

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

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Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2022

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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Nativity of the Lord

God always finds His people anywhere they are, whatever they might be doing and this is true to us. Wherever we are, we are just like the Shepherds who were about their business and received the good news and became the first witnesses of the greatest thing to happen to the entire world.

God can find you wherever you are and make you a witness in whatever profession you are doing. All you have to do is to be faithful where He has called you and surely He will come to you there and make you the witness of the greatest of testimonies of all. God will reach you in your obedience and faithfulness and right there you can receive the good news of great joy and your life can be changed forever.

Be faithful and God will find you.

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. 28, 9:30 a.m. St. George's Int. Merlin McAree by Family

Thursday, Dec. 29, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. No Intention Listed

Friday, Dec. 30, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. Margie Dalton by Gloria Ballum

NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31

St. James Parish at 5:00 p.m. Int. No Intention Listed

NEW YEAR'S DAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

St. George's Parish at 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints Parish at 10:30 a.m. Int. John Walsh by Mary Lou & Family

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.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for December 18 – 13 Envelopes - \$345.00; Loose - \$30.00; Donation to St. James Parish - \$50.00; Total donations to the St. James Angel Tree - \$990.00. Ministries for December 31: Lector – Florence

MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Christine MacMillan; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – All. Snow Clearing from Thursday, December 22 to Wednesday, December 28 is Mark King and from December 29 to January 4 is Mike LaVie.

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 18 - 30 Envelopes - \$1,645.00; Loose - \$45.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Helen Wilson - \$400.00. Ministries for January 1: Lector – Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Margaret VandenBroek; Gifts – Patti & Darcy MacKenzie & Claire MacKenzie; Ushers – Dan Shepard & Frank Brothers. Church Custodian from December 26 to January 1 is Louis & Marilyn Callaghan & from January 2 to January 8 is Harry Nabuurs; Church Cleaners for January are Edwena Campbell, Joanne McGuigan and Debbie Quinn. Snow Clearing Team from Monday, December 26 to Sunday, January 1 is George & Martin VandenBroek & from Monday, January 2 to Sunday, January 8 are Karen & Tony VandenBroek.

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 18 – 18 Envelopes – \$685.00; 1 December 25 - \$30.00; 1 Christmas Offering - \$30.00; Loose - \$30.00; Donations to the Cemetery Fund for Regular Maintenance - \$150.00 and \$200.00. Ministries for January 1: Diane Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Lorraine Morrison & Sally Morrison; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Christine MacMillan; Church Cleaners for January are Sharon MacEachern, Micheline Downe, & Paula Fay Matheson. Snow clearing team from Sunday, December 25 to December 31 are Paul & Raymond Morrison & from Sunday, January 1 to Saturday, January 7 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.

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.

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 THE HOLY FAMILY: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty. In God's plan Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. 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.