



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.

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
April 7th, 2024

**REFLECTION**



*We are saved by his wounds, we are saved by his pain, we are saved by his death, because it is only out of touching his wounds, and he touching our wounds, that we understand that God has come to be with us, not only in the spirit, but in the Risen Lord.*

*He has shared our pain, and he wants the disciples to know that when they go out to the world, they must realize the entry of God is first by vulnerability.*

*We are vulnerable people, we fall, we get sick, we have all kinds of troubles, because out of the way we respond to this, the vulnerability of ourselves, we respond to the vulnerability of God. If we are not vulnerable, we are incapable of love, because love is what heals. And if we do not need healing, then we do not need love.*

*And so Jesus says to Thomas, "This is the way of love. We suffer, but we never, never despair."*

*"Because I have suffered, and I have risen, and I am here, now present among you, to let you know that the pains and difficulties and troubles of life are only gateways to the peace that I have already given you."*

**Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions**  
April 8th - April 14th

**Saturday, April 13th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**  
Michael McKenna by Family  
**Sunday, April 14th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**  
For the People of the Pastoral Unit  
**Sunday, April 14th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**  
John & Lorraine VanDyke by John & Family

*I will be away from the Parishes for the next couple of weeks.*  
Fr. Andrew



**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.

**Medication Basics: Building Immunity and Preserving Health** - Come and learn from Pharmacist, Nathan Comeau, about understanding the risks associated with vaccinations and their outcomes as well as overcoming some challenges and promoting vaccine uptake. In addition, he will spend time discussing medication basics, providing tips and tricks and will offer time for questions you may have. This session, at The Living Well, 96 Patterson is on April 10th, 1:30-3:30. A break with a snack is provided. To register email [rmd17csm@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Prayer Service:**

Below are this year's participating parishes, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. You are invited to come and pray in any of these rosary-centered prayer services promoting the respect for life and honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Tuesday, April 9th: St. Pius X, Charlottetown  
7:00 PM Mass followed by Silver Rose  
Wednesday, April 10th: St. Paul's, Summerside  
6:30 PM followed by Mass  
Thursday, April 11th: St. Simon & St. Jude, Tignish  
6:15 PM followed by Mass  
Friday, April 12th: Basilica, Charlottetown  
4:00 PM Mass followed by Silver Rose

**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](mailto:20tlwp23@gmail.com) or call 902 330-2028. All inquiries will be confidential.



**Steubenville Atlantic is coming!** Talks, friends, fun! Join youth from across the Maritimes at Steubenville Atlantic, a dynamic youth conference hosted at Dalhousie University, July 5-7. This year's theme is **Illuminate (Jn 1:5)**! Registration is open for youth in grades 9-12. The cost \$250. For more information visit <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/steubenville-atlantic/>



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** is holding its annual baby bottle campaign, Change4LIFE, from April 7th 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](http://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, Mother's Day. Questions: Call Pat at 902-894-5473 or email [office@peilife.org](mailto:office@peilife.org)

**The Holy Redeemer CWL** is having a used book table, a new-to-you table, a pre-owned jewelry table, and plant table sale on April 20th from 9 am to 1 pm at the Jack Blanchard Family Centre, 3 Pond St., Charlottetown. A draw for a gift basket valued at \$200.00 will also be held, with tickets available to purchase for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

**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>

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**. We need a minimum of 10 couples for this weekend to go ahead. Please consider applying early! For more information and to receive an application form, call 902-626-8875 or email [noonans@eastlink.ca](mailto:noonans@eastlink.ca)

**Spring Fling Ceilidh** at the Lower Montague Women's Institute Hall, 88 Lower Montague Road, Sunday April 14. Admission by donation for the Hall Renovation Project. Biscuits and Jam, 50/50. Join talented musicians Marie MacIntyre, Barry Hogan, Harold Green, Lisa Holland, George Banks, Kevin Jesso & Kenny MacKinnon to welcome spring!

**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:**  
**March 31st - April 6th/April 7th - 13th**  
David & Jeannie MacKenzie  
**April 14th - 20th / April 21st - April 27th**  
Phyllis Steele & Janet Whiteway

**Coffee Break**  
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](mailto:940-7371/lindaperic11@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.



**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](mailto:stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com)  
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St. Michael's: [etransferstmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:etransferstmichaels@gmail.com)



<b>Offerings</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 31st, 2024</b>	
<b>St. Mary's:</b>	<b>\$ 1535.00</b>
<b>Easter Offering</b>	<b>\$ 1070.00</b>
<b>St. Michael's:</b>	<b>\$ 331.00</b>
<b>Easter Offering</b>	<b>\$ 305.00</b>
<b>St. Paul's:</b>	<b>\$ 1120.00</b>
<b>Easter Offering</b>	<b>\$ 360.00</b>



**Readings for Sunday, April 14th**  
**First Reading:** Acts 3.13-15, 17-19  
**Second Reading:** 1 John 2.1-5  
**Gospel:** Luke 24.35-48