

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.

Third Sunday of Lent
March 3rd, 2024

REFLECTION



Why is Jesus angry? - they have missed the point and the religious leaders are allowing this to happen! Religion had come down to ritual, and the centre was missing. The finding in the temple, the words - my body is the temple. Jesus is more at home at the table - the loaves at the lake, the fish on the beach, the last supper in a home. This is where he is most himself.

The falsity of the occasion was the using of the temple to be entrapped by riches. The poor were being overcharged to pay for the materials for sacrifices. This caused the anger of Jesus.

The temple has disappeared. We are God's building. Only if God is alive in us all the time, will he be alive in the building. If God is not alive all week in us, God will not be alive on Sunday.

The forty-six years are over, and the three days of the rebuilding have been going on for years, in the hearts of all who are faithful to God's love. The building continues still and we are the living stones.

Donal Neary SJ

Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
March 4th - March 10th

Monday, March 4th - No Mass

Tuesday, March 5th - No Mass

Wednesday, March 6th - No Mass

Thursday, March 7th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's

Sue Daly by Kevin & Elaine

Friday, March 8th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's

No Specific Intention

Saturday, March 9th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's

Jame Tierney by Clarence & Karen Roche

Sunday, March 10th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's

For the People of the Pastoral Unit

Sunday, March 10th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's

Fr. Andrew MacDonald CSSR &

Sr. Theresa MacDonald OLM

By Sterling & Flora Hackett



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



Scam Alert! Scammers are impersonating Clergy's email addresses, and asking for gift cards. This scam manipulates parishioners, through their love for their pastors, to send gift cards or money. Scammers are in a hurry for you to send them gift cards or money, so people don't have time to process what is happening. Parishes collect donations at their parishes, and not via email. Please keep safe, and call a family member or friend to help you process these weird requests for money.



New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week: New Pilgrim Path offers a host of online resources to provide spiritual sustenance throughout the Lenten journey. These include online retreats, guided meditations, reflections, poetry and music appropriate to this holy season. www.newpilgrimpath.ie



Steubenville Atlantic is coming! Talks, friends, fun! Join youth from across the Maritimes at Steubenville Atlantic, a dynamic youth conference hosted at Dalhousie University, July 5-7. This year's theme is **illuminate (Jn 1:5)**! Registration is open for youth in grades 9-12. The cost \$250. For more information visit <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/>



In this time of Lent let us strive not to put ourselves at the centre; rather, let us try to step aside to make room for others, to promote them, and to rejoice in their qualities and successes.

Pope Francis

Please Remember no Scents make Good Sense.

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



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.

Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria: Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands. To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our [Mini-magazine](#) and watch the video 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

Diocese of Charlottetown:
www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com



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

Upcoming Cursillo weekends will be held April 4-7 for men and April 11-14 for women at Our Lady of Hope Center in Stanley Bridge. The cost is \$150 per person and the application can be found on our PEI Cursillo website under "downloads" <https://peicursillo.com> or email peicursillo@gmail.com for application.



Archives **WANTED:** Historical materials pertaining to the diocese prior to 1975 and no longer needed by owners. Such items might include parish notes, obituaries, old letters, pictures of important parish or diocesan events, etc. Many such historical bits and pieces are often found in attics, trunks, boxes or basements and may soon be lost. Kindly contact Fr. Art O'Shea at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre at 902-368-8005 or drop off materials at 350 North River Road, Charlottetown



For all the latest information, cancellations, news & updates, please check out the Bishop MacEachern Pastoral Unit Facebook page or our webpage at <https://bishoptmaceachern.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, February 25th, 2024
St. Mary's:	\$1152.00
St. Michael's:	Storm Cancellation
St. Paul's:	\$ 548.00

Readings for Sunday, March 10th
First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23
Second Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10
Gospel: John 3.14-21