

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

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Second Sunday in Advent December 4, 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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Second Sunday in Advent

The season of Advent is the time of waiting for the coming of the Lord. We eagerly wait for someone we love. However, when we want to receive the person we love, we prepare ourselves for the moment of our meeting. Thus the second Sunday of Advent tells us to be prepared for his coming.

The liturgy of today speaks of repentance, personal change of heart, a transformation or conversion. Repentance is more than merely grieving over our sins; it is a call to change for the better. In today's Gospel Matthew presents us John the Baptist as he introduces Jesus to the world.

The church chooses him as the personification of the Advent theme as he preaches repentance, transformation of the heart and reform of our lives. He calls people to prepare the way for the Lord and make his paths straight. His words have advice and warning for each one of us.

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, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m. St. George's Int. No Intention Listed

Thursday, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Fr. Bill Doucette by Sandy & Julia MacDougald

Friday, Dec. 9, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. No Intention Listed

Saturday, Dec. 10, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Dec. 11, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. George, Bal, Margaret and Gus MacDonald by Family

Sunday, Dec. 11, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Frances & Johnny Lamphier by Paula MacKenzie

WEEKEND MASSES are now booked for the year. 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:

Penance Services for the St. Benedict's Unit:

There will be a Penance service for our Unit on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. Extra priests will be available for confessions.

St. George's CWL will be leading Faith Sharing sessions during Advent. They 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 5 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 and honor the birth of Jesus.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for November 27 – 14 Envelopes - \$355.00; Loose - \$37.00. Ministries for December 10: Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Team 2.

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. 27 - 29 Envelopes - \$855.00; Loose - \$60.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for December 11: Lector – Mary VandenBroek Grant; Eucharistic Minister – Ron Blue; Gifts - Martina MacDonald; Ushers – Harry Nabuurs & John Campbell; Church Custodian from December 5 to December 11 is Karen VandenBroek and from December 12 to December 18 is Ron Blue; Church Cleaners for December are Anita Conohan, Linda Cain, Mae Campbell, and Marilyn Callaghan.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for Nov. 27 – 16 Envelopes – \$465.00; Loose - \$60.00; Maintenance - \$50.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Malcolm MacPhee - \$160.00; Cemetery Fund for Regular Maintenance - \$200.00. Ministries for December 11: Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Rolland Dionne; Gifts – Sharon & Gordon Johnston; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron; Church Cleaners for December are Delores Campbell, Claire McCarron and Gerti Llewellyn. Snow clearing team for Sunday, December 4 to Saturday, December 10 are Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee and from Sunday, December 11 to Saturday, December 17 are Owen Fitzpatrick and Claude MacKinnon.

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

Diocese of Charlottetown Clergy Appointments: The following appointments are effective January 1, 2023: Fr. Raju Chebattina has been granted temporary leave to do ministry in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida. Fr. Andrew MacDonald has been appointed Pastor of St. Mary's (Montague) and Parochial Administrator of St. Michael's (Iona) and St. Paul's (Sturgeon).

A Joyful Sound Community Choir presents the Joyful Sounds of Christmas on Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Souris and on Sunday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Hillcrest United Church in Montague.

A Planned Giving Good News Story – Recently our diocese received a bequest from an estate of \$26,000. The bequest is to be used for general purposes. These types of gifts are much appreciated as they provide the flexibility to be used where the need is greatest.

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 or texting/calling: 902-393-6047. Please register early as space is limited.

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 FOR CHRIST'S COMING IN GRACE, Oh Lord Jesus, during this Advent come to us in your grace. Come to prepare our hearts, hearts, minds and bodies to welcome you on Christmas Day. Come to comfort us in sadness, to cheer us in loneliness, to refresh us in weariness to buttress us in temptations, to lead us in doubt and to exult with us in joy. Amen.

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.