

Welcome

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11th, 2024

REFLECTION

This Gospel invites us into the life of grace in two powerful ways. We can place ourselves in the sandals of the “untouchable” man and present ourselves to Jesus the healer with the “leper’s” profound confidence in Jesus’ compassion and power to restore us. Or we may be led to acknowledge some “outsider” in our own lives who could use our compassion and readiness to reach out.

Jesus came to heal. He came because he knew, one way or another, all of us, in some way, shape or form, are alienated.

Jesus stretches our capacity for compassion. He challenges our idea of what is true love. Each of us has a great capacity for love. We have in our power to reach out to those who are suffering the pain of rejection, each day all around us. We could enkindle new hope, we could bring back the zest for living in someone else, and if we do, we show the infinite compassion of God.

Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
February 12th - February 18th

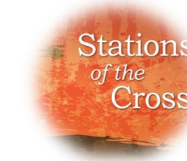
- Monday, February 12th - No Mass**
- Tuesday, February 13th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary’s**
Alana Power-MacFayden by Bernadette Schmeisser
- Wednesday, February 14th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary’s.**
No Specific Intention
- Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 PM - St. Mary’s**
Marion Roche by Clarence & Karen Roche
- Thursday, February 15th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary’s**
Newman Steele by a friend
- Friday, February 16th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary’s**
Pat & Mal Kidd & Eva White by Tony & Bea Molloy
- Saturday, February 17th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael’s**
For the People of the Pastoral Unit
- Sunday, February 18th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul’s**
Jimmie Steele by Betty & Larry Condon
- Sunday, February 18th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary’s**
William, Agatha, James & Charles MacDonald
by Sterling & Flora Hackett

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Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent, is on February 14th. The Blessing and Distribution of Ashes for the Bishop MacEachern Pastoral Unit, will take place at St. Mary’s on Wednesday, February 14th at 9:00 AM and at 7:00 PM.


The Bishop’s Project collection will be distributed to men’s and women’s shelters and local Food Banks.



Stations of the Cross will be held Friday evenings at 6:30 PM. This Friday, February 16th, the Stations will be led by the Fr. Pat Giddings Council of the K of C.



Stuebenville Atlantic is coming! Talks, friends, fun! Join youth from across the Maritimes at Stuebenville 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/stuebenville-atlantic/>



“Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom” is the theme of the Message for the upcoming Season of Lent. Let us make room for God, who delivers us from all forms of slavery. May we welcome Lent as an opportunity for conversion.

Pope Francis

Low Gluten Hosts are available. Please indicate “Celiac” when you come for Communion.

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.



Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 13th
4:30-6:30 PM
St. Mary’s Parish
Adults - \$10/under 12 - \$8
Family - \$30

Serving pancakes, sausages, sweets, juice, tea & coffee.



We are requesting helpers, donations of baked goods and juice for the supper. If you can help in anyway please put your name & phone number on the sign-up sheet at any one of the entrances, call Nancy Matheson at 969-8731 or the Parish Office at 838-2253.

Dr. Joan Campbell, CSM is offering a **Lenten Scripture Series** on Zoom entitled **“Living Discipleship.”** The four sessions include: the Call, the Values, the Mission, and the Destiny of Disciples. Zoom sessions are from 6:30 to 7:45 pm on Wednesday February 21 & 28 and then on March 20 & 27. Suggested Fee \$25. To register contact Sister Joan at drjoancsm@gmail.com.

This Lent, let’s work toward Reaping our Rights



This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s **Create Hope: Reaping our Rights** campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. **Donate** online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 17th. Your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world! For more information, contact Bernadette Schmeisser, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada contact person at berniersmeezer@gmail.com.

Christian Meditation, the prayer of the heart, opens us to the presence of God in the silence and stillness of the present moment. Sessions will be held on Zoom on Tuesdays from January 16 to April 30 from 7-8 pm. No fee. To register, contact karenyogapei@gmail.com.

Please remember, no scents make good sense!

Archives **WANTED:** Historical materials pertaining to the diocese prior to 1975 and no longer needed by owners. Such items might include parish notes, obituaries, old letters, pictures of important parish or diocesan events, etc. Many such historical bits and pieces are often found in attics, trunks, boxes or basements and may soon be lost. Kindly contact Fr. Art O’Shea at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre at 902-368-8005 or drop off materials at 350 North River Road, Charlottetown



For all the latest information, cancellations, news & updates, please check out the Bishop MacEachern Pastoral Unit Facebook page or our webpage at <https://bishoppmaceachern.ca>

St. Paul’s Notice Board

Church Cleaners:
February 4th - 10th/February 11th - 17th
Stella Creed & Winnie McGuigan
February 18th - 24th/February 25th - March 2nd
Betty Condon & Nora Gormley

St. Mary’s Notice Board

Catechism Students are asked to contribute sweets for the Pancake Supper. Please have sweets dropped off by 3:00 PM so we have time to prepare. Thank You.

A thoughtful way to remember loved ones is to purchase a leaf on the **Tree of Life** that is in the Parish Centre at St. Mary’s. For a suggested donation of \$100.00, you can have their name engraved on a leaf for the tree. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Al-Anon meets at St. Mary’s Parish every Tuesday at 7:00 PM. (Lower entrance)

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

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

Storm Day Cancellations: As was the case this past weekend, due to the stormy weather, Masses at all three Parishes were cancelled. Please keep in mind that the operational cost of your Church remain the same.

Readings for Sunday, February 18th
First Reading: Genesis 9.8-15
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22
Gospel: Mark 1.12-15

