



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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5th, 2024

REFLECTION

Love is not a question of keeping rules and commandments. Love is a way of life. It is an internal attitude which influences every single thing we do and say and think.

The love of a Christian needs to be unconditional. Sometimes people will love us back; sometimes they will not. Sometimes, even though we want to love people, they may reject us. People often learn to love by being loved.

The most important thing is not that we are very clever, very successful, very rich, very famous... The most important thing is that we are someone who really loves. When we genuinely love others, there will always be some who cannot love us back, but there will be others who will really respond in love. And it may be that our love has empowered them to be loving too. To be able to reach out in love and to experience being loved is God's greatest grace.

Love one another as I have loved you.

John the Apostle

Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
May 6th - May 12th

- Monday, May 6th - No Mass**
- Tuesday, May 7th 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Noreen Connolly by Estate of St. Clair Coyle
- Wednesday, May 8th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Herbert & Elizabeth McGuigan by Estate of Madely Oblak
- Thursday, May 9th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
No Specific Intention
- Friday, May 10th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Myrtle McKenna by Estate
- Saturday, May 11th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**
For the People of the Pastoral Unit
- Sunday, May 12th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**
Rita Lanigan by Neil & Family
- Sunday, May 12th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Bert & Shirley Thomson by Brian & Cheryl Thomson



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2024 UPEI Graduates: UPEI Chaplaincy Centre and UPEI Canadian Catholic Student Association is pleased to invite the you to celebrate our 2024 UPEI Graduates. A Mass for UPEI Graduates 2024 will be Monday May 13 at 9:30 am at the Chaplaincy Centre. Main Celebrant and Homilist is Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA.

For our Graduates: For the past number of years St. Mary's has been hosting a Mass to recognize the High School Graduates from the Bishop MacEachern Pastoral Unit. If you, a family member or someone you know is graduating from High School this year, please contact the Parish Office. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and wish our Graduates well in the future.

Deepening the Synodal Process: Reflection Day on Saturday, May 11 at the Spirituality Centre 10am to 3pm. To register email drjoancsm@gmail.com. Suggested Fee \$25. Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring your own lunch.

The Magic and Value of Music Therapy: This presentation, offered by Rebecca Hulme, will explore the intrinsic power of internal human musicality, and how it may serve as a springboard to imagine a future where music therapy is an essential standard of healthcare. Through participating in a variety of musical and mindfulness activities, participants will be invited to be present, 'in-the-moment', step out of their comfort zone, access creative areas of their brain, and foster a sense of community. This session, at **The Living Well**, 96 Paterson is on **May 8th, 1:30-3:30**. A break with a snack is provided. To register email rmd17csm@gmail.com We are **SCENT FREE** There is no charge for this session however, you are welcome to bring a food item for our monthly in-house Food Bank.



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.



We all have received the great gift of being beloved children of God. We are called to fulfill the Lord's dream: to bear witness to and live His joy. There is nothing more beautiful.

Pope Francis



Blessings & Congratulations to the Confirmation Class!

May God's Spirit of love rest on you from above. As you pledge your faith in Him, may he continually walk closely by your side as your Savior, friend and guide.
"I am with you always."

Matthew 28:20



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Pastors, diocesan staff, and ministry leaders across Canada share a common desire to reverse the Church's statistically alarming decline. Externally, the Church grapples with closures, dwindling vocations, and the culture's waning acceptance of Christian values. Internally, this decline fosters a sense of hopelessness and concern among leaders in the Church today. The call is for every parish to establish a new path forward, grounded in mission and evangelization, to help more people experience Jesus personally and enter the sacramental life of the Church. To confront these challenges together, Divine Renovation invites you to this year's DR Online Connect: Canada event, "From Decline to Revival: Charting a Path Forward" on Thursday, May 30 where you will:

- Connect with fellow mission-inspired Canadians for a 90 minute conversation
- Learn from Fr. James Mallon who will share effective strategies to guide parishes in transitioning from maintenance to mission
- Be inspired by a parish who will share how they've been able to defy the trends
- Engage in dialogue and prayer with each other
- Take your next step in contributing to the Church's revival and growth

Register today at <https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/DR-Online-Connect-Canada>

The **Latin American Mission Program and the Muslim Society of PEI** invite you to a Spring Education Session entitled **A Call for Peace: History of the Occupation of Palestine** on **Sunday, May 19, 2024, 5:30 - 7:30 pm** at the **Dar As-Salam Mosque**, 15 MacAleer Drive, Charlottetown. Session presenter is Rahaf Geisa. Pre-registration is suggested for seating availability. Phone 902-894-4573 or pre-register online at <https://forms.gle/7xehS4tPHeeAyHaT8>. **We are asked to remove outdoor footwear before entering the meeting space.**

Weekday Mass: When there is a Funeral, the weekday Mass is cancelled and the intention for that Mass will be offered at another Mass.

St. Paul's Notice Board

Church Cleaners:
April 28th - May 4th / May 5th - 11th
Willie & Lois Murphy
May 12th - May 18th / May 19th - May 25th
Lawrence & Mary Steele

St. Mary's Notice Board

Gift Bearers: Do you have a special occasion, Mass Intention for a family member? We are looking to add to our Gift Bearers list. This would be a special way for you, your family or friends to commemorate the occasion. To participate in this Sunday Ministry, please call the Parish Office at 838-2253



Fr. Patrick Giddings Council of the K of C will meet on Thursday, May 9th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Centre.

Living with God in the Day-to-Day. Come join us on **Thursday, May 16th at 2 p.m. at St. James' Church, Georgetown** or **May 30th at 7 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Cardigan** for a 1½ hour session exploring a practical tool of the Daily Awareness or the Examen that help us grow in our relationship with God, self and others. Learn more about the movement of spirits: the true and the false spirit This session helps you find God in all things – in your everyday. Presenter : Julia Donahoe-MacDougald of St Benedict's Pastoral Unit. , Spiritual Guide , a member of the Atlantic Association of the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate. For more information: Julia 902-838-4395

A Brahms Bonanza! – featuring Sarah Hagen on piano, Per Johansson on clarinet and Marit Sjodin on cello. They will feature music of Brahms. "Pay what you will" at the door to listen to the concert. The concert will take place on Sat. May 11 at 2 pm at Hillcrest United Church.



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St. Paul's: etransferstpauls@gmail.com
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Offerings
Sunday, April 28th, 2024

St. Mary's: \$ 1429.00
St. Michael's: \$ 280.00
St. Paul's: \$ 977.00



Readings for Sunday, May 12th
First Reading: Acts 1.1-11
Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23
Gospel: Mark 16.15-20