

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 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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In the Beatitudes we heard last week, Jesus spells out the standard of holiness expected of those whose lives are conformed to his life. This is very great: far beyond what we are capable of achieving on our own. In the Beatitudes, Jesus speaks of what is promised to those who belong to him. Their rewards, their happiness, he says, also will be very great. Now today we hear what follows in the Sermon on the Mount: two sayings about Salt and Light. Here Jesus makes clear what is the mission, the vocation, the task and responsibility of those who live according to the Beatitudes. This also is very great. Jesus used ordinary images, such as salt and light, to convey extraordinary truths that transform our minds, hearts, and lives.

Jesus used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives – and how the Holy Spirit wants to work through us to bring the power and blessing of God's kingdom to others. How do we become salt and light to other people?

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, Feb. 8, 9:30 a.m. St. George's Int. Eddy MacKinnon by MacKinnon Family

Thursday, Feb. 9, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Dwayne MacIntyre by Tony & Karen VandenBroek

Friday, Feb. 10, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. Special Intention by a Parishioner

Saturday, Feb. 11, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Clement & Eunice MacDonald & Rad & Tina Nichols by Frances & Lawrence MacAulay

Sunday, Feb. 12, 9:00 a.m. St. George's – Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Annie & Martin VandenBroek 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 29 - 20 Envelopes - \$485.00; 2 Initial Offering Envelope - \$35.00; Loose - \$59.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund - \$500.00 IMO of Allan & Laurena MacDonald & John Walsh Sr. by Barbara & David Leroy. **Ministries for February 11:** Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Team 2. **Snow Clearing** from February 2 to February 8 is Hal Publicover and from February 9, to February 15 is

John Gotell.

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 29 – 25 Envelopes - \$770.00; Loose - \$19.00; Direct Deposit for January - \$855.00. **Ministries for February 12:** Lector – Ron Blue; Eucharistic Minister – Tony VandenBroek; Gifts – Andrew & Denise Rowe; Ushers – Harry Nabuurs & John Campbell. **Church Custodian** from February 6 to February 12 is Louis & Marilyn Callaghan and from February 13 to February 19 is Harry Nabuurs; **Church Cleaners** for February are Katherine MacDonald, Shirley Rice, Cindy Shepard & Marilyn Barrett. **Snow Clearing Team** from Monday, February 6 to Sunday, February 12 is George and John Allen Hughes & from February 13 to February 19 are Jimmy Quinn & Benny Nabuurs.

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.

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 receipts are available for pickup. They are at the back of the church. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Help us bring 10 family members from Afghanistan to the Maritimes. We are raising money to bring 10 family members of Tom and Makis Donahoe (Ansy and Eddy) over to the Maritimes. The concert will be held on February 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the lower level of All Saints church in Cardigan. Lots of local talent including The Rubber Boot Band, Fiddler's Sons, Maxine MacLennan, Alan Buchanan, dancers and more. There will be a cake auction during the intermission. Admission is by donation.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for January 29 – 19 Envelopes - \$785.00; Loose - \$31.00; Maintenance - \$50.00. **Ministries for February 12:** Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Lorraine & Sally Morrison; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron; **Church Cleaners** for February are Edith MacDonald & Tammy Gardiner. **Snow clearing team** from Sunday, from

Sunday, February 5 to Saturday February 11 are Owen Fitzpatrick and Claude MacKinnon & from Sunday, February 12 to Saturday, February 18 are Rob, Sam, & Nate Shaw.

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.

2022 Church 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.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick is Saturday, Feb 11th. The St. Benedict's Family of Churches is invited to join St. George's CWL as they pray in *their own homes* for the sick in our unit, in our families and in the world. On this date, Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette and her intercession for healing continues to take place in Lourdes, France. Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette, pray for us. See prayer below to Our Lady of Lourdes.

PRAYER for the WEEK: For the Sick: Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know our wants, our troubles, our sufferings; look with mercy on us. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. We come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of our requests. (mention your petition) Through gratitude for your favors, we will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that we may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity.
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.