

## ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

### Palm Sunday

April 2, 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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### Palm Sunday

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The gospels record the arrival of Jesus riding into the city on a donkey, while the crowds spread their cloaks and palm branches on the street and shout "Hosanna to the Son of David" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" and they honor him as their long-awaited Messiah and King.

The significance of Jesus riding a donkey and having his way paved with palm branches is a fulfillment of a prophecy spoken by the prophet Zechariah and in so doing emphasized the humility that was to characterize the Kingdom he proclaimed. The donkey was a symbol of peace; those who rode upon them proclaimed peaceful intentions.

The laying of palm branches indicated that the king or dignitary was arriving in victory or triumph. The church today holds a similar procession to remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and also to remind people of the beginning of the Passion of our Lord. The simplest of terms, Palm Sunday is an occasion for reflecting on the final week of Jesus' life. It is a time for Christians to prepare their hearts for the agony of His Passion and death while awaiting the joy of His Resurrection.

### 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 changes in churches and days for Mass/Service on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday**

Wednesday, April 5, 9:30 a.m. St. George's Int. Alan & Bee MacMillan by Tony & Chris

**Holy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. All Saints Int.** No Intention Listed

**Good Friday, April 7, 3:00 p.m. at St. James (1 service only on Good Friday)**

**Easter Saturday, April 8, 8:30 p.m. All Saints Int. Martin and Anny VandenBroek by Family**

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

**Sunday, April 9, 11:00 a.m. St. James Int.** John Walsh by Mary Lou and Family

**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"

#### Last Week for Faith Sharing over Lent:

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.

**Welcome!** On behalf of St. Benedict's Pastoral Unit, we would like to say a huge welcome to Diane Wood who has agreed to take on the role as Treasurer & we wish her all the best in her new role.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** There will be a special celebration for Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16) starting with a holy hour and a time for confessions from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and concluding with the chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. at St. James (which stats on Good Friday) and how to pray the chaplet visit <https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/mercy/novena.html>

### ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for March 26 -18 Envelopes - \$470.00; Loose - \$51.00; Donation to the St. James Parish - \$50.00.

**Ministries for April 9:** Lector –Florence MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Claranne Lavandier, Altar Server – John Gotell; Choir – All. **Snow Clearing** from March 30 to April 5 is Hal Publicover and from April 6 to April 12 is John Gotell.

**Pastoral Council for St. James Parish:** Would you like to be part of a team to build a dynamic Christian community here at St. James Church? Would you like to invite and support others to share their gifts and talents? Would you like to help grow our faith experience through spiritual formation, community building, and outreach to those in need? Pray about how God is calling you to serve in our church community. There will be a gathering in the Church Hall on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. with Father Kishore and all those interested in this important work. Invite a parishioner to attend with you!

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 26 –24 Envelopes - \$835.00; Loose - \$35.50; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. **Ministries for Holy Thursday** – April 6: Lector –Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Margaret VandenBroek; Gifts – Joe & Daisy Brown; Ushers – George VandenBroek & Michael Rice; **Easter Vigil** – April 8: Lector – Pauline Kelly; Eucharistic Minister – Tony VandenBroek; Gifts – Joey & Linda Cain; Ushers – Harry Nabuurs & John Campbell. **Church Custodians** from April 3 to April 9 is Jimmy Quinn & from April 10 to April 16 is Karen VandenBroek . **Church Cleaners** for April are Julie VandenBroek, Janice MacIntyre & Joanne Conohan; **Snow Clearing Team** from April 3 to April 9 is Bobby MacDonald & Bradshaw Campbell & from April 10 to April 16 are Dan Shepherd & John Brothers.

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

## ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for March 26 –20 Envelopes - \$675.00; Loose - \$73.00; 2 Solidarity Sunday Envelopes - \$240.00; Maintenance - \$50.00. **Ministries for April 9:** Lector –Terry Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley; Gifts – Joe & Claire McCarron; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison. **Church Cleaners** for April are Joanie, Sally, & Amy Morrison & Bernadine Somers; **Snow clearing team** from Sunday, April 2 to Saturday, April 8 are Owen Fitzpatrick & Claude MacKinnon & from Sunday, April 9 to Saturday, April 15 are Rob, Sam and Nate Shaw

**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

**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: Holy Week

Heavenly Father, entering the most solemn days of the Church's year, when your son bore our iniquities to restore our relationship to you. I ask of you this grace, Take hold of my heart and my mind this week, so that I may follow in love, honor, and reverence the footsteps of your Son in these most Holy Days. Help me to appreciate the gift he gave us of himself in the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. Help me to recognize the cost of my sins as he died on the cross for those sins on Good Friday. And lastly Heavenly Father, help me to never fall into despair that recognizing that in the darkness, Your Son gave me the gift of eternal hope by rising from the tomb that first Easter morning. 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.