

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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14th, 2024

REFLECTION

Jesus is asking us to go through our lives with the maximum of freedom and the minimum of burdens. The Apostles were told to go out bringing with them only the message they had received from Jesus. All their other needs would be taken care of by others.

We can go through our lives so laden down with things, with property and possessions that are an endless source of worry and anxiety. We become their slaves. There are other worries and anxieties in our heads which also can paralyse us and prevent us living rich and enriching lives. We reflect today on how free our lives are and where real wealth is to be found.

Jesus himself is a marvelous model. He only had the clothes on his back and had "nowhere to lay his head". But Jesus was not poor in the sociological sense; on the contrary he was rich in all the things which really matter and was able to enrich those who came in contact with him.



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

Saturday, July 20th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's
Alfred Condon, Mildred & Alfred Jamieson

By Trudy, Jeana & Julie

Sunday, July 21st at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's
Guy & Martha Graham by Family

Sunday, July 21st at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's
For the People of the Pastoral Unit



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



Many thanks to everyone for coming out to honour and celebrate the memory of, and contribution to, our Parish Community of the late Sterling Whiteway. Your kindness is appreciated. Proceeds are \$1237.00. Let's keep the tradition going . . . Join us tonight, July 14th at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's Hall in Sturgeon. Biscuits, Jam & tea served. Admission by donation.



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration on Friday: Before the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's on Fridays, there will be Adoration & Confession at 8:00 AM with the Mercy Rosary beginning at 8:30 AM.

First Friday: Confessions at 6:00 PM with Mass at 7:00 PM.



Bottle Depot Refund

St. Mary's Parish has a 'Refund Account' set up at Myers Industries Bottle Exchange, 3914 Baldwins Road. You can drop off your recyclable bottles and cans and donate the proceeds to St. Mary's Parish. A great way to help our environment and our Parish. Thank You.

The 4th Annual Bike For Christ, hosted by members of



The Crew youth group, is happening July 27 - 28! This is a two day retreat/pilgrimage where youth aged 13-18, led by some accomplished youth leaders, will bike across scenic Eastern PEI.

Throughout the weekend, participants will be treated to beautiful views, beautiful churches, the beauty of the Sacraments, the beauty of Adoration of Our Blessed Lord, and finally, the beauty of true Christian fellowship! It costs \$30 to register, and any extra money raised will be donated to the Island Pregnancy Center. For more information or to register, visit our website at bikeforchrist.wordpress.com, look us up on social media, or contact Nate at 902-916-8914.

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.



St. Mary's Parish has joined the FundScrip Program, a fundraising initiative to aid in achieving the much-needed funds for roof repair, stained glass window repair and so much more. As you well know, it takes a lot of money to keep the church and the grounds of St. Mary's looking so lovely and welcoming. You may purchase these cards for any reason, gift giving or just your own weekly shopping – these cards give 2% – 7% back to our church. For example, purchase a \$100 gift card for either Sobeys or the Superstore and Fund Raising gives us back \$3.00! Cost to you - \$0

Cash Draw! Tickets are available for St. Mary's Parish Annual Cash Draw of \$4000.00. This year, we will be selling 200 tickets for the Reverse Draw in September. Every 10th ticket drawn wins \$100.00 and the 150th ticket drawn wins \$500.00. Please call the Parish Office to purchase a ticket and please consider taking a few to sell to help with this cause. Proceeds to go towards roof repairs/replacement.



Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Saint Paul: Journey to Greece and Turkey next Spring, going into the areas in which St. Paul preached the faith in the early days of the Church. This pilgrimage will go into the areas we read about in Acts of the Apostles, in following St. Paul's journey, and into the places to which his letters were addressed. Athens, Thessalonica, Corinth (a cruise to Ephesus and Patmos); and so many more stops and experiences. Take this pilgrimage with Fr. Andrew Handrahan, **April 29th-May 9th, 2025**. For more information, contact Chelsey at CAA Charlottetown (902-892-1612), email Father Andrew at father@handrahan.net, or visit: <https://gateway.memberchoicevacations.com/>



Please 'like' & 'share' "The Bishop MacEachern Pastoral Unit" to keep up to date with Parish Activities and events.

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



Owen Connolly ESTATE BURSARY
www.owenconnollyestate.com



Connolly Estate Bursary Applications: Connolly Estate bursaries are open to residents of PEI who can demonstrate that they are Roman Catholic, are Irish in heritage, and have material financial need. Applicants must be full-time students enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited university. College students who are completing a joint program / degree must be enrolled in the university portion of their studies to be eligible. You must apply at www.OwenConnollyestate.com before end of day **August 31, 2024**. If, as of August 31, 2024: you are under age 22, the applicant and parent's income shall be used to assess financial need; you are over age 22, the applicant and spouse's income shall be used to assess financial need. Successful applicants will be notified on December 15, 2024.

St. Paul's Notice Board

Church Cleaners:
July 14th - July 20th / July 21st - July 27th
Wayne & Susan Keamey
July 28th - August 3rd / August 4th - August 10th
David & Jeannie MacKenzie

Please Remember no Scents make Good Sense.

Diocese of Charlottetown:
www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com



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

PEI Life extends a BIG thank you to all for participating in our Change4LIFE Baby Bottle Campaign this past spring. Your support allows us to SPEAK LIFE through out the year and help Islanders choose LIFE from the very beginning through to the very end. Every LIFE matters and your generosity makes this evident. Because of your support, we are currently offering a \$2000 bursary for a young mom who chose LIFE for her baby and wishes to continue her post secondary education. Please spread the word and reach out to Pat for further information or see our webpage. Tel; 902-894-5473 or Education4LIFE PEI Education Bursary Program - PEI LIFE.



Family and Friends Concert
Sunday July 21 at 7 pm
Hillcrest United Church
50 Wood Islands Hill, Montague

Church music presented by music makers from a variety of ages and styles. Light lunch to follow. Donations at the door.



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.



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St. Paul's: etransferstpauls@gmail.com
St. Michael's: etransferstmichaels@gmail.com

Offerings
Sunday, July 7th, 2024

St. Mary's: \$1074.00
Cemetery Care \$ 355.00
St. Michael's: \$ 536 .00
Cemetery Care \$ 135.00
St. Paul's: \$ 618.00
Cemetery Care \$ 239.00



Readings for Sunday, July 21st
First Reading: Jeremiah 23.1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 2.13-18
Gospel: Mark 6.30-34