

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

**1st Sunday in Lent
February 26, 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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First Sunday in Lent

During the season of Lent, the church invites us to examine our lives, to repent of our sins, and do penance. By means of fasting, penance and prayers, the faithful obtain strength they need to overcome the sinful tendencies.

The passage from the Gospel of Matthew tells us of the victory of Jesus over the evil one in the desert. Led by the Spirit Jesus went into the wilderness, where he prayed and fasted for forty days. He was tempted three times and he resisted all the three temptations coming from the devil. These temptations indicate the victory of Jesus as he is told to be unfaithful to his mission.

Matthew presents Jesus as the New Israel now in the desert. The Old Israel was tempted in the desert and failed but the new Israel came out victorious. The episode is the explanation of human temptations and with the grace of God we too can be triumphant in our battle against evil.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Pauline Walsh. 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, March 1, 9:30 a.m. St. George's Int. No Intention Listed

Thursday, March 2, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. No Intention Listed

Friday, March 3, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. John Walsh by Mary Lou & Family

Saturday, March 4, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Anna Myers Rafuse by Bernice Delory

Sunday, March 5, 9:00 a.m. St. George's – Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, March 5, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Evelyn & Maurice McGillivray

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, some 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 as prayer to improve the health of the faithful) 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. Anyone wishing a visit (at or outside their home) from Fr. Kishore or from Claudia is asked to text/call on their cell phones. Please let your loved ones know about this announcement.

Catechism Classes: Catechism Classes for grades 1 – 7 will resume on Monday, March 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the Confirmation Class will resume classes on Thursday, March 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. due to the school break for the Canada Games.

LENT – TIME TO PREPARE FOR EASTER

Faith Sharing over Lent:

Mondays at 10:00 a.m. for St. Georges led by the St. George's C.W.L. at Edith MacDonald's home (902-583-2541)

Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. at All Saints Church in the MacMillan Room led by Julia Donahoe MacDougald (902-838-4395)
Start Date: Wednesday, March 1.

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at St. James Church led by Claudia Batchilder (902-969-0266).
Start Date: Wednesday, March 1.

You are welcome to choose one of the times to fit your schedule. Attendance every week is not required. Attend when you can.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each week. On Friday, March 3 the Stations will be held at St. George's at 6:30 p.m.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board at each parish. Please sign up to be a reader, candle bearer (need 2 people) or cross bearer for the Stations of the Cross. You don't have to be from that parish to do that job at any of the churches.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for February 19 - 13 Envelopes - \$180.00; Loose - \$65.00; 1 Maintenance Envelope - \$5.00. **Ministries for March 4:** Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Team 2. **Snow Clearing** from February 23 to March 1 is Mike LaVie and from March 2 to March 8 is Hal Publicover.

St. James Parish Property & Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday February 28th at 11:00 a.m.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for February 19 – 27 Envelopes - \$1,275.00; Loose - \$40.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. **Ministries for March 5** Lector – Bernice Curran Brothers; Eucharistic Minister – Margaret VandenBroek; Gifts – Herman & Margaret VandenBroek; Ushers – Dan Shepard & Frank Brothers. **Church Custodian** from February 27 to March 5 is Karen VandenBroek and from March 6 to March 12 is Ron Blue; **Church Cleaners** for February are Katherine MacDonald, Shirley Rice, Cindy Shepard & Marilyn Barrett. **Snow Clearing Team** from February 27 to March 5 is Mark Wilson and Robie Brothers and from March 6 to March 12 are Reg Conohan and Shawn Creghan.

All Saints Parish CWL dues can be put in the collection basket or given to Joanne McGuigan, Ansy Donahoe or Mary Grant. This year's membership fee is 25.00.

All Saints donation tax receipts are available for pick up. They are at the back of the church. Thank you for your generous contributions.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for February 19 – 27 Envelopes - \$175.00; 1 Initial Offering - \$20.00; Regular Maintenance to the Cemetery Fund - \$200.00. **Ministries for March 5:** Lector – Terry Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – John Gotell; Gifts – John & Naomi Gotell; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson. **Church Cleaners** for February are Edith MacDonald & Tammy Gardiner. **Snow clearing team** from Sunday, February 26 to Saturday, March 4 is Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee and from Sunday, March 5 to Saturday, March 11 are Owen Fitzpatrick and Claude MacKinnon.

2022 Church Tax Receipts are now available for pick up at the back of the church.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Heart-of-the-Matter Marriage Preparation course will be offered in Charlottetown, on March 3rd & 4th. This is a

Friday evening and all day Saturday course. If you are planning to get married this year, you will need to attend a marriage prep course. For more information contact Pat at patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com or call/text 902-393-6047

Development and Peace - This year, Caritas Canada's celebrates 55 years in Action and solidarity. The 5 year theme starts now: Create Hope: Stand for the land campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their land and territory. Do this by: Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 26, the fifth Sunday of Lent or Good Friday. Your generosity helps support over 86 projects in 40 countries around the world, transforming lives and communities! Learn more by reading the Minimagazine and other resources available at devp.org/lent/ resources.

Bishops and Catholic organizations in Canada launch Turkey/Syria Earthquake Emergency Aid Campaign: With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Aid to Church in Need* (ACN), *Canadian Jesuits International* (CJI), *Catholic Near East Welfare Association* (CNEWA) Canada, and *Development and Peace-Caritas Canada* (DPCC) have launched an emergency aid campaign in response to the destructive earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria on February 6. If you wish to donate to this Emergency Aid Campaign, you can do so at <https://bit.ly/acn-donate-syria> or call toll free to 1-800-585-6333 Ext 228. Funds raised will be used for food, medical supplies, shelter and other human essentials.

L.E.A.P. into fun, faith, and community!! Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Charlottetown is hosting a dynamic evening for youth of Grades 10, 11,12 (high school) of King's Deanery to come for a Leave Everything And Pray (LEAP) retreat on Tuesday, March 14, 5-8 p.m. which will include supper and will be held in St. Benedict's Pastoral Unit at St. James Church, Georgetown. Registration for this special event must be in by Thursday, March 9 to Youth Coordinator, Lauren at the Diocesan Centre. To register: <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/leave-everything-and-pray-leap-retreats/> Contact person for King's Zone is Claudia Batchilder, 902-969-0266 (phone or text) cgbatchsfo@pei.sympatico.ca

PRAYER for the WEEK: For Our Lenten Journey

God of Love, through this Lenten journey, purify my desire to serve you. Free me from any temptations to judge others, to place myself above others. Please let me surrender even my impatience with others, that with your love and your grace, I might be less and less absorbed with myself, and more and more full of the desire to follow, in laying down my life according to your example. 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.