

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph January 1, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. James: Sat. 4:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m.
St. George's: Sun. 9:00 a.m., Wed. 9:30 a.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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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, is a very appropriate way to begin a new year. This celebration reminds us that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is also our Heavenly Mother. This is an occasion to renew our devotion to Mary, who is also Mother of the Church because she is our spiritual mother.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI instituted the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, to be celebrated on January 1st. The solemnity shows the relationship of Jesus to Mary. The Church puts the feast of this solemnity on the first day of the New Year to emphasize the importance of Mary's role in the life of Christ and of the Church. She has a special role and mission given to her by God. As Mother of our Redeemer and of the redeemed, she reigns as Queen at the side of Christ the King. She is a powerful intercessor for all of our needs here on earth. The Church observes this day also as the World Day of Peace and invites us to pray specially for peace 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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 9:30 a.m. St. George's Int. No Intention Listed

Thursday, Jan. 5, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. No Intention Listed

Friday, Jan. 6, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. No Intention Listed

Saturday, Jan. 7, 4:00 p.m. St. James No Intention listed

Sunday, Jan. 8, 9:00 a.m. St. George's – Clifton Gardiner by Betty Gardiner

Sunday, Jan. 8, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. 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.

Dear Parishioners: Merry Christmas!

Christmas is the opportunity to open our hearts to Jesus' coming today, in the midst of our darkness and restore the light of peace, joy and hope. On the threshold of the New Year, "come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!" May we continue these Christmas days and throughout the New Year to celebrate the wonder and beauty of this holy season and may we continue to adore Him in all we say and do. I wish to thank all our parishioners who were so kind to me at Christmas. The cards, best wishes and generous personal gifts are appreciated and I'm so grateful for your thoughtfulness. Your support and encouragement of my priestly ministry is truly appreciated. I wish you and your families a continued Merry Christmas and many blessings for the New Year in 2023! God Bless.

A BIG THANK YOU! Thank you for all who helped to make our Christmas celebrations special those who served in various ministries ... those who provided music ... those who decorated the churches.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for December 25 – Unavailable. **Ministries for January 7:** Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Altar Server – John Gotell; Choir – Team 2. **Snow Clearing** from December 29 to January 4 is Mike LaVie and from January 5 to January 11 is Hal Publicover.

The 2023 church envelopes for St. James are at the back of the Church. Please pick up your box of envelopes. Thanks.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for December 25 – 19 Envelopes - \$1,705.00; 16 Christmas Offering Envelopes - \$1,460.00; Loose - \$59.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Direct Deposit for December - \$855.00. **Ministries for January 8:** Lector – Pauline Kelly; Eucharistic Minister – Tony VandenBroek; Gifts – Kenny & Florine MacPhee; Ushers – Tony VandenBroek & Reg Conohan. **Church Custodian** from January 2 to January 8 is Harry Nabuurs & from January 9 to January 15 is Jimmy Quinn; **Church Cleaners** for January are Edwena Campbell, Joanne McGuigan and Debbie Quinn. **Snow Clearing Team** from Monday, January 2 to Sunday, January 8 is Karen & Tony VandenBroek & from Monday, January 9 to Sunday, January 15 are Reg Peters & Kurt Laird.

All Saints 2023 Envelopes are at the back of the Church for pickup. Remember you can also register for the automatic monthly contributions; forms are with the envelopes or ask Mary Ann Donahoe. The property and finance committee "Thank You" for your generous donations this past year.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for December 25 – 12 Envelopes – \$880.00; 12 Christmas Offering - \$365.00; Loose - \$92.00; Maintenance - \$50.00 Donations to the Cemetery Fund for Regular Maintenance - \$100.00. **Ministries for January 8:** Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley; Gifts – Sharon & Gordon Johnston; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson; **Church Cleaners** for January are Sharon MacEachern, Micheline Downe, & Paula Fay Matheson. **Snow clearing team** from Sunday, January 1 to Saturday, January 7 are Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee & from Sunday, January 8 to Saturday, January 14 are Owen Fitzpatrick and Claude MacKinnon.

2023 Church Envelopes: If anyone did not receive a box of envelopes but wishes to use a box, there are boxes of envelopes available in the Sacristy.

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.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Behold the Lamb of God: A retreat on our Lord's Eucharistic presence at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre. Father Andrew Handrahan will lead this retreat the weekend of January 20-22, 2023, reflecting on the Lord's presence among us in the Eucharist and our response to this sacred gift of the Lord to His Church. To register, please call 902-621-2385 or 902-388-1952. The cost for the weekend is \$195.00 for single registrants and \$295.00 for couples. Arrival time is 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, retreat begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

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 World Day of Peace - January 1:

Lord we pray for the ability to be gentle; the power to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the perseverance to accept the consequences of holding on to what we believe to be right. Father may we place our trust in the power of goodness to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. 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.