

**ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**  
**March 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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**First Sunday in Lent**

Today's readings speak of our call to holiness, of true greatness, of faith and trust in God and the ultimate glory that awaits us. We encounter a God who speaks to us and we are called upon to listen to him and respond to him.

Now as we enter the Second Week of Lent, our task is to continue to examine our hearts and to repent in order to prepare ourselves for the glorious paschal mystery. As human beings we do not like change. We do not like change and we resist it as much as we can. But as much as we resist, change is a part of our life. We grow from infant to child to adult. We move from one place to another in search of new things and a new way of living. We know that we are pilgrims on a journey to a more permanent dwelling place, a place of total union with our God of Truth and Love.

The Gospel of today speaks of striking interventions by God in people's lives indicated through the transfiguration of Jesus on the Mountain. Jesus is transfigured in the presence of his disciples, manifesting to them his divinity to strengthen them in their faith before he enters into his Passion and death on the cross.

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

Thursday, March 9, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Anne Mowry by Julia Donahoe MacDougall

Friday, March 10, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. Anna Myers Rafuse by Claudia Batchilder

Saturday, March 11, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, March 12, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Mary Catherine MacPherson by Joe, Claire & Family

Sunday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Anne Mowry by Julia Donahoe MacDougall

**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 MacDougall (902-838-4395)

**Wednesdays** at 7:00 p.m. at St. James Church led by Claudia Batchilder (902-969-0266).

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 10 the Stations will be held at All Saints 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 26 - 18 Envelopes - \$635.00; Loose - \$53.00; Ash Wednesday – 11 Envelopes - \$149.00; Loose - \$40.00. **Ministries for March 11:** Lector – Tony Thijssen; Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard; Altar Server – John Gotell; Choir – Team 1. **Snow Clearing** from March 2 to March 8 is Hal Publicover and from March 9 to March 15 is John Gotell.

**ALL SAINTS PARISH**

Collection for February 26 – 22 Envelopes - \$945.00; Loose - \$80.30; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Hall Rental - \$25.00; Ash Wednesday – 18 Envelopes - \$455.00; Loose - \$19.00; Direct Deposit for February - \$855.00. **Ministries for March 12** Lector – Martina MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Tony VandenBroek; Gifts – Jon & Megan Veinot; Ushers – Tony VandenBroek & Reg Conahan.. **Church Custodian** from March 6 to March 12 is Ron Blue and from March 13 to March 19 is Joey Cain; **Church Cleaners** for March are Karen VandenBroek, Mary Ann Donahoe & Pauline Kelly; **Snow Clearing Team** from March 6 to March 12 is Reg Conohan and Shawn Creighan and from March 13 to March 19 are Karen & Tony VandenBroek.

There will be a **Town Hall meeting** after Mass on Sunday March 12th. All are encouraged to attend to receive an update on Property and Finance matters for All Saints Parish as well as an open discussion and input for maintenance requirements, financial matters, parish council, etc.

**ST. GEORGE'S PARISH**

Collection for February 26 – 19 Envelopes - \$555.00; Maintenance - \$50.00; Ash Wednesday – 12 Envelopes - \$300.00; Loose – \$42.50; Cemetery Fund IMO Mary Kempton - \$220.00. **Ministries for March 12:** Lector – Diane Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Rolland Dionne; Gifts – Tony Thijssen & Christine MacMillan; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron. **Church Cleaners** for March are Jeannie Johnston, Christa MacDonald & Doreen Acorn. **Snow clearing team** from Sunday, March 5 to Saturday, March 11 is Owen Fitzpatrick and Claude MacKinnon and from Sunday March 12 to Saturday, March 18 are Rob, Sam and Nate Shaw.

**St. George's CWL Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, March 5, right after Mass.

**DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS**

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:cgbatchsfo@pei.sympatico.ca)

**PRAYER for the WEEK: For Transformation**

Lord Jesus

You lead Peter, James and John on a journey up a high mountain to reveal your glory by your transfiguration. Lord at this time of year, you also lead us on a journey through this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May this journey help us, like those favored apostles to see you in a new and life changing way. May we in our prayer speak to you like never before. May our self-denial help us to appreciate all the more the self-denial you under went to your most Holy Passion and death. May our almsgiving lead us to see you more clearly in our brothers and sisters. May these acts of love for you, transform us more in your likeness, so that one day we may see the splendor of your glory as those three apostles saw but just a glimpse on that most faithful day. Amen.

NOTE: Please send items for the Bulletin to Edith MacDonald at - [elmacdonald56@gmail.com](mailto:elmacdonald56@gmail.com) or phone 583-2541 by **Noon**, the Wednesday prior to the weekend.