



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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28th, 2024

REFLECTION

When Jesus says to us "I am the vine and you are the branches," what it means is that we do not just walk with him. He is within us, in each other, in our community, in those outside our community. Because he has become, through his own incarnation he has become incarnate in every human being.

And that means that, when we look at each other, we must look at each other the way he does. When we treat each other, we must treat each other the way we are, not just solitary individuals being nice to each other. We are people who are filled with the life of God in an intimacy that will last for all eternity.

And this is why today Jesus says to them, "You cannot separate the vine from the branches. You cannot separate the branches from the vine."

He will be with us, but it is our turn to walk the way he walked, to care the way he cared, to love the way he loved.

Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
April 29th - May 5th

- Monday, April 29th - No Mass**
- Tuesday, April 30th 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Joe & Cecelia Brothers by Francis & Brenda Brothers
- Wednesday, May 1st at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Laurent Hostyn by Diane Honkoop
- Thursday, May 2nd at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Sue Daly by Kevin & Elaine MacDonald
- Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM - St. Mary's**
Annette Bourgeois - Bent by Marguerite & Family
- Saturday, May 4th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**
Tommy & Gertie Murphy, Tommy Jr. & Peter Smith
by Family
- Sunday, May 5th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**
For the People of the Pastoral Unit
- Sunday, May 5th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**
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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.



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).

Environmental Health, Ongoing Changes: If we read the headlines, we are aware of a constantly changing environment and much of the news portends a future with more usual events like Hurricane Fiona. We know that change is now affecting every part of the globe, but there is hope that collectively, we can defend ourselves and coming generations from an unpredictable future. Come and hear biologist, Rosemary Curley, share with us what we can do to care for Earth, our common home. This session, at The Living Well, 96 Patterson is on May 1st, 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>



Planning a Marriage?: For those who may be planning a wedding at one of our Churches in the future, please contact the Parish Office before setting a date and time. Thank you.

Scam Alert! Scammers are impersonating Clergy's email addresses, and asking for gift cards. This scam manipulates parishioners to send gift cards or money. Please keep safe, and call a family member or friend to help you process any requests for money.

Blessings & Congratulations to the First Communion Classes!



"Be strong & courageous
Do not be afraid
Do not be discouraged.
For the Lord your God
will be with you
Wherever you go"

Joshua 1.9

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Pastors, diocesan staff, and ministry leaders across Canada share a common desire to reverse the Church's statistically alarming decline. Externally, the Church grapples with closures, dwindling vocations, and the culture's waning acceptance of Christian values. Internally, this decline fosters a sense of hopelessness and concern among leaders in the Church today. **The call is for every parish to establish a new path forward, grounded in mission and evangelization, to help more people experience Jesus personally and enter the sacramental life of the Church.** To confront these challenges together, **Divine Renovation invites you to this year's DR Online Connect: Canada event, "From Decline to Revival: Charting a Path Forward"** on Thursday, May 30 where you will:

- Connect with fellow mission-inspired Canadians for a 90 minute conversation
- Learn from Fr. James Mallon who will share effective strategies to guide parishes in transitioning from maintenance to mission
- Be inspired by a parish who will share how they've been able to defy the trends
- Engage in dialogue and prayer with each other
- Take your next step in contributing to the Church's revival and growth

Register today at <https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/f/DR-Online-Connect-Canada>

If you are interested in a personal spiritual director, please email Roseanne MacDonald, contact person for the *Atlantic Association of the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate (AASEA)*, at philrose1987@gmail.com.

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.



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 28th - May 4th / May 5th - 11th
Willie & Lois Murphy
May 12th - May 18th / May 19th - May 25th
Lawrence & Mary Steele

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



A safe space to explore faith & spirituality with women of all ages & walks of life. Childcare provided for ages 6 and under Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Hosted at Montague Christian Church. 513 Main St., Montague. Questions? Contact Linda Geurms at 940-7371/lindaperic11@gmail.com



A Brahms Bonanza! – featuring Sarah Hagen on piano, Per Johansson on clarinet and Marit Sjodin on cello. They will feature music of Brahms. "Pay what you will" at the door to listen to the concert. The concert will take place on Sat. May 11 at 2 pm at Hillcrest United Church.



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 21st, 2024

St. Mary's: \$ 1195.00
St. Michael's: \$ 1132.00
St. Paul's: \$ 717.00



Readings for Sunday, May 5th
First Reading: Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-10
Gospel: John 15.9-17

