

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10th, 2024

REFLECTION

In our day-to-day struggle just to get on with the business of living it is unlikely that we go around with the image of ourselves as 'God's work of art'. There are many forces at work both within us and outside us which tend to pull us down and to leave us with negative feelings about ourselves and those around us. By contrast, at the heart of the gospel message is the wonderful assertion that we are the handiwork of a God who does not make mistakes. This is the God who so loved the world that he gave his only Son not to bully us into obedience or to threaten us with hellfire but to bring us to life in its fullness. This is terrific news indeed, so let us take steps to ensure that other messages do not drown it out.



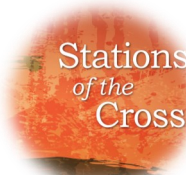
Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
March 11th - March 17th

- Monday, March 11th - No Mass**
- Tuesday, March 12th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Jimmie Steele by a friend
- Wednesday, March 13th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Hubert Cann by Donna Crane & Family
- Thursday, March 14th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
John Power by Family
- Friday, March 15th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
No Specific Intention
- Saturday, March 16th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**
For the People of the Pastoral Unit
- Sunday, March 17th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**
Nellie Lanigan by Betty & Larry Condon
- Sunday, March 17th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Merrill Condon by Dianne Condon

Reconciliation / Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Services for Lent are as follows:

- Monday, March 11th at 7 PM**
at St. Mary's, Souris
- Tuesday, March 12th at 7 PM**
at St. Mary's, Montague
- Wednesday, March 13th at 7 PM**
at Little Flower Parish, Morell
- Thursday, March 14th at 7 PM**
at St. James, Georgetown



Stations of the Cross are being held Friday evenings at 6:30 PM. This Friday, March 15th, the Stations will be led by representatives of Development & Peace.

Cardinal Raymond Burke this week invited Catholics to join in praying a nine-month novena seeking Mary's intercession beginning on March 12 and culminating on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12. The American cardinal, who founded the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Wisconsin, announced the prayer initiative in a video address posted over the weekend. Sign up to receive the information <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/amp/news/256927/cardinal-burke-promotes-9-month-novena-to-pray-for-the-church-amid-forces-of-sin>



Let us cultivate open outlooks and become "seekers of light," searching for the light of Jesus in prayer and other people.
Pope Francis



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

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.

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



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Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia

In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada invites you to the **Solidarity Sunday workshop, March 17, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, St. Pius X Church, Parkdale**. Speakers, Adah Ogbe, Nigeria and others to be announced, as we highlight small farmers in the global South including Nigeria, who feed most of the world's people

From Bishop Dabrowski's office - New Executive Assistant to the Bishop- It is our pleasure to announce that Ms. Sandra Bourque is the successful candidate for the role of Executive Assistant to the Bishop. She will begin effective March 18, 2024. Sandra brings a wealth of experience to this role including as an executive assistant and most recently as a parish catechetical coordinator. We are confident she will be a great addition to our team. Please join us in welcoming Sandra. Mrs. Jennifer Scott will continue in her role as Diocesan Receptionist. We are very grateful to Jennifer for assuming various tasks of an executive assistant for the last eight months in addition to fulfilling her regular responsibilities.

New Clergy Announcement: We are pleased to introduce two priests from the Society of Divine Vocations in Nigeria who arrived last week to work in our diocese. The Vocationist Congregation's main charism is "identifying and fostering vocations to priesthood and religious life, especially among the less privileged". Their work is to help those they serve discern properly and answer the call of God in their life. For their first few months here, **Fr. Benedict Olelewe, sdv** is assigned to Our Lady of the Assumption, Stratford and St. Joachim, Vernon River, and **Fr. Francis Sohe, sdv** is assigned to St. Simon and St. Jude, Tignish. Welcome to our diocese!



For all the latest information, cancellations, news & updates, please check out the Bishop MacEachern Pastoral Unit Facebook page or our webpage at <https://bishopmaceachern.ca>

St. Paul's Notice Board

- Church Cleaners:**
- March 3rd - 9th/March 10th - 16th**
Freddy & Rose Landrigan
- March 17th - 23rd/March 24th - 30th**
Wayne & Susan Kearney



Come enjoy an afternoon of entertainment at a **pre St. Patrick's Concert on Sunday, March 10, 2:00pm** at St. Joachim's Hall in Vernon River. Featuring **Friends of the Irish** and other special guests. Admission: \$10. Fudge sale. Tea, coffee and sweets at intermission.



A Men's Supper--featuring a talk by PEI K of C State Deputy Mike White will be held Tues., March 19 at the 21 Breakwater Restaurant in Souris. Mike will speak about how to form small groups for Catholic Men wanting to grow in their faith. A fish or chicken option will be served for \$25.00. Those attending must be registered by contacting st.maryschurch@outlook.com. The talk is organized by the St. Mary's Men's Group

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.



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, March 3rd, 2024

- St. Mary's:** \$ 1429.00
- St. Michael's:** \$ 612.00
- St. Paul's:** \$ 1034.00



Readings for Sunday, March 17th
First Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34
Second Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9
Gospel: John 12-20-33