

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

5TH Sunday in Lent

March 26, 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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In this Gospel reading we are to see ourselves in Lazarus and his two sisters. Jesus uses this miracle of restoring physical life to show us that, if we truly believe and trust in Him, He will give us eternal Life.

Much hope is offered to us in Psalm 23, 'The Lord Our Shepherd'. Martha and Mary blamed Jesus for not being there to save their brother. How often do we wish for Jesus to save our loved ones from death or grant us our wishes immediately? But Jesus said to Martha, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"

This question reminds us that God is a Good Shepherd who cares deeply about us, in our sorrows, just the way He comforted the sisters of Lazarus. If we put our trust in Him, He promised to be with us in our valleys as well as on our mountains. Many times in the Gospels we are told, "Be not afraid". If only we could remember to "Let Go and Let God" work His purpose in our lives would we learn to be His children. Children of the Light!!

When Jesus asked to have the stone moved from Lazarus' tomb, Martha hesitated due to fear of the smell. Still Jesus prompted her to believe in God's glory. Failure to confess our sins and roll away our stones will result in our broken relationship with our Lord and Savior. Lent is a proper time to meet Jesus face to face in the confessional box and open ourselves up to His saving Graces. He longs to meet us there.

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

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME FOR MASS AT ALL SAINTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 2 (PALM SUNDAY)

Wednesday, March 29, 9:30 a.m. St. George's Int. John & Annie Somers by Family

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

Friday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. Allan & Bee McMillan by Tony & Chris

Saturday, April 1, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Buddy McCullough by Karen VandenBroek

Sunday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, April 2, 11:00 a.m. All Saints Int.
John & Willhelmina Nabuurs by Mary Ann & John Donahoe

EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 6 at All Saints at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7 (1 service only) at St.

James at 3:00 p.m.

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

Easter Sunday, April 9 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: On Friday, March 31 the Stations will be held at All Saints at 6:30 p.m. This will be the "last" evening for the Stations of the Cross. 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.

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 19 -16 Envelopes - \$315.00; Loose - \$50.00 – 7 Maintenance Envelopes - \$75.00. Ministries for April 1: Lector –Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Altar Server – John Gotell; Choir – Team 1. Snow Clearing from March 23 to March 29 is Mike LaVie and from March 30 to April 5 is Hal Publicover.

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 19 –24 Envelopes - \$990.00; Loose - \$25.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for April 2 Lector –Ron Blue; Eucharistic Minister – Cindy Shepard; Gifts – Ron Blue & Shawna Quinn Blue; Ushers – John Donahoe & Louis Callaghan. Church Custodians from March 27 to April 2 is Harry Nabuurs & from April 3 to

April 9 is Jimmy Quinn. Cleaners for April are Julie VandenBroek, Janice MacIntyre & Joanne Conohan; Snow Clearing Team from March 27 to April 2 is George & Martin VandenBroek and from April 3 to April 9 is Bobby MacDonald & Bradshaw Campbell.

Copies of the new ministry list are on the table at the back of the church.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for March 19 –23 Envelopes - \$770.00; Loose - \$35.00; 1 Initial Offering- \$10.00. Ministries for April 2: Lector –Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Lorraine & Sally Morrison; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson. Church Cleaners for April are Joanie, Sally, & Amy Morrison & Bernadine Somers; Snow clearing team from Sunday, March 26 to April 1 are Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee and from April 2 to April 8 are Owen Fitzpatrick & Claude MacKinnon.

Easter Flowers for the Church: The St. George's C.W.L. will have a donation box at the back of St. George's church until April 2 for anyone who would like to make a donation to purchase flowers for the church for Easter. If you would like your donation for flowers to be in memory of a loved one, please include that information with your donation. Thanks!

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Steubenville Atlantic is coming! Talks, friends, fun! Join youth from across the Maritimes at Steubenville Atlantic, a dynamic youth conference hosted at Dalhousie University, July 8-10. This year's theme is Refuge (Mt 11:28)! Registration is open for youth in grades 9-12. Early bird cost is \$200 until March 31. For more information contact your parish group leader, or visit <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/steubenville-atlantic/>

PRAYER for the WEEK: Remind me Lord

Remind us often Lord, when we are feeling proud, arrogant, beyond reproach, pleased with ourselves, self-sufficient in our ways, that for such as us and better and worse you walked a road that took you to a cruel cross, and rose again to show us where we might look for rescue as from this lofty perch we fall.

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.