

## ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2022

### MASS SCHEDULE:

St. James: Sat. 6:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m.

St. George's: Sun. 9:00 a.m., Wed. 6:30 p.m.

All Saints: Sun. 10:30 a.m., Thurs. 9:30 a.m.

St. Francis de Sales: Sat. 4:00 p.m.

### Confessions

St. James - Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

There will be no Saturday confessions while Fr. Kishore is away.

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### Reflection:

The Last Seat!

From Sirach, a Wisdom book, we read today, "My child, perform your task with humility.... to the humble the Lord reveals his secrets." (Wisdom 3.17, 19) Jesus in the gospel today remarks that "in disgrace, you would start to take the lowest place". (Luke 14.9) In our modern-day highly organized and meticulously planned banquets, there may not be a last place, every place is assigned and seemingly the first. We are way past the time of Jesus and the manner of banquet organizations.

However, are we far away from the mindset of the people to whom Jesus was speaking? Can we presume that they really heard him? We today are not comfortable sitting in the last seat, we are not prepared to "invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind" (Luke.14.13). We may not be interested in the blessings of the poor and of those who are incapable of calling us for some parties! And, the rewards at the resurrection of the righteous, it is far too distant and we are not quite sure of it! Am I right?

Was Jesus relevant at all even at his earthly time? And how relevant is he today? How relevant is he for me and my household? Does Jesus find a place in our

highly civilized mindset? We have to take everything with a grain of salt, even what Jesus said and did, isn't it? For our reflection this weekend I put in some questions for which each of us must find our own answers. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Fr. George

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please continue to pray for Ivan Gallant, and Betty (Buchanan) Smith. If you wish prayers for your loved one due to illness please email or phone Edith (583-2541) to let her know. Thank you!

### Week Day Masses

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### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, September 3, 4:00 p.m. St. Francis deSales Int. Rose Marie & David MacDonald by Nancy MacDonald

Saturday, September 3, 6:00 p.m. St. James Int. Albert Brousseau by Patsy, Colin & Amanda & Tina Myers

Sunday, September 4, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, September 4, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Clarence Roche by Laura Roche & Family

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LAST MASS FOR THIS YEAR AT ST. FRANCIS DESALES IS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, MASS TIME FOR ST. JAMES WILL BE AT 4:00 P.M.

Fr. Kishore will be away from the office from August 23 to October 6 while he visits his family in India. During his absence Fr. George Palamattam will be covering for weekend Masses. There will be no weekday Masses during this time.

During Fr. Kishore's absence, please contact Claudia Batchilder for spiritual assistance (i.e., sickness, funerals, home visits, etc.) at 902-969-0266.

### Catechism Classes for 2022-2023

The Catechism Coordinators would like to gather information on any students who will be in grade 1 this year. Parents can contact Claudia (902-969-

0266) Jocelyn (902-583-2642) or Edith (902-583-2541) before August 31. Thanks.

New Teachers for the Catechism Program: If you are interested in helping teach catechism to the children of our Unit this year, please contact Claudia, Jocelyn or Edith.

Mass Books: Each parish in our Unit has placed orders to purchase Mass books for parishioners to use at Mass. They will be available for the first week in Advent which is the Church New Year.

### ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for August 21 – 18 Envelopes - \$460.00; Loose - \$133.00; 1 Envelope – Maintenance - \$5.00. Ministry List for September 3: Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard; Choir – Team 1; Altar Server – Jim Garrity.

Hospitality Ministry at St. James: Would you be willing to welcome people to St. James as greeters at weekend mass? Sometimes this may involve inviting people to pick up a hand-out, where to find the washroom, helping if someone is not feeling well, i.e. making people feel they belong. Let Claudia know so you can be put on the rotation list, hopefully once /month. Also, would you be willing to be an altar server? Contact Claudia.

### ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for August 21 – 24 Envelopes - \$1,095.00; Loose - \$28.50; Cemetery Fund - \$100.00. Ministries for September 4: Lector – Robin Laird; Eucharistic Minister – Tony VandenBroek; Gifts – Eddie & Joanne Donahoe; Ushers – Billy O'Brien & Mark Wilson. Church Custodian from August 29 to September 4 is Jimmy Quinn and from September 5 to September 11 is Karen VandenBroek. Church cleaners for August are Amy Ohlandt, Beverly Gordon & Roberta Brothers.

All Saints: Now that we have resumed all the ministries at Mass, we would welcome more volunteers. If you feel you could fill one of these roles, please contact Edwena Campbell at (902) 583-2523 or at edwenacampbell@gmail.com. Thank you.

### ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for August 21 – 12 Envelopes - \$300.00; Loose - \$47.50. Ministries for September 4: Lector – Terry Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Rolland Dionne; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron; Gifts – Phyllis MacDonald & Diane MacPhee.

### St. Francis de Sales

Ministry List for September 3: Lector – Clara Fisher; Gifts – Ellie MacDonald & Family.

St. Francis de Sales Last Mass for this Year: The last Mass for this year will on Saturday, September 3 at 4:00 p.m.

### DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Connolly Estate bursaries are open to residents of PEI who are full-time students enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited university. In addition, applicants must demonstrate that they are Roman Catholic, are Irish in heritage and have material financial need (parental income applies if applicant is under 22). College students who are completing a joint program/degree must be enrolled in the university portion of their studies to be eligible. Apply at [www.owenconnollyestate.com](http://www.owenconnollyestate.com) by end of day August 31st. The online application will be available the first of July.

On-line Diploma in the New Evangelization at Atlantic School of Theology (AST): The New Evangelization is a core focus of Roman Catholicism today! We are called to witness to our faith, engage in the culture, and spread the news of Christ in a coherent and joyful way. A Diploma in the New Evangelization is designed to equip you for this mission. You'll become grounded in Catholic thought and skilled at sharing and explaining your faith in diverse environments. You'll be able to speak about faith with more confidence to your children, grandchildren, friends, and co-workers. Moreover, you'll be inspired within a faithful community of learning and challenged to live your life in a less ordinary way. This fall we are pleased to offer Roman Catholic Apologetics with Dr. David Deane. For more information, contact Lydia Hood at [lydia.hood@astheology.ns.ca](mailto:lydia.hood@astheology.ns.ca) or 902-430-7662.

NOTE: Please send items for the Bulletin to Edith MacDonald at - [elmacdonald56@gmail.com](mailto:elmacdonald56@gmail.com) or phone 583-2541 by Noon, the Wednesday prior to the weekend.