

Dear People of the Diocese of Charlottetown,

We are living in trying times. We have never experienced a crisis of global proportion, a pandemic. We have altered drastically our daily lives, our work habits, our social activities including our Sunday services, to promote public health and to protect our loved ones and our community.

The Parish Churches of the Diocese of Charlottetown continue offering daily Mass for you so that collectively we remain strong and determined to support each other throughout these many difficult days. Despite the absence of parishioners at Mass the priests know that many parishioners join them through their own personal prayers and family devotions. Many of the Parish Priests in Prince Edward Island have the technical savvy to live-stream daily and Sunday Masses. People in all three Counties can follow these live-streamed Masses; in Summerside, St. Paul's Church; in Wellington, Immaculate Conception; in Bloomfield, St. Anthony; in Tignish St. Simon and Jude, in Morell, St. Teresa, and in Charlottetown, St. Pius X. Currently there are four more parishes preparing to live-stream the Mass.

As well, in Charlottetown you can find Sunday Mass on your cable TV. Sunday mass at Holy Redeemer is televised at 9AM on Eastlink Community TV. On behalf of the Diocese of Charlottetown a very special thanks to the management and people at Eastlink Community TV for making their services available during this difficult time.

In addition to social media outreach, mentioned above, the Diocese encourages the following:

- On Good Friday at 9:00 a.m. Eastlink Community TV will televise the Scriptural Way of the Cross. Parishes that live stream likely will offer Good Friday service as well.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available for individuals at Parish Churches / Pastoral Unit. Again this encounter shall adhere to proper social distancing as requested by public health.
- On Easter Sunday at 12 noon, I am asking all Catholic Parishes in PEI to ring the Church bells for sixty seconds or more to celebrate the glory of Jesus' Resurrection and His invitation to us to follow Him. When the bells are ringing, I invite all the faithful across PEI to pray the Lord's Prayer. In Solidarity may our united, prayerful voices help us rise above this crisis and one day rise with Christ to eternal life.

These days have given us the time to steel our will to overcome the difficulties we face. Easter Sunday celebrates a promise full of hope. We rely, as always, on God's grace for the strength and hope that will get us through this crisis together.

Sincerely,

Bishop Richard Grecco

Diocese of Charlottetown



The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit
Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island

Passion (Palm) Sunday ✠ April 5, 2020

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Isaiah 50.4-7

2nd Reading Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel Matthew 26.4-27.66

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass

Tuesday No Mass

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday No Mass

Friday No Mass

Saturday No Mass

Sunday No Mass

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Confessions: Fr. Raj is available in the vestries after weekday masses for the sacrament of Reconciliation. All are encouraged to experience the Mercy and Love of the Ever Forgiving Father

Communion at Home: If you know of anyone who should be receiving communion at home because of inability to attend church, please contact one of the pastoral associates.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the Sick & Dying will be said following weekday Masses.

Scent Free: Please avoid scented products in our churches. Some parishioners are strongly allergic to chemical fragrances.

Hospital or Home Visits: If you have a family member or friend in the hospital, at home or other care facility who would like to see a priest please call Fr. Raj

www.jp2pastoralunit.com/bulletins.php

Last Week's Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: N/A

St. Anne's: N/A

Stella Maris: N/A

Thank You for Your Donations to Our Parishes!

Please consider including your Parish in your will.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Brian, Evan, Grace, John, Laura, Theresa, Alfred Barriault, Roy Doiron, Beatrice Doucette, Donnie Doucette (Roxy), Tyrel Doucette, Dale Gallant, Edmond Gallant, Stella Gallant, Vic Greenwood, Paul LeBlanc, Naomi (age 13), Monique MacLeod, Baby Cole Peters, Kelly Power, Doris Reid, Dane Simpson, Susie Smith
To have a name added or removed from the prayer line please contact

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Bulletin Announcements: Email bulletin notices to bulletins@jp2pastoralunit.com or call Francis @ 902-886-2761. Deadline for weekly bulletin is Thurs. at 4pm.

Questions: If you have any questions about your religion, faith or parish...please write them down, put them in an envelope marked "Questions" and drop it in the offertory. We will try & post answers in a following bulletin.

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation.

Mass Requests: Contact Fr. Raj for all Mass requests

You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him

St. Teresa of Avila

Youth Ministries — www.jp2youthministries.com

Confirmation Class

Retreat: TBA

Confirmation will be rescheduled

Unit Notices

Holy Week Programs: More information will be announced closer to Holy Week.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Holy Week greetings from Fr. Raj. Hope you all are doing well as I am. I know it would be very hard for each one of us to live an unusual style of life without doing our daily retains especially a deprived life from our Sunday mass especially even without the Holy Week Services. Many of us would be wondering what about the Palm Sunday and distribution of the Palms! I will bless the Palms and keep it in the church, once the situation becomes clear, those who wish could come and pick it up. As Bishop has requested to ring the bell on Easter Sunday, I too request you wait for noon and pray for all those who are braving this situation and working for the smooth day today life of our country and it's people. Once again as I assure you of my prayers, wish you to have a HOLY WEEK. Take care.

We pray for the workers who continue showing up to do their job because we need them to. We include health workers, service workers, truckers, farmers, grocery store workers and everyone else. *We pray to the Lord.*

We pray for anyone who has died including members of our family far and wide. *We pray to the Lord.*

We pray for an end to this pandemic and for the ability and strength of faith to do what is required of us. *we pray to the Lord.*

Diocese Notices

www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com

Until further notice, beginning on Monday the diocesan Centre will only be open from Monday to Friday, 10am until 2pm.

Mass As A Class Schedule

Grades K-8 Class Schedule

All Cancelled or reschedule

The trip to Our Lady of the Cape Shrine at Cap de la Madelaine in Quebec from May 15-18 with PEI Pilgrimages Ltd. has been cancelled. For further information please contact Gary Clow at 902-569-3945.

There are now at least 6 Electronic Masses on PEI: Eastlink Community TV Mass Live from Holy Redeemer Church at 9am on Eastlink Channel 10 and 610 This week the scheduled Presider is Fr. Dovari. Sunday Mass from St. Mary's Holy Family Church in Kensington at 9am and can be watched live or anytime at your convenience. Fr. Jay's Facebook page www.facebook.com/francis.a.jay. Facebook Live stream of Mass from St. Pius X Parish 10:30am Sunday. The link is: www.facebook.com/stpiusxpei. Facebook Live Mass from Immaculate Conception Parish in Wellington/Richmond 10am Sunday Go to www.facebook.com/ICSASP/. Facebook from St. Simon & St. Jude Parish in Tignish at 10am Sundays www.facebook.com/frjohnmolina. St. Paul's Parish in Summerside will present Mass everyday at 9:30am www.facebook.com/stpaulspei/

Weekday Mass from Tignish: Fr. John Molina and Fr. Lazaru Panthagani have been Facebooking their daily Mass from a corner of their rectory in Tignish. A very good sharing for all of us, the coordinates for Facebook are the same as for their Sunday Mass above. Also Fr. John & Fr. Lazaru have an instructional video on how to keep someone in the house when they should be self isolating that is well worth viewing.

Community Notices

Star of the Sea Seniors' Club: All activities at the seniors club have been cancelled until further notice.

Legally Blonde: The Musical: Bluefield High School's production of Legally Blonde: The Musical has been cancelled for the time being. If it is rescheduled we will post the new dates and times in the bulletin.

The Annual Meeting at Central Queens Funeral Home is cancelled indefinitely. The Annual Meeting will be held at a later date, once it is safe to do so and will be posted in our bulletin.

Al-Anon Group Meeting: Tuesday's meeting at St. Augustine's Church is cancelled for the now. Call 902-892-9974 for more information.

Subtle Yoga with Paula will be live streaming classes from her Facebook page beginning on Monday, March 23. You can access her classes from Facebook: Subtle Yoga with Paula. New to yoga, no problem. Take it at your own pace, in the comfort of your own home. Schedule: (subject to change) Tuesday 10:30 am ~ mindful yoga on the mat. Thursday 10:30 am ~ mindful yoga on the mat. Saturday 11 am ~ mindful yoga in the chair. Classes are by donation. Email transfers (itsallyogaright@gmail.com) Finances should not stand in the way of your participation. If you are not able to contribute at this time, this is respected and you are welcome to join the class for Health: Mind & Body. If you need help to find Paula on Facebook please contact: itsallyogaright@gmail.com or 782-234-5845 (text or call)

Save the Date: Sat. September 19, 2020, 9am to 1:30 pm, at the Eastlink Centre. Due to the current situation with Covid-19 we will be postponing the Mikinduri Children of Hope Yard and Book Sale until September 19.

During this difficult time, please take note that North Rustico Home Hardware will be closed on Saturdays starting March 28. Also, starting Monday March 30 store hours will be Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm. Thank-you for your support and understanding. Please share to your FB friends. Stay Safe!

Free online Chair and Balance classes: I am going live online with my Chair and Balance classes, through Zoom. A huge learning curve for me, but thanks to my daughter, it's happening!! Central Regional Sports and Recreation is funding these classes for a couple of weeks to see what the response is like and then, depending on funding, we will re-evaluate after those 2 weeks and see if we are able to continue. These first 2 weeks are free. The way this program works is that we are able to interact throughout the sessions from the comfort of your home. We'll be using things you have in your home for equipment. The first week is the hand towel. Also you should position yourself close to wall, as we'll do some exercises on the wall as well. Please feel free to share this link with anyone you may feel might enjoy getting together and moving. A reminder that the password for these sessions is, seniors. Here's hoping that technology works well for us all. This program will start at 9am on Wednesday, April 1st, and we'll have it on Fridays at 9am as well. No, this is not an April fool's joke. If there are any questions, don't hesitate to reach me here, through my email or call. Stay safe everyone and keep moving!!! Michele Gallant 902-626-9799. Below is the information you'll need to try this out. You are invited to a Zoom meeting. When: Apr 1, 9am Pacific Time (US and Canada). Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8252839624>

Cymbria Lions Club: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the Cymbria Lions Club facility will remain closed until further notice. You are welcome to use our parking lot to access the free WiFi provided by Red Sands Internet. Simply connect your device to "Red Sands Internet Guest WiFi". Please remember to practice social distancing. Everyone please stay safe, we will get through this together!