

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today Jesus instructs His disciples what not to do. He begins His instructions by saying: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets, I have come, not to abolish them, but to fulfill them."

Every day we have to follow rules, requirements, and regulations given to us by authority, natural law, or a ruling body. Most of the time we become stubborn and think ridiculous of the reasons for following all these rules or commandments that seemingly burden us.

We tend to forget that the objective of all these laws is for us people to understand and consequently practice the real meaning of 'love.' The Gospel today tells us that Jesus does not intend to destroy the Laws of Moses, but rather, to advance and show in perfect practice the love of God. Are we really living according to the law of Christ?

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. 15, 9:30 a.m. St. George's Int. Eddy MacKinnon by MacKinnon Family

Thursday, Feb. 16, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioners

Friday, Feb. 17, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. Anna Myers Rafuse by Donna Leger

Saturday, Feb. 18, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Kenneth Campbell by Elizabeth Campbell

Sunday, Feb. 19, 9:00 a.m. St. George's – Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Feb. 19, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Kay & John Dan Campbell 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.

LENT – TIME TO PREPARE FOR EASTER

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

St. James, Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 a.m.

St. Georges, Wednesday, February 22 at 11:00 a.m.

All Saints, Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Faith Sharing

Faith sharing meetings will be held at Edith MacDonald's home starting on Monday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each week beginning on Friday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. at St. James Church.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for February 5 - 11 Envelopes - \$375.00; Loose -

\$27.00; 3 Maintenance Envelopes - \$35.00. **Ministries for February 18:** Lector – Florence MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Team 1. **Snow Clearing** from February 9, to February 15 is John Gotell & from February 16 to February 22 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 February 5 – 21 Envelopes - \$940.00; Loose - \$35.00; Rental – \$400.00. **Ministries for February 19** Lector – Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Billy Conohan; Gifts – Dan & Cindy Shepard; Ushers – Jimmy Quinn & Joseph Pitre. **Church Custodian** from February 13 to February 19 is Harry Nabuurs & from February 20 to February 26 is Jimmy Quinn; **Church Cleaners** for February are Katherine MacDonald, Shirley Rice, Cindy Shepard & Marilyn Barrett. **Snow Clearing Team** from February 13 to February 19 is Jimmy Quinn & Benny Nabuurs & from February 20 to February 26 are John Donahoe & Jacob Perry.

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 pick up. 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 February 5 – No Mass. **Ministries for February 19:** Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Sharon & Gordon Johnston; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison; **Church Cleaners** for February are Edith MacDonald & Tammy Gardiner. **Snow clearing team** from Sunday, February 12 to Saturday, February 18 are Rob, Sam, & Nate Shaw and from Sunday, February 19 to Saturday, February 25 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. **2022 Church Receipts** are now available for pick up at the back of the church.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

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) to come for a Leave Everything and Pray (LEAP) retreat on **Tuesday, March 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Supper will be at 5:00 p.m.** This event will be held 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/leaveeverything-and-pray-leap-retreats/>

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.

Listening, Speaking and Growing Together: You are invited to join us on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a day of exploring Spiritual Conversation as a tool that deepens relationship and community with God. The session is to be held at the Martha Spirituality Centre, will offer some practical ways to use Spiritual Conversation in our daily lives, our church and beyond. Facilitated by Julia Donahoe MacDougald, Michelle Mahoney and Roseanne Macdonald, members of the P.E.I. Local of the Atlantic Association of the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate. To register, email: drjoancsm@gmail.com by Feb. 14. Fee is \$25.00. Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring your own lunch.

PRAYER for the WEEK: For the Sick:

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brother/sister. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world? Father in Heaven grant (name) comfort in his/her suffering. Give him/her courage when afraid, patience when afflicted, hope when dejected, and when alone assure them of the prayerful support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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.