



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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21st, 2024

REFLECTION

There is something sacred about the ordinary. About tending to a child, loving a spouse, daily employment, family time and all that goes to make up our days.

In the middle of all this God can surprise us and call us into his service. Our expectation is sometimes different - that we need long times of prayer to find God, or read about him, or do big things for him just as the smallest things are done out of human love, God is found in the ordinary.

The old Irish spirituality had blessings for everything - for milking a cow, cleaning and dusting a room, visiting the sick and many more. there were prayers for meals, for a safe journey and a happy death. Irish spirituality found God as much in mountains and people as in the church, and often more so.

Maybe the disciples remember in difficult times the way they were called in their ordinary work, and found their ongoing call to follow the Lord in the ordinary of their lives for the rest of their lives.



Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
January 22nd - January 28th

- Monday, January 22nd - No Mass**
- Tuesday, January 23rd at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Lorne Power by Family
- Wednesday, January 24th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's.**
Newman Steele by Kaye & Family
- Thursday, January 25th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Harold Campbell by Estate
- Friday, January 26th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Rita Lanigan by Neil & Family
- Saturday, January 27th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**
Emmett & Mary Power & David Power by Family
- Sunday, January 28th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**
For the People of the Pastoral Unit
- Sunday, January 28th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Nancy McCarron by Joe & Claire McCarron



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

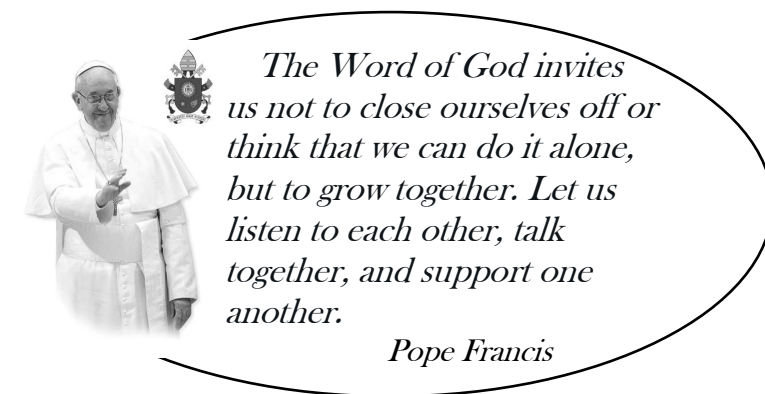


NET CANADA Nate Shaw, a grade 12 student from Montague Regional High School, will be speaking before the Masses on February 10 & 11 in our pastoral unit. He belongs to St. George's Parish, and he will be leaving next summer to serve with NET Canada. NET is a Catholic missionary group, made up of young adults who travel across the country bringing the good news of Christ and His Church to thousands of Canadian youth. Nate will be making an appeal to our parishioners, asking for support in his mission. Please keep Nate in your prayers as he prepares for his year of mission!



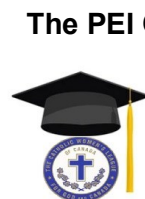
FLEA market & BAKE SALE Come to **Assumption Parish Centre** at 145 Stratford Road in Stratford on Saturday, January 27, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm for a **Huge Flea Market/ Bake Sale!** Good used small appliances, small pieces of furniture, clothing, books, puzzles, toys, household or garage items, home-baked goods. Tickets on silent auctions and lotteries. Proceeds in support of Assumption Parish. Tea & coffee available. Free admission. **Storm date is February 3.**

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.



The Word of God invites us not to close ourselves off or think that we can do it alone, but to grow together. Let us listen to each other, talk together, and support one another.

Pope Francis



The PEI Catholic Girls Bursary is available to PEI Catholic Girls and Women attending College or University Institutions. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2023. Application forms are available at the Parish Office or on the Diocese of Charlottetown website: dioceseofcharlottetown.com



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.



DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTETOWN

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP
POSITION TITLE

Executive Assistant to the Bishop.

THE ORGANIZATION: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlottetown serves Catholics living in Prince Edward Island. It has 50 parishes, 37 incardinated priests, and various offices and ministries. The Seat of the Diocese is in Charlottetown and the Chancery Office is located at 350 North River Road.

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION: The purpose of the position is to maintain effective and efficient operation of the Bishop's office by providing senior level administrative support.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES: On behalf of the Bishop, draft letters and messages for his signature for circulation within the diocese. / Provide administrative support to the Bishop, including emails, phone messages, and mail; oversee the Bishop's calendar and schedule meetings; make travel arrangements. / Prepare letters, cards, and responses for the Bishop's signature and/or approval. / Attend meetings of Councils and Committees as required by the Bishop and take notes. / Coordinate monthly staff meetings. Become familiar with diocesan policies. / Assist in the development of brochures, pastoral letters, special bulletin inserts and business cards. / Maintain accurate records and files for the Bishop. / Other administrative and communications related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must have completed Grade 12 supplemented by a diploma from a recognized Office Studies Program. Considerable knowledge and skills in Word Processing and computer applications is required. Must have considerable experience in a professional administrative environment. Must have considerable knowledge of the Catholic faith and Roman Catholic Diocesan structures.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Must be proficient in using computer programs and suites including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Teams, Zoom, Adobe. Must be detail orientated. Must be a friendly, hospitable, professional representative of the Diocese of Charlottetown at all times. Must have excellent organizational, time management, and communication skills.

Ability to work with limited supervision and in a team setting. Must have excellent oral and written skills. Ability to maintain strict confidentiality. Must be approved through diocesan safeguarding policy (including criminal record check).

HOURS OF WORK: Monday to Friday – 6 hours per day. Flexibility may be required occasionally.

COMPENSATION: The position will pay approximately \$40,000 per year plus benefits. Deadline for applications: February 7, 2024.

St. Paul's Notice Board

Church Cleaners:
January 21st-27th/January 28th-February 3rd
Gerard & Mavis Landrigan
February 4th - 10th/February 11th - 17th
Stella Creed & Winnie McGuigan

St. Mary's Notice Board

Prayer Circle Guidelines are available at the front entrance. If you are a member of the prayer circle, please pick up your copy of the new guidelines.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: The schedules for 2024 are available at the front entrance. Please pick up a copy of your schedule.



Gift Bearers: If you, your family, or you and your friends would like to participate in this meaningful part of Mass, please call or email the Parish Office. If you could partner up with someone else, it would be arranged.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



PEINOY DAY
Experience Filipino Culture in Montague

PEINOY Day is a celebration of the Philippines and experience of Filipino culture in Montague. There will be live music from local Filipino musicians, exquisite Filipino food, games and more on January 21st, from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Cavendish Wellness Centre in Montague. Come and immerse yourself in the Filipino culture- we can't wait to see you there!

Beginning January 22, 2024 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) a book study on **"Return to the Root: Reflections on the Inner Life"** by Joyce Rupp will be held on Zoom. Until December, the group will meet on the fourth Monday of each month, excluding July and August. To register email Lynn DeLong at lynndelong284@gmail.com by January 16



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, January 14th, 2024

St. Mary's: \$ 1030.00
St. Michael's: \$ 190.00
St. Paul's: \$ 646.00



Readings for Sunday, January 28th
First Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7.32-35
Gospel: Mark 1.21-28