

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 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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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel teaches us to love and accept our enemies. Do not hold any hatred. Pray for the people who hurt you for He knows the right thing to do. Treat people the way you want to be treated.

People consider enemies as a sign of betrayal and ruthlessness, because they have classified them according to their actions, actions that could cause either a good or bad one. Forgiveness becomes optional due to the damage it has caused. However, with the second greatest commandment, God reminds us to instill love for thy neighbors. Even with the harshest actions thrown against you, even when they would never shed a single effort to have concern for you, even if they would never have the courage to appreciate things you are doing for them, God wants you to never plant hatred and revenge towards those who have done so against you. How do you let go of your anger?

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. 22, 9:30 a.m. St. George's Int. Sr. Katherine Macdonald by Edith MacDonald

Thursday, Feb. 23, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. For Family by a Parishioner

Friday, Feb. 24, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. Anna Myers Rafuse by Donna Leger

Saturday, Feb. 25, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Special Intention by a Parishioner

Sunday, Feb. 26, 9:00 a.m. St. George's – Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Martin & Annie VandenBroek by Tony & Karen VandenBroek

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.

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

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.

Ash Wednesday Special Collection ("Bishop's Projects"): This year's Ash Wednesday Collection, as in previous years, will be distributed to area men's and women's shelters and to local food banks.

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)

Start Date: Monday, February 20.

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 Batchider (902-969-0266)
Start Date: March 1.

You are welcome to choose one of the times to fit your schedule

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. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at each parish. Please sign up to be a reader, candle bearer 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 12 - 16 Envelopes - \$425.00; Loose - \$57.00; 1 Maintenance Envelope - \$20.00; Cemetery Fund \$25.00. **Ministries for February 25:** Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister – Christine MacMillan; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Band. **Snow Clearing** from February 16 to February 22 is Mark King and from February 23 to March 1 is Mike LaVie.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for February 12 – 27 Envelopes - \$705.00; Loose - \$22.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. **Ministries for February 26** Lector – Pauline Kelly; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson; Gifts – George & Julie VandenBroek; Ushers – Roger Kelly & Ron Blue. Ash Wednesday – Lector – Bernice Curran Brothers; Eucharistic Minister – Billy Conohan. **Church Custodian** from February 20 to February 26 is Jimmy Quinn and from February 27 to March 5 is Karen VandenBroek; **Church Cleaners** for February are Katherine MacDonald, Shirley Rice, Cindy Shepard & Marilyn Barrett. **Snow Clearing Team** from February 20 to February 26 is John Donahoe & Jacob Perry and from February 27 to March 5 are Mark Wilson and Robie Brothers.

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.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for February 12 – 24 Envelopes - \$890.00; Loose - \$35.00. **Ministries for February 26 :** Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley; Gifts –

Joe & Claire McCarron; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Roland Dionne. **Church Cleaners** for February are Edith MacDonald & Tammy Gardiner. **Snow clearing team** from Sunday, February 19 to Saturday, February 25 are Paul & Raymond Morrison and from Sunday, February 26 to Saturday, March 4 are Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee.

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

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Mary's Parish, Montague, will be hosting a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21**, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults -\$8.00 / under 12 - \$6.00 and family - \$25.00. Serving pancakes, sausage, sweets, juice, tea and coffee. Everyone most welcome.

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.

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) cgbatchesfo@pei.sympatico.ca

PRAYER for the WEEK:

Bless Me

Bless me, heavenly Father, forgive my erring ways.
Grant me strength to serve Thee,
put purpose in my days.

Give me understanding, enough to make me kind.
So I may judge all people with my heart, not my mind.
Teach me to be patient in everything I do,

Content to trust Your wisdom and to follow after You.
Help me when I falter and hear me when I pray,
And receive me in Thy kingdom
to dwell with Thee someday.

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.