



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 in Ordinary Time
January 14th, 2024

REFLECTION

Knowing Jesus and where he stays is not primarily a matter of intellectual knowledge. It is not a matter of information. Nor is it a question of knowing all theology, dogmatic and moral. As well, it is not a question of being an expert in all the teaching and the rules of the Church - Pharisees of all times are good at that.

If we're looking for him, we have to look for each other, especially the needy, especially the people that he hung around with, those that we sort of questionable, and not accepted by the ordinary people of their time.

Knowing Jesus is a matter of experience. To know him in the Gospel sense is to seek, find and respond to his loving presence in the fabric of our daily lives.



Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
January 15th - January 21st

- Monday, January 15th - No Mass**
- Tuesday, January 16th - No Mass**
- Wednesday, January 17th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's.**
The Souls in Purgatory by Jerome Chaisson
- Thursday, January 18th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Sue Daly by Kevin & Elaine
- Friday, January 19th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Newman Steele by Cyril & Edythe Docherty
- Saturday, January 20th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**
For the People of the Pastoral Unit
- Sunday, January 21st at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**
Joe Landrigan by Gerard & Mavis Landrigan
- Sunday, January 21st at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Mickey & Marguerite MacDonald
by Jerome & Lorraine MacDonald



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

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.

Lectio Divina is a contemplative praying of Scripture. We will meet on Zoom every Thursday, from January 11 to April 25 (10:30-11:45 AM) to reflect upon the upcoming Sunday Gospel. No fee. Contact Sister Joan at drjoancsm@gmail.com

Stewardship through Planned Giving: Stewardship allows us the opportunity to do good work in our community while sharing appreciation for all that God has provided to us. If you are considering a Gift to your Parish now or at estate planning time please visit us at www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com and click on the "Planned Giving" quick link.

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



One word in particular resounds in the two principal Christian feasts. That word is "peace". Peace is primarily a gift of God, but it is also a responsibility incumbent upon all of us.

Pope Francis



A prayer circle is a group of dedicated volunteers who lift up your intentions in prayer. Your prayer requests are distributed by a telephone tree. You can provide as much detail as you are comfortable or have your request be a special intention. Please call your prayer requests to Laverne Larocque 326-0209 or Bernadette Schmeisser 838-3462. If you would like to become a member of the prayer circle please contact the Parish at 838 2253 or stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com

Come join us for **Tuesday Night Cards** (Progressive 45's) at St. Joachim's Hall (5376 Route 3 - Vernon River), 7:30pm. Admission: \$7. Jackpot and light lunch.

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.



The PEI Catholic Girls Bursary which is administered by the PEI Provincial Catholic Women League of Canada (CWL) is available to PEI Catholic Girls and Women attending College or University Institutions and is open to applicants for 2024. Completed applications can be sent by regular mail or electronically to the address on the application. 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



The 3-Minute Retreat invites you to a short prayer break online. Anytime, day or night, spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection. An outreach of Ignatian spirituality, the **3-Minute Retreat** is a peaceful online prayer experience that helps the user re-connect with God and re-centre the day. Changing daily, the website and app provide a bite-sized retreat with Scripture passage, tranquil music, and questions to prompt reflection. www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer

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

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!

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.



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.



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

St. Paul's Notice Board

Church Cleaners:
January 7th-13th/January 14th-20th
Lawrence & Mary Steele
January 21st-27th/January 28th-February 3rd
Gerard & Mavis Landrigan

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.



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!



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



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

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.

	Offerings
	Sunday, January 7th, 2024
St. Mary's:	\$ 978.00
St. Michael's:	\$ 339.00
St. Paul's:	\$ 751.00



Readings for Sunday, January 21st
First Reading: Jonah 3.1-5, 10
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7.29-31
Gospel: Mark 1.14-20