

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 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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Third Sunday in Lent

The scriptures constantly remind us of the continual and personal love of God towards each one of us. On the third Sunday of Lent, the church invites us to enter into this love of God and respond to him positively. God himself initiates the move in every person to bring them closer to him through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

One of the recurring themes throughout the Lenten season is the compassion and mercy of our God that conveys his love. Repentance on the part of human persons indicates the recognition of this love and his readiness to make reparations. This requires a spirit of sincerity and a sense of honesty to self and recognition of our nothingness before God. Once a person has accepted this change, God has a ready mission prepared for him to continue to spread his love.

In the Gospel of today, Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman at the well and gives her the living water. With this she and the people of the place are able to trust and accept the eternal life he gives them. They recognize him as the messiah, the saviour of the world.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Rose Molloy & 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 15, 9:30 a.m. St. George’s Int. No
Intention listed

Thursday, March 16, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. No

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Friday, March 17, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. Allan and
Bee MacMillan by Tony & Chris

Saturday, March 18, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int.
Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, March 19, 9:00 a.m. St. George’s Int.
Clemmie Somers by Charles & Family

Sunday, March 19, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Ricky
MacPhee (formerly of Georgetown) by Dan & Cindy
Shepard

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:
Monday, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the Confirmation
Classes: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

LENT – “TIME TO PREPARE FOR EASTER”

Reconciliation Services:

Reconciliation services for the St. Benedict’s Unit will be on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. at St. James church. Extra priests will be available for confessions. There will also be reconciliation services at St. Mary’s church in Montague on Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m.

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)

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 17 the Stations will be held at St. James 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. Benedict's "Journeying in Faith Together": You are Invited!! Your voice matters!! In response to the call of the faithful by Pope Francis and to the call by the Holy Spirit to deepen our Journeying in Faith Together, Father Kishore and interested people of St. Benedict’s are inviting members of the Pastoral family of churches to come together to discuss our faith journey together. It would be great to have all 4 of our churches represented in the discussion to support one another on the journey. Please pray to the Holy Spirit about your response and where the Holy Spirit is leading us in our hearts, in our parishes, in our Unit Family of Churches. The gathering will be held Tuesday, March 21st at 7 p.m. in All Saints Church, Cardigan. Everyone is most welcome. Bring another member of the parish family with you! For more info contact: Carmel MacKenzie 969-0181, Julia Donahoe-MacDougald 969-0154, Paula-Fay Matheson 961-2166 Claudia Batchilder 969-0266.

Thank You: On behalf of St. Benedict’s Pastoral Unit Property & Finance Committees, as well as all parishioners, we want to offer our sincere thank you to Kenny Batchilder, who after 18 years, has retired from the position of Treasurer for the Unit. We wish you all the best Kenny in whatever your future holds for you.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for March 5 - 14 Envelopes - \$455.00; Loose - \$75.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund IMO James Burke – \$65.00. Ministries for March 18: Lector – Florence MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Christine MacMillan; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Team 2. Snow Clearing from March 9 to March 15 is John Gotell and from March 16 to March 22 is Mark King.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for March 5 –30 Envelopes - \$1,055.00; Loose - \$46.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for March 19 Lector – Mary VandenBroek Grant; Eucharistic Minister – Billy Conohan; Gifts – Tony & Karen VandenBroek; Ushers – Martin VandenBroek & Billy Conohan. Church Custodian from March 13 to March 19 is Joey Cain and from March 20 to March 26 are Louis & Marilyn Callaghan. Cleaners for March are Karen VandenBroek, Mary Ann Donahoe & Pauline Kelly; Snow Clearing Team from March 13 to March 19 is Karen & Tony VandenBroek and from March 20 to March 26 are Reg Peters & Kurt Laird.

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 March 5 – 23 Envelopes - \$545.00; Loose - \$20.00. Ministries for March 19: Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Raymond Morrison; Gifts – Raymond & Joanie Morrison; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison. Church Cleaners for March are Jeannie Johnston, Christa MacDonald & Doreen Acorn. Snow clearing team from Sunday, March 12 to Saturday, March 18 are Rob, Sam and Nate Shaw and from March 19 to March 25 are Paul and Raymond Morrison.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Development and Peace -Development and Peace’s Lenten theme is *Create Hope: Stand for the Land*. This year’s Share Lent Campaign supports 86 projects in 40 countries. Please support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their land and territory by donating generously to the Share Lent Campaign and by learning more from the Mini-magazine and other resources available at www.devp.org/lent/resources. Everyone is invited to the Solidarity Sunday Workshop on March 19 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., St Pius X Church. The Guest Speaker is Ramy Chan, a partner from Cambodia.

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.

Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's Basilica on Monday April 3at 7:00 p.m. Anyone can attend.

PRAYER for the WEEK: For Lenten Grace

Lenten God, During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may rediscover the grace of a prayer-full life. Enlarge my heart so that I may live more virtuously, giving to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity. Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace of simplicity. May this season be a grace-filled time and rekindle my love for and faith in you. 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.