

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

4TH Sunday in Lent March 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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Fourth Sunday in Lent

The central theme of today's readings is that God makes everything new in and through Jesus Christ. We are children of the light baptized into the glory that is Christ. We are initiated into the life of Christ who is the light of the world. Once we are baptized in Christ we become his new creation, the members of God's own family.

Today as we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent we are called upon to renew ourselves and experience the loving invitation of our Lord. In the early church those to be baptized and public sinners were called upon to understand that Jesus alone is the new life. The Gospel of today presents us Jesus as the light of the world. We have today the marvelous story about the cure of a man born blind. Jesus tells them that he must perform the works of him who sent him while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. Once the blind man is cured, he is able to see Jesus as his Lord, something the religious leaders were unable to do.

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
NOTE CHANGE IN DAY AND TIME FOR MASS
AT ST. GEORGE'S FOR THE FEAST OF ST.
JOSEPH
MONDAY, March 20, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int.

Patrick Sharkey by Edith MacDonald

Thursday, March 23, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. No Intention Listed

Friday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. Mat & Jacqueline Thijseen by Tony & Chris

Saturday, March 25, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, March 26, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. David MacDonald by Family

Sunday, March 26, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Ryan Kelly by Family

EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday at All Saints at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (1 service only) at St. James at 3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil (Saturday) at All Saints at 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday at St. George's at 9:00 a.m. and St. James at 11:00 a.m.

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. Theresa the Little Flower on Wednesday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m. and 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.

Rosary: We will begin praying the rosary before Mass on Saturday and Sunday in a couple of weeks. Volunteers are needed at each parish to lead the rosary. Please contact Fr. Kishore if this is something you can do. The rosary would begin at 3:30 before the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday; at 8:30 before the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday and at 10:00 before the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Everyone is invited to join in praying the rosary before each Mass.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each week. On Friday, March 24 the Stations will be held at St. George's at 6:30 p.m. led by the St. George's CWL. 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 "Journeving 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 Journeving 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 12 - 17 Envelopes - \$495.00; Loose - \$66.00. **Ministries for March 25:** Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Band. **Snow Clearing** from March 16 to March 22 is Mark King & from March 23 to March 29 is Mike LaVie.

St. James 2022 Financial Statements are available on the

table at the back of the church. Please pick one up.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for March 12 –23 Envelopes - \$2,955.00; Loose - \$35.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. **Ministries for March 26** Lector –Robin Laird; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson; Gifts – John & Marlene Victor; Ushers – Billy O'Brien & Mark Wilson. **Church Custodians** from March 20 to March 26 are Louis & Marilyn Callaghan & from March 27 to April 2 is Harry Nabuurs. **Cleaners** for March are Karen VandenBroek, Mary Ann Donahoe & Pauline Kelly; **Snow Clearing Team** from March 20 to March 26 is Reg Peters & Kurt Laird & from March 27 to April 2 are George & Martin VandenBroek.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for March 12 –22 Envelopes - \$495.00; Loose - \$13.00. **Ministries for March 26:** Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Agnes & Rosella MacDonald; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Rolland Dionne. **Church Cleaners** for March are Jeannie Johnston, Christa MacDonald & Doreen Acorn. **Snow clearing team** from Sunday, March 19 to March 25 are Paul and Raymond Morrison & from March 26 to April 1 are Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee.

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.

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: Used During Lent

O Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of apathy and meddling, of idle chatter and love of power. Instead, grant to me your servant, the spirit of integrity and humility of patience and love. Yes, O Lord and God, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge others, for you are blessed, now and forever. Amen – Prayer of Saint Ephrem

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.