



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.

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22nd, 2024**

REFLECTION

The child here represents a person who has no power, no say, no influence—a person who can easily be controlled, abused or neglected, and who has little redress.

But Jesus says, to accept, to welcome, such a person is to welcome Him. To 'welcome' is to respect and to serve, in the way a host welcomes a guest, even a stranger. It is to be concerned about the well-being of another person; the focus is on them rather than on oneself and one's imagined dignity and status.

The child in this Gospel represents all those in our society who are powerless and easily manipulated, those who are easily abused, neglected and marginalised. Examples certainly include the poor, the sick, the disabled, the elderly, the immigrant and refugees fleeing from oppression.



**Weekly Mass Schedule: Intentions
September 23rd - September 29th**

- Monday, September 23rd at 11:00 AM - St. Paul's**
Funeral Mass for Mary Farrell
- Tuesday, September 24th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Special Private Intention by Francis
- Wednesday, September 25th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Lester & Louie Steele by Betty & Larry Condon
- Thursday, September 26th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Brenda Lee Brothers by Gerard & Family
- Friday, September 27th at 9:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Cathy & Brenda Campbell by Kevin & Elaine MacDonald
- Saturday, September 28th at 4:00 PM - St. Michael's**
Ira & Eunice Redmond by Rose MacKinnon & Family
- Sunday, September 29th at 9:00 AM - St. Paul's**
For the People of the Pastoral Unit
- Sunday, September 29th at 11:00 AM - St. Mary's**
Isaac Kemp by his Nanny, Shirley

Come join us for our **Parish Mission with Redemptorist Fr. Eugene O'Reilly** from Sept. 29th to Oct. 2nd starting at 7 pm each evening. The Mission will be at the Holy Redeemer Church, 3 Pond Street, Charlottetown.

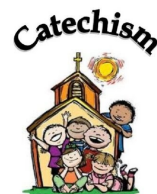


COME TO THE CEILIDH... Tonight!
We hope you'll all Join us at the Ceilidh at St. Paul's Hall Rt17a, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd. at 6:30pm. Doors open @6pm
Fiddlers/Singers/Comedy
Biscuits, jam and tea/coffee served
Admission by Donation



Ceilidh News! Proceeds from the September 8th Ceilidh are \$535. The \$74.00 in the 50/50 was won by Cristy Vant, who donated it back to the Parish. Thank you, Cristy! Next Ceilidh - Sunday, September 22nd at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's Hall in Sturgeon. Biscuits, Jam & tea served. Admission by donation.

Knitting Group: Do you like to knit? Are you interested in joining a "Knitting Group"? We will meet once a week for a couple of hours for knitting and social time. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office. (902) 838-2253 / stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com



Catechism is just around the corner. Parents/guardians are asked to register their child(ren) by contacting the parish office at (902) 838-2253, emailing stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com, or filling out a registration form on the Bishop MacEachern Pastoral Unit website. Teachers are also needed in order for this catechetical year to be a success. Those who are interested in sharing their faith with the youth of our parish may also contact the parish office.

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 at 7 PM until December 10th. In lieu of a fee, freewill offerings for Spirituality Centre programs are welcome. To register, contact karenyogapei@gmail.com

Book Study with Nancy Murphy and Sister Gemma Dunn. Topic: **"Come, Have Breakfast: Meditations on God and the Earth"** by Elizabeth A. Johnson. These sessions will be held at the Spirituality Centre on every second Wednesday beginning on Sept 25, then Oct 9, Oct 23, Nov 6, and Nov 20 at 7:00 pm. These sessions will continue in 2025. "The Bookmark" will have texts available to purchase in September. There is no additional fee. To register email: drjoancsm@gmail.com

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:



Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country: The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on 28-29 September 2024. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.



FundScrip: FundScrip order will be sent on October 27th. This would be a good time to think about Christmas gift giving. Order forms are at all entrances of the church. Order anytime; however, payment is not due until October 27th. 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

Development and Peace/Caritas Canada invites you to the Fall Action Workshop, 2:00 pm, Sunday, September 29, MacKenzie Room, St. Pius X Church, Parkdale. Theme: Create Hope: Recognizing and protecting the rights of the world's peasant farmers who provide 70% to 80% of the world's food. Guest speakers, Danny Gillis, National Council member for Atlantic Canada and Adah Ogbe,



Blooming House is so excited to be hosting our second annual Ride for Refuge on October 5, 2024. We are looking for participants to walk/bike, volunteers for the event as well as more corporate sponsors. This is an incredible opportunity to make a real impact in your community – please consider supporting our organization and spreading the word! More info can be found here: www.rideforrefuge.org/charlottetown

Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop Joseph for the Jubilee Year: Pope Francis has announced a Jubilee Year for the Universal Church for 2025. The theme is **"Pilgrims of Hope"**. To celebrate the graces of this year, Bishop Joseph will lead a pilgrimage to Austria, Poland, and Italy from June 11 – 23, 2025. Highlights include an audience with Pope Francis, visiting major basilicas in Rome, and the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki Poland. Visit this link for registration details and questions: <https://www.qstours.com/pilgrimage-tours/rooms/pilgrimage-to-austria-poland-and-italy/>. Early Bird discount of 50\$ if you register before October 18th, 2024.

The St. John Henry Newman Dinner returns on Oct 4th at UPEI! The Newman Dinner is honoured to have Bishop Joseph Dabrowski as its dinner speaker, with proceeds from the event supporting travel and enrichment opportunities for Catholic Studies students. Tickets can be purchased by emailing rdennis@upe.ca or online at www.newmandinner.eventbrite.ca

St. Paul's Notice Board

Church Cleaners:
September 22nd - 28th / September 29th - October 5th
Gerard & Mavis Landrigan
October 6th - 12th / October 13th - 19th
Stella Creed & Winnie McGuigan



Ceilidh Helpers for September 22nd:
Biscuits(3 doz/pp): Jean Kemp
Chris Fitzpatrick
Jam (2 bottles/pp): Caron Senechal
Susan Sorrie
Kitchen: Brenda MacLean



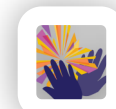
Contact Information: Fr. Andrews' email address is fathermacdonald@hotmail.com.

Bottle Depot Refund

St. Mary's Parish has a 'Refund Account' set up at Myers Industries Bottle Exchange, **4393 Alleys Mill 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. **Please note address correction.**

The 36th annual Upper Room Angels Campaign has begun! A suggested donation of \$52 (**\$1 for each week of the year**) contributes to the weekly purchases of food and supplies needed to assist our clients. If you or your group would like to "Become an Angel" please send a cheque or money order to Upper Room Angels, c/o URHM Food Bank, 15 Plywood Place, Charlottetown, PE C1A 5H2 (**we are moving from 34 Belmont Street**). For information about the Upper Room Hospitality Ministry, visit www.urhm.org. To make an online donation and become an Upper Room Angel, go to www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/7254. Charitable receipts will be issued.

Diocese of Charlottetown:
www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com



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St. Mary's: stmarysparish@pei.aibn.com
St. Paul's: etransferstpauls@gmail.com
St. Michael's: etransferstmichaels@gmail.com

Offerings

Sunday, September 15th, 2024
St. Mary's: \$ 1157.00
St. Michael's: \$ 398.00
St. Paul's: \$ 909.00



Readings for Sunday, September 29th
First Reading: Numbers 11.25-29
Second Reading: James 5.1-6
Gospel: Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48