

## ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 30, 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.

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### Reflection for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary

When Jesus saw Zacchaeus sitting in the tree, Jesus looked at him and said: "Zacchaeus, come down, for today I will stay at your house." Immediately, Zacchaeus scrambled down the tree and joyfully received Jesus into his home. However, some of the bystanders began to grumble. Zacchaeus was not intimidated by their comments. He stood his ground and promised Jesus: "I will give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone, I will repay them four times the amount."

Today Jesus also calls out to us: "Come down from your tree and take me to your home. I wish to spend time with you!" Will we immediately "come down from our tree" and respond to Jesus' call? Or will we sit there for a while trying to decide what to do? Today Jesus will invite himself into our home! The question for us is: Will we allow him into our hearts? Our home? Or will we ignore his request?

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please 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

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 6:30 p.m. St. George's Int. Virginia Scotto Somers by Charles Somers

Thursday, Nov. 3, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. No Intention Listed

Friday, Nov. 4, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. Matt & Jackie Thijseen by Tony Thijseen & Christine MacMillan

Saturday, Nov. 5, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Doreen Batchilder by Ken Batchilder & Family

Sunday, Nov. 6, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Mickey MacDonald by Family

Sunday, Nov. 6, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Traditionally, November has been a month where the Church places a special focus on the Communion of Saints, and in particular on praying for the souls of the deceased. This week make a visit to a graveyard and pray for a soul in Purgatory. (A Plenary indulgence is granted each day from Nov. 1 – 8 by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead ... along with that is the requirement of confession once during those days .... Receiving communion each day you wish that indulgence to be granted ... and lastly, saying a prayer for the intentions of the Pope (which can consist of one Our Father and one Hail Mary). If not all requirements of the indulgence are met, it is only partial not plenary. **Plus Note:** For an indulgence to be plenary (complete remission of sins) one is not to have attachments to sin, otherwise one gains only a partial indulgence. For more information on indulgences see the Catechism of the Catholic Church ... Paragraphs 1471-79.

**Catechism Classes for 2022/2023:** Catechism Classes for grades 1 – 7 are on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at St. James church. **NO CATECHISM** on Monday, Oct. 31 due to the Eve of Feast of All Saints on Nov. 1. at which we ask the intercession of the saints in heaven for us. The Feast of all Souls follows on Nov. 2 on which we pray in a special way for all the souls departed.

**World Food Day:** St. Benedict's Pastoral Family are invited to observe this day until the first weekend of November by placing non-perishable food items in the boxes found at the back of the churches. That week the groceries will be delivered to the Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your generosity in reaching out to those in need.

**Collection for Indigenous Reconciliation Campaign Fund:** You received a copy of a letter and an envelope regarding a special collection for an Indigenous Reconciliation Campaign Fund. The envelopes are to be submitted on November 5 and 6 (The first Sunday in November.) This collection will be at this time of the year each year for 5 years.

**Synodality Meeting in Morell on Nov. 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. is to be attended by those who took part in June as a follow-up to the experience. The experience will be discussed as well as where we go from here. Please pray for the attendees.

**Hospital/ Nursing Home Visits:** In the past, priests and lay pastoral associates were able to freely visit the sick. With Covid restrictions, unless we are on the list of visitors for a patient, most health care facilities will not allow us in. To receive the Sacrament of the Sick, which can be administered with a change in health or before surgery, and the "Last

Rites" at the time of death, please ask the nurse to contact a priest and he will be allowed to go to the patient's room. If you wish to have a home visit or a home visit with communion, you can contact Fr. Kishore or Claudia. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession or the Sacrament of the Sick at home contact Fr. Kishore. Years ago the priest was only called when death was near. The Church invites you to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick with family surrounding the one who is ill, when there are health changes, for it is a Sacrament of Healing for the patient and the family.

### ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for October 23 –11 Envelopes - \$280.00; Loose – \$73.00; 1 Envelope – Evangelization of Nations - \$20.00; 2 Maintenance Envelopes - \$25.00. **Ministries for November 5:** Lector – Florence MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Choir – Team 1.

### ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Oct. 23 - 22 Envelopes - \$885.00; Loose - \$55.75; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Evangelization of Nations - \$15.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Philip McGuigan - \$1,030.00. **Ministries for November 6:** Lector – Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Cindy Shepard; Gifts – Chris & Frances MacDonald; Ushers – Billy O'Brien & Mark Wilson; **Church Custodian** from October 31 to November 6 is Ron Blue & from November 7 to November 13 is Joey Cain; Church Cleaners for November are Jocelyn Brothers, Anne Shepherd, Chris Currie & Dianne Nabuurs.

**ALL SAINTS ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER** will be held on Sunday, November 6th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$18.00. TAKE OUT ONLY. Please reserve your dinner by calling 902-583-2156 or texting 902-388-4054 by Thursday, November 3rd. Limited number of dinners available.

**ROAST BEEF DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please contact Jamie Rice at 902-969-0076 or [jamierice1@hotmail.com](mailto:jamierice1@hotmail.com) to volunteer. We need volunteers for kitchen prep, meal prep, taking payment, clean up, traffic control, etc. We need volunteers for vegetable prep – Saturday, Nov. 5th @ 10:00 a.m. Cutting Desserts – Sunday, Nov. 6th @ 11:30 a.m. Thank you for any and all help.

**ROAST BEEF DINNER FOOD DONATIONS:** If you haven't been contacted and wish to donate, please bring rolls, biscuits, or a dessert to the Parish Centre by noon on Sunday, Nov. 6th. ALL DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

**Altar Servers Needed for Funerals at All Saints:** All Saints CWL are spearheading the responsibility of putting teams of altar servers together for Funeral Masses. For weekday funerals we are especially in need of adult parishioners who are not working nor attending school. Please call Jennifer Pitre at 902-393-0275 if you would like to be on a funeral team for serving. Training will be provided.

### ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for Oct. 23 – 13 Envelopes – \$550.00; Loose - \$60.00. **Ministries for November 6:** Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Raymond Morrison; Gifts – Raymond & Joanie Morrison; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Rolland Dionne. Church Cleaners for November are Sally, Joanie, and Amy Morrison & Bernadine Somers.

### DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

**There will be a Men's Cursillo Weekend November 3 - 6th and a Women's Week-end November 10 - 13th.** To be held at Marguerite Bourgeys Retreat Centre in Summerside. Cost of \$150 per person. For more info, please contact Bonnie at [brhood12@hotmail.com](mailto:brhood12@hotmail.com)

**RETREAT: 'Discovering and Embracing God's Love'** Join us Monday evenings on Zoom from November 7 to December 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a retreat focusing on discovering and embracing God's love for us as revealed through scripture. The retreat will be based on The First Spiritual Exercises, a book by Michael Hansen SJ. Each Monday evening will include reflecting on scripture, sharing, a teaching and prayer instructions for the following week. Participants will be provided the prayer material free of charge and there is no fee for the retreat. To register, contact Lynn DeLong [lynndelong284@gmail.com](mailto:lynndelong284@gmail.com) Deadline for registration is October 31st. The retreat is being offered by the P.E.I. Local of the Atlantic Association of the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate.

**The Annual fall Workshop of Development and Peace-CARITAS Canada takes place on Zoom from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 30.** The theme is People and Planet First. For information, call 902-969-2693.

**The Latin American Mission Program** invites everyone to the Daniel O'Hanley Memorial Lecture, November 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Hall, 151 Stratford Road, Stratford. The Theme is: Taking Action for Migrant Workers' Rights: The Challenge in Front of Us. The presenters are Eliza MacLauchlan and Ryan MacRae, coordinators of Cooper Institute's migrant worker program. Pre-register [latinamericamissionprogram@gmail.com](mailto:latinamericamissionprogram@gmail.com) before November 9, 2022. or call Marie Burge 902-894-4573. Indicate if you are attending in person or by Zoom.

**Leave Everything and Pray (LEAP) Retreats are coming!** The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office will be hosting a series of **retreats across the Diocese for high school students (grades 10-12).** More information about the retreats, including dates, times, and locations, can be found online at: <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/leave-everything-and-pray-leap-retreats/>

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.