

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 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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2th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection:

Fair Play, the Myth!

In our ordinary daily parlance we speak and hear a lot about equality, democracy, fair play, justice, transparency, welfare, honesty, commitment, etc. Some of us may discern that these conversations and debates are loaded, and tilted to one side, to the advantage of one group and to the disadvantage of the other, that is, an open agenda and a hidden one.

In the gospel today the master seems to be complimenting the 'prudence' connived at by the dishonest steward. And then Jesus says, 'make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth' in order to get an easy ticket to eternal homes? Our honest feeling is that we do not have any dishonest wealth. Really? It is worth reflecting how we came to the position of wealth or its absence in our life, the ways our ancestors and we walked to this level.

In our political, social, and business negotiations with the counterparts in the country and abroad, Everyone tries to turn the tide to one's advantage, which could also mean 'to their disadvantage',

making one side more wealthy and the other poorer. In that case the wealth we possess might be a dishonest one, and most of our discussions and debates above result in just the opposite of the fair play we profess. Jesus may not be meaning to turn our world upside down. He wants us to reflect and be judicious in managing our wealth and welfare. In our faith practices we must count every human as truly our brother or sister and we all as children of the same Father, irrespective of our color, race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, and so on! Good to have a look at what Amos tells us today! (Amos 8: 4-7)

Fr. George

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please continue to pray for Ivan Gallant, Pauline Walsh, 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 24, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Madeline Pinsonneault by the St. George's C.W.L.

(NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIME AT ST. JAMES)

Sunday, September 25, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, September 25, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Joseph & Margaret MacLellan by Laura Roche & 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

Catechism Classes for grades 1 – 7 will begin on Monday, September 26 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.

CWL Day of Faith is being observed on Monday, Sept. 19th. Members of St. George's and All Saints councils are invited to observe the day where we are by making it a special day of prayer of intercession to Our Lady of Good Counsel for our needs and the needs of others, as well as reaching out to others with a visit, a phone call, or a kind word. May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for September 11 – 16 Envelopes - \$490.00; Loose - \$37.00; Cemetery Fund - \$20.00. Ministry List for September 24: Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Claranne Lavandier; Choir – Guitars; 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. 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 11 – 21 Envelopes - \$970.00; Loose - \$92.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for September 25: Lector – Pauline Kelly; Eucharistic Minister – Cindy Shepard; Gifts – Billy & Anita

Conohan; Ushers – John Donahoe & Louis Callaghan. Church Custodian from September 19 to September 25 is Joey Cain & from September 26 to October 2 is Harry Nabuurs. Church cleaners for September are Marlene Peters, Julia Donahoe MacDougald, & Joanne Donahoe.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for September 11 – 14 Envelopes - \$295.00; Loose - \$80.00. Ministries for September 25: Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Raymond Morrison; Gifts – Raymond & Joanie Morrison; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison; Church Cleaners for September are Tammy Gardiner & Edith MacDonald.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

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/>

Deacon Robert Kinghorn, columnist with the Catholic Register, will be giving a talk about his ministry "The Church on the Street" at Holy Redeemer Church at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 20th. All are welcome to attend. Admission is free. Masking recommended.

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.