

## ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

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### First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 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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Today's Gospel reading tells us to keep awake because we do not know on what day and at what time the Lord is coming. The question to which this passage is responding to is: "When and at what time is this second coming of the Son of man to take place?" Matthew in his gospel clearly re-affirms the fact that the Son of man will return. Secondly, he stresses the uncertainty of the exact time of his coming. This leads to the basic stance a Christian should have in the face of such uncertainty. Every Christian must live in a constant state of watchfulness. It tells us of the situation that surrounded Noah's day before the flood. No one was prepared because no one was aware that a crisis was at hand. In those days leading right up to the Flood, people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands. They suspected absolutely nothing and suddenly they were swept away. Only Noah, his family and the animals they took into the Ark survived.

The passage gives the warning of division, separation and sorrow. Those who are prepared for his coming will be able to enter into his kingdom. Two people might be doing exactly the same thing, but the one who is prepared will be taken up while the other who is not prepared will be left behind.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for 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. 30, 6:30 p.m. St. George's Int. For Our Children To Grow Strong in Their Faith by a Parishioner

Thursday, Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Bruce & Jean MacDougald & Deceased Family Members by Julia & Sandy MacDougald

Friday, Dec. 2, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. Special Intention For Those Journeying With Sickness by Sandy & Julia MacDougald

Saturday, Dec. 3, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Dec. 4, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Lowell MacDonald by Louis Campbell

Sunday, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Arthur MacDonald by Ellie and Family

WEEKEND MASSES are now booked for the year. You can still book an intention for the Christmas Masses. There are still openings to have a weekday Mass said for your loved one. On behalf of those who have had Masses offered for them, thank you. There is no greater prayer that can be said.

Catechism Classes: Catechism Classes for grades 1 – 7 are held on Monday evenings at St. James church from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes for grades 8 & 9 are held on Thursday evenings at St. James church from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Please pray for all our catechism students.

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.

#### Advent – Time to Prepare For Christmas And To Keep Those Less Fortunate In Our Hearts:

St. George's CWL will be leading Faith Sharing sessions during Advent are held each Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. at Edith MacDonald's home. If you have any questions contact Edith MacDonald at 902-583-2541. Everyone is welcome.

The St. George's Family Life Committee would appreciate your help with their Advent project of collecting toys and new children's clothing for the Montague Lion's Club. Please place items on the table in the church porch by Sunday, December 4.

St. James Angel Tree Project: You are invited to put an angel on the tree as you put a donation in the box for the purchase of gift certificates for people in need this Christmas. Please make your donation by Saturday, December 10.

All Saints will be collecting items for the Food Bank leading up to Christmas. Items can be placed in the box at the back of the church.

Christmas Pageant: The catechism children's Christmas Pageant will be on Monday, December 7 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at St. James church. All are welcome to come.

The St. George's C.W.L. suggests that you buy religious postage stamps this time of year. When you are decorating your home for Christmas, please include a nativity scene as we remember 99 and honor the birth of Jesus.

#### ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for November 13 – 11 Envelopes - \$300.00; Loose - \$52.00; Maintenance - \$20.00; Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Campaign - \$100.00; Collection for November 20, 2022 - 10 Envelopes - \$295.00; Loose - \$77.00. Ministries for December 3: Lector – Florence MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Claranne Lavandier; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Team 1.

St. James Cemetery will be closed to all burials at the first sign of winter or December 1<sup>st</sup>, whichever comes first. The cemetery will reopen for burials on May 1st of the following year. We regret any inconvenience this may cause. St. James Cemetery Committee

#### ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Nov. 20 - 28 Envelopes - \$980.00; Loose - \$5.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Children's Fund - \$172.00. Ministries for December 4: Lector – Martina MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Billy Conohan; Gifts – Shari MacDonald; Ushers – George VandenBroek and Michael Rice; Church Custodian from November 28 to December 4 is Jimmy Quinn and from December 5 to December 11 is Karen VandenBroek; Church Cleaners for December are Anita Conohan, Linda Cain, Mae Campbell, and Marilyn Callaghan.

#### ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for Nov. 20 – 18 Envelopes – \$465.00; Loose - \$31.00. Ministries for December 4: Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – John Gotell; Gifts – John & Naomi Gotell; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Rolland Dionne; Church Cleaners for December are Delores Campbell, Claire McCarron and Gerti Llewellyn. Snow clearing team for Sunday, November 27 to Saturday December 3 is Paul and Raymond Morrison; from Sunday, December 4 to Saturday, December 10 are Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee.

The St. George's C.W.L. invites girls and women attending

colleges and universities to apply for the Catholic Girls Bursary by the deadline of January 31, 2023. Application forms will be available at the back of the church at St. George's and St. James. Contact Edith MacDonald regarding signatures required on the form.

Flowers: Please contact Paul Fay Matheson (902-961-2166) by December 18 if you wish to donate flowers/plants or money for flowers for the St. George's church for Christmas.

#### DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Heart-of-the-Matter Marriage Prep Course will be offered on Jan 13/14, 2023 in Charlottetown. If you are planning to get married this summer you will need to prepare. This course is for engaged couples and runs Friday evening and all day Saturday. (Sunday would be the storm day). For more information email: Pat at [patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com](mailto:patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com) or texting/calling: 902-393-6047. Please register early as space is limited.

Invitation to Advent-Anniversary Celebration Brother Leo Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order is celebrating their 18th anniversary with an Advent Reflection on the Franciscan Virtues -- Wisdom, Simplicity, Poverty, Humility, Charity, Obedience -- the virtues of Christ, the virtues of Francis. It will be in a relaxed atmosphere in St. Mary's Church Hall, Montague, Sunday, November 27th at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. If you can, please RSVP to Claudia at 902-969-0266 (call or text), or [cgbatchsfo@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:cgbatchsfo@pei.sympatico.ca) Everyone most welcome!!

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/>

PRAYER for the WEEK: PRAYER TO START ADVENT Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite me in a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love. God, Father Almighty, you sent your son Jesus to be light for a world in great need of salvation. Help us grow ever closer to you and to one another as we journey in love through this holy season. Amen.

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.