

## ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 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.

### 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:

Jesus Christ is our Vocation!

The Wisdom book is asking us today, "Who can discern what the Lord wills?" (Wisdom 9.13b) We need real wisdom to discern the mind of Jesus, who preached a message of universal love through out his proclamation today gives a lesson of hating all our dear ones. What he demands is to make a real choice. Of course, we love Jesus and our efforts is to follow him. What Jesus means, is when it comes to making a choice of either our parents and dear ones, or Jesus, our preference must be Jesus and the path he followed. It is not a question of hate but is of a preferential option for Jesus once and for all.

Once we make Jesus our first choice, Jesus has something to reciprocates to us, he takes over us, our concerns, anxieties, our yesterdays, today and tomorrows. We are offered a 'carefree life'. This is because when we make our total commitment to him, that is, taking over his business and becoming his full time true stewards, we become his concern and he takes over us and

our businesses, which include our life, family, children, work, finance, future, even our life after.

Total commitment to Jesus means giving the reigns of our life to him and believing fully that he has taken over us and that we are safe forever, and never trying to regain the reigns into our hands again!

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

NO WEEK DAY MASSES

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, September 10, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int.  
Albert Brousseau by Edith MacDonald

(NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIME)

Sunday, September 11, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int.  
Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, September 11, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. W.  
Bennett Campbell by Shirley & Family

PLEASE NOTE THIS WAS THE LAST MASS FOR  
THE YEAR AT ST. FRANCIS DESALES  
(SEPTEMBER 3)

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

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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

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 28 – 19 Envelopes - \$515.00; Loose - \$82.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Albert Brousseau - \$20.00. Ministry List for September 10: Lector – Florence MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Choir – Team 1; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen.

Adoration: Please note that adoration at St. James church will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each Friday while Fr. Kishore is away.

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 28 – 20 Envelopes - \$980.00; Loose - \$81.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00.

Ministries for September 11: Lector – Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Ron Blue; Gifts – John & Mary Ann Donahoe; Ushers – Tony VandenBroek & Frank Brothers. Church Custodian from September 5 to September 11 is Karen VandenBroek & from September 12 to September 18 is Ron Blue. Church cleaners for September are Marlene Peters, Julia Donahoe MacDougald, & Joanne Donahoe.

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 28 – 19 Envelopes - \$740.00; Loose - \$30.00; Maintenance - \$50.00. Ministries for September 11: Lector – Diane Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Joe & Claire McCarron; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson; Church Cleaners for September are Tammy Gardiner & Edith MacDonald.

## DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

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 or 902-430-7662.

The Annual Pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs at St. Peter's Church, Seven Mile Bay will take place on Saturday, September 24th for pro-life intentions. The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League are partnering in this event. The Rosary will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:30. A collection will be taken for PEI Life. Everyone is welcome.

Diocesan Administrator Fr. Brian MacDougall has appointed Fr. Walter Flynn as the new Vocation Director for the Diocese of Charlottetown. Fr. Walter is the associate pastor at St. Paul's Parish in Summerside. He can be contacted there at 902-436-5112.

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