

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.

Second Sunday of Lent
February 25th, 2024

REFLECTION

Lent is a time for letting go and the readings make the point very well. If we are to come to know God and the meaning of real love, then we must learn to let go of our certainties and insisting on having things our own way. Abraham and Jesus both learned to entrust everything into the hands of God the Father, even when this appeared to lead to the end of everything they had hoped for. God in Jesus would have us understand that he is with us in every moment of our lives and each moment, whether at the top of the mountain or in Gethsemane, is sacred. If we are to understand this, we develop the art of doing what the Father has asked us and that is the art of listening, really listening to his Son.

Sean Goan



Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
February 26th - March 3rd

- Monday, February 26th - No Mass**
- Tuesday, February 27th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Emile & Joan Mahar by Donna & Mike
- Wednesday, February 28th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's.**
Margaux Sullivan & Paul Sullivan
by John & Helena Sullivan & Family
- Thursday, February 29th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Jimmie Steele by a friend
- Friday, March 1st at 7:00 PM - St. Mary's**
Fritz Kian Manrique & Acelita Paranel by CJ Reodrique
- Saturday, March 2nd at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**
For the People of the Pastoral Unit
- Sunday, March 3rd at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**
Alfred Condon by Trudy, Julie & Jeana
- Sunday, March 3rd at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Beth Graham by the Ferguson Family

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

FIRST FRIDAY
March 1st, 2024
Confession at 6 PM
Benediction, then Mass at 7 PM
at St. Mary's in Montague.



New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week: New Pilgrim Path offers a host of online resources to provide spiritual sustenance throughout the Lenten journey. These include online retreats, guided meditations, reflections, poetry and music appropriate to this holy season.
www.newpilgrimpath.ie

Pray As You Go, a daily online audio guided prayer session provided by the English Jesuits. Its offering for each day of Lent is the most valuable we have encountered to date. It includes a mix of music, a scripture reading, and short reflective questions based on Ignatian spirituality. Between 10 and 13 minutes in duration, Pray As You Go is designed to help you pray whenever you find time. For mobile devices, simply download the "Pray As You Go" app. Access this wonderful resource at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.
<https://pray-as-you-go.org/player/2024-02-18>



Stebenville Atlantic is coming! Talks, friends, fun! Join youth from across the Maritimes at Stebenville 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/>

"War is always a defeat. Wherever fighting occurs, people are exhausted. Let us pray together tirelessly, because prayer is effective. May we ask the Lord for the gift of minds and hearts dedicated concretely to peace."
Pope Francis

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.

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.

Last chance to sign the Stand for the Land petition

Today is the **deadline** for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of **Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's last fall campaign**. Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at devp.org/act.
Thank you for your solidarity .



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



Upcoming Cursillo weekends will be held April 4-7 for men and April 11-14 for women at Our Lady of Hope Center in Stanley Bridge. The cost is \$150 per person and the application can be found on our PEI Cursillo website under "downloads" <https://peicursillo.com> or email peicursillo@gmail.com for application.



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 to April 30 from 7-8 pm. No fee. To register, contact karenyogapei@gmail.com.

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://bishoptmaceachern.ca>

St. Paul's Notice Board

Church Cleaners:
February 18th - 24th/February 25th - March 2nd
Betty Condon & Nora Gormley
March 3rd - 9th/March 10th - 16th
Freddy & Rose Landrigan

May 16- 26, 2024: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 42 years. Cost of \$3570 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p. Info: Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or 506-857-2295.

Getting married? There will be a *Heart-of-the-Matter* marriage preparation course offered on Friday evening and all day Saturday, **March 1st and 2nd**, for anyone who is planning to get married. A marriage preparation course is a requirement for marriage. If interested, please contact Pat Wiedemer at patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com



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

Community Luncheon at Hillcrest United Church the last Thursday of each month from 11:30 -1:00. Everyone is welcome to join us for this free community meal. Come for a meal. Stay for a game and/or some friendly conversation.



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 | |
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| <i>Sunday, February 18th, 2024</i> | |
| St. Mary's: | \$1714.00 |
| St. Michael's: | \$ 320.00 |
| St. Paul's: | \$ 707.00 |



Readings for Sunday, March 3rd
First Reading: Exodus 20.1-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25
Gospel: John 2.12-25