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April 24, 2020

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad."

Dear Father,

I wish to share with you several important items.

#### 1. Consecration to Mary Mother of the Church.

The CCCB executive has invited the Bishops to consecrate the Dioceses of Canada to Mary, Mother of the Church. Given the peril to which we are all exposed this devotion seeking assistance from Our Mother seems particularly relevant.

A short Ritual and Prayer of Consecration is forthcoming from the CCCB Office in Ottawa. As soon as I receive it, I will forward it to you.

I ask each Pastor to consecrate their Parish/Unit on Friday, MAY 1, 2020.

For those who live- stream, you may wish to televise the consecration of your parish/unit.

#### Annual Priest's Retreat at Our Lady of Hope.

Sadly, our annual spiritual retreat has had to be cancelled as it is most unlikely that that Public Health restrictions on large group gathering will be lifted by the middle of May.

#### 3. Important Reminder:

Mr. Tony Hansen continues to work from his Office at the Chancery so if you have concerns of property or finances or human personnel in your parish, please call.

#### 4. Confirmation:

I have received two responses from priests regarding their preference for Confirming their candidates once these Covid 19 restrictions are lifted. One favored that I delegate the Pastors and the other favored inviting all candidates to the Basilica for a single celebration. If you have a preference, please let me know.

#### 5. Thank you.

I extend to all priests my gratitude for your continuing service during this difficult time. Thank you for your prayers especially for your parishioners. Thank you for your creativity in reaching out to our communities in this time of social distancing. Our Christian family can enjoy the spiritual bonds of hope and faith and love which Our and Savior has promised through his Resurrection despite social distancing. It is up to us priests and bishop to nurture this spiritual solidarity as best we can.

Sincerely yours in Christ, + Richard Shesco

Bishop Richard Grecco



# The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit

Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter ★ April 26, 2020

# This Weekend's Liturgy

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Acts 2.14, 22b-28 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Peter 1.17-21 Gospel Luke 24.13-35

# 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. 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

Mass Requests: Contact Fr. Raj for all Mass requests

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 Barriaylt, 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

Marion Murphy 902-621-0725 Angela Gallant 902-393-0960 Rose Gallant 902-963-3516 Fr. Raj Santiago 902-393-0572

**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.

Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ; rather, it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others.

St. Clare of Assisi

# Youth Ministries — www.jp2youthministries.com

**Confirmation Class** 

**Retreat:** TBA

Confirmation will be rescheduled

# **Unit Notices**

# Prayers of the faithful

For Pope Francis, Bishop Richard, Fr. Raj, all priests, seminarians and religious as they work to help their congregation deal with the many emotions brught about because of restrictions imposed on our regular routines. We pray to the Lord.

For everyone who has been affected by the violence of last weekend in Nova Scotia. May our prayers bring them some measure of comfort and peace. We pray to the Lord.

For all who work on the front line in caring for the sick with Corona Virus and for all the support workers. 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.

For us as we do our best to get through this difficult time. We pray to the Lord.

For our fellow parishioners who are unwell mentally, emotionally, spiritually or physically. May the knowledge that we are praying for them help them face their challenges. We include the following people in our prayers - Ida McCourt, Kelly Power, Deedee Morisson, Cicilly Coady, Dale Gallant, Gerry Corcoran, Cleon Widam, Ricky Peters, *We pray to the Lord*.

For the members of our parish community who have died including Inez Pineau, Shane Arsenault, Eugene Gallant, Doris Reid and Clarence Buote. May they be welcomed into God's loving embrace. We pray to the Lord.

Mass As A Class Schedule
Grades K-8 Class Schedule
All Cancelled or reschedule

# 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.

Electronic Masses for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter: Note to those without a Facebook account: Some of these Masses are accessible to those without Facebook while they are streaming Live. Start with your preferred parish location and if that doesn't work, try another. Sunday Mass from St. Mary's Holy Family Church in Kensington at 9am and can be watched live or anytime at your convenience. Go to Fr. Jay's Facebook page https:// www.facebook.com/francis.a.jay Also shared to the Diocese of Charlottetown Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/ dioceseofcharlottetown . Sunday Mass Facebook Live stream from St. Pius X Parish 10:30 am Sunday. The link is: https:// www.facebook.com/stpiusxpei . Daily Mass Facebook Live from St. Theresa the Little Flower Parish Morell 9am https:// www.facebook.com/pg/Holy-Trinity-Pastoral-Unit-PEI-103197078005559 . Daily Mass Facebook Live from St. Paul's Summerside 9:30am Daily https://www.facebook.com/ stpaulspei/ Facebook Live Mass from Immaculate Conception Parish in Wellington/ Richmond Daily 8am; Sunday 10am Please Go to https://www.facebook.com/ICSASP/ Daily & Sunday Mass Facebook from St. Simon & St. Jude Parish in Tignish at 10am Daily https://facebook.com/profile.php? id=100011014302253 . Daily & Sunday Mass from Sacred Heart Parish Alberton sometime around 9am or so https://www.facebook.com/ sacredheartpei . Daily and Sunday Masses at St. Anthony's Parish in Bloomfield streaming daily Mass at 9am the Sunday Mass is at 11am https://www.facebook.com/St-Anthonys-News-Events-301586473999914/ *St. Dunstan's Basilica Parish* in Charlottetown will live stream Sunday Mass from SDU Place at 10:30am. https://www.facebook.com/events/227362231819572/

# **Community Notices**

Subtle Yoga with Paula will be live streaming classes from her Facebook page. 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. If you need help to find Paula on Facebook contact: itsallyogaright@gmail.com or 782-234-5845 (text or call)

**Save the Date:** Due to the current situation with Covid-19 we will be postponing the Mikinduri Children of Hope Yard and Book Sale until September 19 at Eastlink Centre.

**During this difficult time,** please take note that North Rustico Home Hardware will be closed on Saturdays. Also, store hours will be Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm. Thank-you for your support and understanding.

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 Intenet Guest WiFi". Please remember to practice social distancing. Everyone please stay safe, we will get through this together!

Free online Chair and Balance classes: I am going online with my Chair & Balance classes.

Central Regional Sports & Recreation is funding these classes. The way this program works is that we are able to interact throughout the sessions from the comfort of your home. Please feel free to share this link with anyone you may feel might enjoy getting together & moving. A reminder that the password for these sessions is, seniors. This program will start at 9am on Wednesday & we'll have it on Fridays at 9am as well. If there are any questions, don't hesitate to reach me here, through my email or call. Stay safe everyone & keep moving!!! Michele Gallant 902-626-9799. Below is the information you'll need to try this out. Register in advance: https:// us04web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uZMtfiorj8v3GSQJL1eCo6bbbTHthdC7A. You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**You Could Save a Life:** Give Blood, call 1-800-236-6283 for appointment.

