

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

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Christ The King

November 20, 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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Christ The King

This weekend, we will be celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King. We see in today's gospel where Jesus is already nailed to the cross with two criminals, one on each side. One criminal abused him, "Are you not the Christ? ... Save yourself and us as well". Whereas the other criminal, he did not turn to give excuses for his mistake, taking personal responsibility and recognising that Jesus is God.

In our world today, it is very easy to find an excuse to get out of something hard and it is equally easy to blame or shame others for causing us trouble. Certainly, we would have pointed our finger at someone else or threw someone else under the bus. So, it is important for us as Catholics to follow Jesus who is our Lord. Life is not about power or wealth but LOVE. Jesus has shown us this over and over again through His Life, Death, and Resurrection. He could have come down from the cross but that would have shown His power and not His love. But by choosing to stay and die on the cross shows us His unconditional love. He has also shown us this through our friends and loved ones around, through our community.

We are invited today to remind ourselves that Jesus is our Lord, Saviour and King. It is through Him where we can find strength and courage to live our lives as true Catholics and not just within the Church's walls but out in the world.

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. 23, 6:30 p.m. St. George's Int. Joe Shepard by Shirley & Ronnie MacDonald

Thursday, Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. John Donahoe & Deceased Family Members by Julia & Sandy MacDougald

Friday, Nov. 25, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. For Those Suffering from Addictions & Mental Health Problems by a Parishioner

Saturday, Nov. 26, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Stephen Thompson by Family

Sunday, Nov. 27, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Living & Deceased CWL Members by St. George's C.W.L.

Sunday, Nov. 27, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Parishioners of the Unit

WEEKEND MASSES are now booked for the year, except 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. 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.

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 beginning on Monday, November 21 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 – Unavailable. Ministries for November 26: Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister – Christine MacMillan; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Guitars.

St. James Cemetery will be closed to all burials at the first sign of winter or December 1st, 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. 13 - 25 Envelopes - \$910.00; Loose - \$47.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Catherine & Thomas Sullivan - \$200.00; Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Campaign - \$260.00. Ministries for November 27: Lector – Bernice Curran Brothers; Eucharistic Minister – Tony VandenBroek; Gifts – Katherine & Robert MacDonald; Ushers – John Donahoe & Louis Callaghan; Church Custodian from November 21 to November 27 is Harry Nabuurs & from November 28 to December 4 is Jimmy Quinn; Church Cleaners for November are Jocelyn Brothers, Anne Shepherd, Chris Currie & Dianne Nabuurs.

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 Nov. 13 – 15 Envelopes – \$320.00; Loose - \$33.00; 2 Indigenous Reconciliation Campaign Fund - \$40.00. Ministries for November 27: Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley; Gifts – Joe & Claire McCarron; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson; Church Cleaners for November are Sally, Joanie, and Amy Morrison & Bernadine Somers.

Snow Clearing at St. George's Church: We will use the same list for people to clear snow at the church this winter as last year. If anyone is unable to continue to be on this list please contact Paul Morrison at 902-969-0533.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Concert & Bake Sale with Fiddler's Sons on Sunday, November 27 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Cardigan. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased in advance by calling 902-969-5424 or 902-969-5798.

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/>

Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ King:

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before you. We are yours, and yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with you, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to your Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known you; many, too, despising your precepts, have rejected you. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart. Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken you, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned you; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Grant, O Lord, to your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquility of order to all nations; make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor for ever. Amen. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who piously recite this prayer. A plenary indulgence is granted, if it is recited publicly on the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ King.

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.