

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

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4th Sunday in Advent

December 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.

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

The gospel tells us how Mary and Joseph fulfilled the Lord's mission for them. It explains how Virgin Mary conceived a child through the Holy Spirit and how Joseph, a gentle and righteous man come to accept his role in becoming the father of the Savior Jesus, the Son of God.

Mary and Joseph were chosen by the Lord for this task and they showed extraordinary faith in both following Lord's plan. When God calls us for a mission, He always provides and guides us in everything that we need. All we need to do is have faith in him as we trust and follow his ways and his plans for us. Would you also fully entrust your purpose to the Lord like Mary and Joseph did?

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

*** NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIME FOR ST. GEORGE'S WEDNESDAY MASSES FOR THE WINTER MONTHS****

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m. St. George's Int. Joseph & George MacPherson by Carol Caverley

Thursday, Dec. 22, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Bruce & Jean MacDougald and Deceased Family Members by Sandy & Julia MacDougald

Friday, Dec. 23, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. Kenneth Bregden by Gloria Ballum

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

St. Francis deSales Parish at 4:00 p.m.

St. James Parish at 5:00 p.m. Int. Bernard, Lucille & Gordon Batchilder by Family

St. George's Parish at 7:30 p.m. Int. George MacPherson by Edith MacDonald

All Saints Parish at 10:00 p.m. Int. Urban Sullivan by Joan & Family

CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

St. James Parish at 9:00 A.M. Parishioners of the Unit

Winter Storm Mass Cancellations: You can check the banner on our website for immediate Mass cancellation notifications. For weekday Masses the policy that if school is closed or delayed for the day due to the weather, Mass will be cancelled.

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 Rescheduled****** The Penance service for our Unit will now be **on Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00**

p.m. at St. James. Extra priests will be available for confessions. Should this service get cancelled due to bad weather you can call Fr. Kishore (902-314-9174) and make arrangements with him for a time for confession.

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.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for December 11 – 13 Envelopes - \$290.00; Loose - \$57.00; Donation to Cemetery Fund IMO Corinne Myers - \$300.00; Donation to the St. James Angel Tree IMO Donald MacDonald - \$200.00; Donation to the St. James Angel Tree IMO Blair Gotell - \$50.00. Ministries for December 24: Lector –Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – All. Ministries for December 25: Lector – Mike Gallant; Altar Server – John Gotell. Snow Clearing from Thursday, December 15 to Wednesday, December 21 is John Gotell and from Thursday, December 22 to Wednesday, December 28 is Mark King.

Any youth of St. Benedict's Pastoral Family who are planning to attend Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m. in St. James Church Georgetown are invited to sing The Drummer Boy during the offertory. The church is usually pretty full so I encourage families to arrive early...shortly after 4:30.

St. James Snowmen is needed for the important task of helping their brothers and sisters to get to mass, prayer, and church activities. If you are able to do shoveling 4 times a winter please give your name to Claudia (902-969-0266) to be put on the schedule. Thanks ever so much.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for December 11 - 26 Envelopes - \$1,110.00; Loose - \$58.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for December 24: Lector – Ron Blue; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson; Gifts – Janice MacIntyre; Ushers – Roger Kelly & Ron Blue. Church Custodian from December 19 to December 25 is Joey Cain & from December 26 to January 1 is Louis & Marilyn Callaghan; Church Cleaners for December are Anita Conohan, Linda Cain, Mae Campbell, and Marilyn Callaghan. Snow Clearing Team from Sunday, December 18 to Saturday, December 24 is Reg Peters & Kurt Laird and from Sunday, December 25 to Saturday, December 31 are George & Martin VandenBroek.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for December 11 – 22 Envelopes – \$750.00; Loose - \$72.00. Ministries for December 24: Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Agnes & Rosella MacDonald; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison; Church Cleaners for December are Delores Campbell, Claire McCarron and Gerti Llewellyn. Snow clearing team from Sunday, from December 18 to December 24 are Rob, Sam and Nate Shaw and from Sunday, December 25 to December 31 are Paul & Raymond

Morrison.

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 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: Christmas Anticipation: Hail and Blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, Oh my God to hear my prayer and grant my desires. [state your intention(s) here ...] through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. 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.