

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. James: Sat. 4:00 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:

Love unconditional! These days in the gospel readings we see the different faces of the same God: angry, jealous, forgiving, condescending, loving, even frustrated, etc., which are being manifested. Sometimes we are inclined to ask ourselves, 'is this the God whom we know and worship?' Last week we heard Jesus telling us to 'hate' our dear ones. Maybe, Jesus reflects the different faces of humanity so he can lead us to the right attitude we must have in life. Along with the other two stories, today Jesus tells the story of the prodigal son, or better, of the prodigal Father.

This story is told in the background of the Pharisees complaining against the association of Jesus with the Publicans and sinners and the outcasts. In the story we have the face of the elder brother too. Like him, the natural instinct of everyone, including the 'holy people' of God, is to side with the elder brother and share his indignation, opposition to, and total rejection of his younger brother, and to take him to task throwing him out to the dark. However, Jesus shows the mindset of the Father, our Father, His Father, God the Father, who started grieving from the moment the son asked for his share or even before.

At the end of the story Jesus shows us the true face of God the Father, the Father of the prodigal son. Today we could be that one, a prodigal son or daughter. The

story reminds us, every one of us, that there is hope, there is forgiveness and there is love. The Father is still waiting with outstretched hands for you and for me. 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 17, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int.
Parishioners of the Unit

(NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIME)

Sunday, September 18, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int.
William & Kathryn Christian & Deceased Family Members by Family

Sunday, September 18, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int.
Mary Hughes by Shirley Campbell MacDonald & Family

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.

Catechism Classes for grades 1 – 7 will begin on Monday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. at St. James church.

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.

A Community Fridge has been set up at the King's Playhouse in Georgetown. People from the area (Georgetown and beyond) are welcome to partake in

this project, TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, GIVE WHAT YOU CAN. Fresh produce, eggs, and other unopened refrigerated items are most welcome as well as dry goods for the cupboard. Items can also be left at the town library located at Georgetown School.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for September 4 – 13 Envelopes - \$475.00; Loose - \$84.00; 6 Maintenance Envelopes - \$65.00. Ministry List for September 17: Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Christine MacMillan; Choir – Team 2; Altar Server – Jim Garrity.

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. If anyone would like a prayer request to go before the Blessed Sacrament please call or text (902-969-0266) to Claudia by Thursday before the Friday and we will enter it into the "Book of Prayer Intentions" placed before the altar.

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 September 4 – 20 Envelopes - \$805.00; Loose - \$55.25; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for September 18: Lector – Cindy Shepard; Eucharistic Minister – Billy Conohan; Gifts – Julia Donahoe MacDougald; Ushers – Martin VandenBroek & Billy Conohan. Church Custodian from September 12 to September 18 is Ron Blue & from September 19 to September 25 is Joey Cain. 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 September 4 – 19 Envelopes - \$665.00; Loose - \$25.00. Ministries for September 1: Lector –

Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – John Gotell; Gifts – John & Naomi Gotell; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Rolland Dionne; 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.

You Are Here! Young Adult Leadership Retreat: Are you a young adult (18-25 years old) who wants to make new friends? Grow in your faith? Join the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office for an overnight leadership retreat at the Marguerite Bourgeois Centre (Summerside), September 23-24. Cost is \$10. For more information and to register, visit <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/young-adult-leadership-team/>

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.