEILIFE.org – click donate, or by taking a bottle from the back of the church. Take a bottle, sign up bottle number and your name, fill the bottle, and return it on Sunday, May 12th. Questions: Call Pat at 902-894-5473 or email office@peilife.org

Family Violence: Resources and Education - Family violence occurs more than we know in our society. Facilitator Daneen MacDonald will share the dynamics, warning signs and how to access local services offered through PEI Family Violence Prevention. Time for questions and discussion will help us to learn how to support people dealing with domestic violence issues. This session, at **The Living Well**, 96 Patterson is on **April 24th, 1:30-3:30**. A break with a snack is provided. To register email rmd17csm@gmail.com We are **SCENT FREE** There is no charge for this session however, you are welcome to bring a food item for our monthly in-house Food Bank.

Cardinal Raymond Burke invites Catholics to join in praying a nine-month novena seeking Mary's intercession beginning on March 12 and culminating on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12. Sign up to receive the information <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/amp/news/256927/cardinal-burke-promotes-9-month-novena-to-pray-for-the-church-amid-forces-of-sin>

Kingdom Wholeness... A five-week course to help you find true freedom in Christ and so fulfill your God-given calling and destiny. It is a biblically based approach to health and healing that integrates the latest knowledge from medical science with scripture, healing prayer, and Christian inner healing. Presented by: Integrated Health Transformation Centre (<https://ihtc.info>) Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, from May 16-June 13 in St. Paul's parish hall, Summerside. Registration and details: online at stpaulsparish.ca/adult-ministry or email Tawnya at education@stpaulsparish.ca. Cost: \$30 total (Pay cash at the workshop or e-transfer to office@stpaulsparish.ca).

Hillcrest United Church Community Garden – If you like to work with the good earth to grow vegetables and flowers, garden plots of two sizes are available. For information and to reserve a plot, please call the office at 902-838-2698.



**Schedule for Sacraments
Rehearsal & First Confession (for the three Parishes)**
Saturday, April 27th at 10 AM at St. Mary's



First Communion
Saturday, April 27th at 4:00 PM at St. Michael's
Sunday, April 28th at 9:00 AM at St. Paul's
Sunday, April 28th at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's



**Confirmation
Confession and Rehearsal**
Saturday, May 4th at 10 AM at St. Paul's
Confirmation
Sunday, May 5th at 9:00 AM at St. Paul's

St. Paul's Notice Board

Church Cleaners:
April 14th - 20th / April 21st - April 27th
Phyllis Steele & Janet Whiteway
April 28th - May 4th / May 5th - 11th
Willie & Lois Murphy

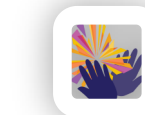
Parish Hall Roof: Our Parish Hall has been the recipient of funding from the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program to enable us to replace the roof of the Parish Hall. There is some interior repair that needs to be done, so your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

St. Mary's Notice Board

Gift Bearers: Do you have a special occasion, Mass Intention for a family member? We are looking to add to our Gift Bearers list. This would be a special way for you, your family or friends to commemorate the occasion. To participate in this Sunday Ministry, please call the Parish Office at 838-2253



Healing Prayers: "Thank You" to everyone for their healing prayers.
Lorna Lannigan



Pre-Authorized Debit or e-transfer:
Convenient and easy ways to support your Parish Church is with Pre-Authorized Debit (contact the office for info) or e-transfer. St. Mary's: stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com
St. Paul's: etransferstpauls@gmail.com
St. Michael's: etransferstmichaels@gmail.com

Offerings	
Sunday, April 14th, 2024	
St. Mary's:	\$ 1232.00
St. Michael's:	\$ 249.00
St. Paul's:	\$ 682.00

Readings for Sunday, April 28th
First Reading: Acts 9.26-31
Second Reading: 1 John 3.18-24
Gospel: John 15.1-8

