

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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 28th, 2024

REFLECTION

Ordinary bread is a reminder of the Eucharist. Jesus feeds in the ordinary among the people. The fragments left over have been our bread ever since. From this gospel mystery we know we are always worthwhile in God's eyes. Everyone is fed. We approach the bread of life not because we are saints, but because we need it.

We know also that our offering is worth it: 5 loaves and 2 fish of the poorest type. The leftovers on the shelf, the sardines only the poor ate: the boy had no idea of where his offering would lead. We never know where love will bear fruit.

God is with us in the ordinary - the God of the table not just the temple. Where we are in life, he finds us, and feeds us most when we are most empty. We have often blocked good people from the table of God for too long.

He will feed us always - more than enough love in the heart of God for all. The meal of today has lasted, and the Eucharist is the central prayer and activity of the church. We minister the bread of life now to each other.

Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
July 29th - August 3rd

- Monday, July 29th - No Mass**
- Tuesday, July 30th - No Mass (Priest's Barbeque & Social)**
- Wednesday, July 31st at 10:00 AM - St. James, Georgetown**
Funeral for Cecil MacDonald
- Thursday, August 1st at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Sylvère DesRoches & Everett Russell
by Paul & Judy DesRoches
- Friday, August 2nd at 10:00 AM - Gillis Lodge**
Myrtle McKenna by Estate
- Friday, August 2nd at 7:00 PM - St. Mary's**
Vocations to the Priesthood
- Saturday, August 3rd at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**
For the People of the Pastoral Unit
- Sunday, August 4th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**
Boyd & Larry Graham by Family
- Sunday, August 4th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Olive & Andrew Campbell by Elaine & Family

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



at St. Paul's in Sturgeon
July 28th at 6:30 PM
in the Parish Hall.
Biscuits, jam and tea/coffee served
Admission by Donation
50/50 Draw



Please reserve Sunday, August 4th, for the **St. Mary's Annual Parish Fair** following Mass. Entertainment, children's games, silent auction, cake auction, bottle table, etc. We kindly ask for your support in donating something to the value of \$5.00 to be placed in a bottle. We are thinking perhaps a bottle of preserves, candy to fill a bottle, or use your imagination. We look forward to seeing everyone on August 4th.
We are looking for volunteers to help with St. Mary's Parish Fair following Mass on Sunday, August 4th. Please see sign up sheets at the entrances, contact the Parish Office or call Nancy at 969-8731.



Bike for Christ crew will be gathering at St. Mary's, Montague on Sunday, July 28, from 1:30 - 2:30 PM for Adoration and Confession. Everyone is invited to participate and greet the crew.



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.



Scam Alert! Scammers are impersonating Clergy's email addresses, and asking for gift cards. This scam manipulates parishioners to send gift cards or money. Please keep safe, and call a family member or friend to help you process any requests for money.

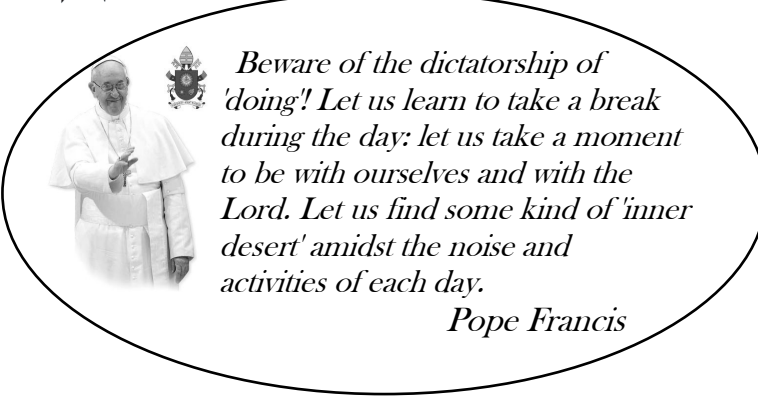
Fr Andrew is looking for a parishioner, with a passion for photography and the right equipment, to take pictures of the 3 parishes with a full gathering of parishioners in front of each church building. Fr Andrew would like to take the pictures this summer, and have parishioners gather, either before or after the weekend Masses, to take a picture. This was a common practice years ago and Fr Andrew would like to bring it back.



A sincere thank you to all that purchased gift cards through the FundScrip program. We have placed an order for \$8,850.00, for total refund to the parish of \$286.50. We will be submitting another order at the end of October. Orders can be placed at any time with payment due on October 27th. These gift cards would make great Christmas gifts.



Cash Draw! Tickets are available from Nancy Matheson (969-8731) or at the Parish Office.



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



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 28th - August 3rd / August 4th - August 10th
David & Jeannie MacKenzie
August 11th - 17th / August 18th - 24th
Phyllis Steele & Janet Whiteway

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/>

PEI Life 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.



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



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

The Lower Montague Women's Institute hosts Phase II, one of PEI's longest running dance bands, on Friday, Aug. 2nd from 8-11pm for an evening of lively dance tunes from the 50s & 60s. Canteen services available. Tickets @\$15 can be purchased by calling 969-1391 or at the door. See you at 88 Lower Montague Road!



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

	<i>Offerings</i>	
	<i>Sunday, July 21st, 2024</i>	
<i>St. Mary's:</i>	\$ 857.00	
<i>St. Michael's:</i>	\$ 456.00	
<i>St. Paul's:</i>	\$ 794.00	

Readings for Sunday, July 28th
First Reading: Exodus 16.2-4, 12-15, 31a
Second Reading: Ephesians 4.17, 20-24
Gospel: John 6.24-35