

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 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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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The opening scene of this Gospel is an encounter between Jesus and John the Baptist. When John sees Jesus, he immediately cries out: “Behold the Lamb of God!” In this moment, John clearly points to Jesus as the “One who is to come,” the One the Israelites had been longing and waiting for. Even though John was the cousin of Jesus, he states that he did not know him. However, John did understand that his role was to prepare the way for the Christ. He did this by preaching to the people about His coming and by baptizing those who wished to be baptized.

What humility and self-knowledge John had. He knew exactly what his call and mission were. There is no indication that John was jealous that Jesus was the Christ. John seems perfectly happy with his role in the Messianic drama.

John is not the only one who is to point the way to Christ. This also is our call. Each day we are to direct others to Christ. Most likely, our ministry will not be as dramatic as John’s was. Yet our ministry may impact individuals we meet every day. Today may we be proactive and direct others to Christ by our care, our actions and our love!

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. 18, **9:30 a.m.** St. George’s Int. No Intention Listed

Thursday, Jan. 19, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. No Intention Listed

Friday, Jan. 20, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. No Intention Listed

Saturday, Jan. 21, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Jan. 22, 9:00 a.m. St. George’s – Beverley Gardiner by Edith MacDonald

Sunday, Jan. 22, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Margaret & Johnny and Mary Quinn & Deceased Family Members by 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.

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.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for January 8 - 11 Envelopes - \$235.00; 1 Initial Offering Envelope - \$5.00; Loose - \$39.00; 3 Maintenance

Envelopes - \$35.00. **Ministries for January 21:** Lector Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Claranne Lavandier; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Team 2. **Snow Clearing** from January 12 to January 18 is John Gotell and from January 19 to January 25 is Mark King.

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 January 8 – 20 Envelopes - \$745.00; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - 2 Envelopes - \$100.00; Loose - \$35.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; 4 Initial Offering Envelopes - \$85.00; Rent - \$150.00. **Ministries for January 22:** Lector – Martina MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson; Gifts – Christian & Amy Ohlandt; Ushers – Billy O’Brien & Mark Wilson. **Church Custodian** from January 16 to January 22 is Karen VandenBroek & from January 23 to January 29 is Ron Blue; **Church Cleaners** for January are Edwena Campbell, Joanne McGuigan and Debbie Quinn. **Snow Clearing Team** from Monday, January 16 to Sunday, January 22 is George & Martin VandenBroek & from Monday, January 23 to January 29 is Bobby MacDonald & Bradshaw Campbell.

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 January 8 – 16 Envelopes - \$340.00; 4 Initial Offering Envelopes – \$60.00; Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God - 1 Envelope - \$100.00; January 1 – 2 Envelopes - \$40.00; Loose - \$32.00. **Ministries for January 22:** Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Rolland Dionne; Gifts – Joe & Claire McCarron; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison; **Church Cleaners** for January are Sharon MacEachern, Micheline Downe, & Paula Fay Matheson. **Snow clearing team** from Sunday, January 15 to Saturday, January 21 are Rob, Sam, and Nate Shaw and from Sunday, January 22 to Saturday, January 28 are Paul & Raymond Morrison.

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.

St. George’s C.W.L. Members are reminded that your C.W.L. dues payment deadline is January 31. You can put an envelope in the collection with your name on it or you can contact Maggie, Carol, Audrey or Edith. Thanks.

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.

L.E.A.P. into fun, faith, and community!! Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Charlottetown is hosting a dynamic afternoon for youth of Grades 10, 11, and 12 (high school) of King's Deanery to come for a Leave Everything And Pray (LEAP) retreat on Saturday, January 28, from 1:00 p.m. to -5:00 p.m. which will include mass at 4:00 p.m., followed by supper. This event will be held in St. Benedict's Pastoral Unit at St. James Church, Georgetown. To register for this special event, please contact Youth Coordinator, Lauren at the Diocesan Centre. To register: <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/leave-everything;and-pray-leap-retreats/>

Clergy Change: Effective January 1, Fr. Martin Carter has been appointed Parish Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi (Cornwall), St. Martin of Tours (Cumberland) and St. Anne (Emyvale) until June 2023. Fr. Doug MacDonald, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi and Administrator of St. Anne and St. Martin of Tours, has been granted medical leave until June 2023.

PRAYER for the WEEK: A Prayer on Pleasing

Jesus as a Baptized Child of God: Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with the joy of the Gospel. May I find joy in seeking to please you just as you found joy in pleasing your Heavenly Father. 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.