

## ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

### 4th Sunday in Easter

April 30, 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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The Fourth Sunday of Easter is generally termed as the Good Shepherd Sunday in our new Catholic liturgical calendar. In recent times this day has also become known as Vocations Sunday, a day on which prayers should be said for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The image of God as the shepherd of his people has a long tradition in the history of God's people. The image of the shepherd is one which appears several times in the New Testament. It is one that would be immediately understood by the people of the time.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus calls himself as the Good Shepherd and promises to take care of the sheep entrusted to his care. We have the popular images of Jesus the Good Shepherd carrying a sheep over his shoulders, or we have a smiling Jesus sitting under a tree, with a little lamb on his lap. This image of the shepherd appeals to us because it shows the tenderness of Jesus and his compassion. The sheep followed him, because they recognized his voice, and they trusted him. An image of Jesus as a Good Shepherd is reassuring us that he is always our support on our journey through life.

#### 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, May 3, 6:30 p.m. at St. George's Int. Mary & Allan MacPhee by Bonnie Staford

**PLEASE NOTE: MASS TIME CHANGE FOR WEDNESDAY MASS will be at 6:30 p.m.**

Thursday, May 4, 9:30 p.m. All Saints Int. Rita Burke by Bonnie Staford

Friday, May 5, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. No Intention Listed

Saturday, May 6, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Albert MacPhee by Bonnie Staford

Sunday, May 7, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Jacqueline MacDonald by Anne & Norbert Morrison

Sunday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Parishioners of the Unit – First Communion Mass

First Communion for St. Benedict's Unit will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m. Mass at All Saints. Please pray for the six young people who will be receiving Eucharist for the first time: Robert Brothers, Will MacKenzie, Oliver Rowe, Charlotte Veinot, Sadie Veinot, and Irvin Sampson.

Confirmation Classes: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

#### Faith Sharing:

Faith Sharing at St. James Church will be held every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. with reflection and discussion on the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. Everyone from St. Benedict's Pastoral Family and beyond is most welcome to attend. Come and "journey in faith together!"

Rosary: We will soon begin praying the rosary before Mass on Saturday and Sunday in a couple of weeks. We still need Volunteers from 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.

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care: The CWL councils of St. George's and All Saints ask you to remember in your prayers the dying, their family members, those close to them, and those who care for them, as we respect all life from conception to natural death. This year it will be held on Saturday, May 13 (the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel). CWL members will be contacted for a half-hour time to pray during the vigil (6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) but everyone else is asked to pray when they can.

Vocation Sunday: April 30 is also known as "Vocation Sunday" and the CWL ask that **everyone** please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the

Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, as well as dedication to married or single life. The Prayer for the Week contains a prayer you can pray today.

Apostles' Creed: Fr. Kishore is going to start using the Apostles' Creed during Mass starting May 6.

#### ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for April 23 – 16 Envelopes - \$285.00; Loose - \$56.00; 4 Maintenance - \$40.00. Ministries for May 6: Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard, Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Organ. Snow Clearing from April 27 to May 3 is Hal Publicover.

#### ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for April 23 – 22 Envelopes - \$550.00; Loose - \$33.00; Hall Rental - \$400.00. Ministries for May 7: Lector – First Communion Family; Eucharistic Minister – First Communion Family; Gifts – First Communion Students; Ushers – Tony VandenBroek and Reg Conohan. Church Custodians from May 1 to May 7 are Louis & Marilyn Callaghan & from May 8 to May 14 is Harry Nabuurs. Church Cleaners for May are Amy Ohlandt, Beverly Gordon and Frances MacDonald; Snow Clearing Team from May 1 to May 7 is John Donahoe & Jacob Perry.

All Saints Outdoor Spring Cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 6 starting at 9:00 a.m. Bring along your rakes, shovels, etc. Thank you in advance for any and all help.

Muffin Sunday: Please join us after Mass at All Saints for "Muffin Sunday" in conjunction with our Unit celebration of First Communion on Sunday, May 7. Coffee, tea, and juice will be on, and contributions to the sharing table would be most welcome.

There is interest in resuming the card plays this fall - we do have some volunteers (thank you!) who are willing to help out. We have had some inquiries around same partners versus different. We would like to get some feedback from those who might come out to play. Please contact Billy Conohan (902-583-2661) or Marilyn Barrett (902-314-3875) and let us know if you would like to have the same partner all evening or switch partners each game as in the past. Please let us know by the end of April. We appreciate it in advance. Marilyn and Billy

#### ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for April 23 – 23 Envelopes - \$710.00; Loose - \$21.50; Regular Maintenance of the Cemetery - \$200.00. Ministries for May 7: Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Tony Thijseen & Christine MacMillan; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison. Church Cleaners for May are Dolores Campbell, Claire McCarron, and Gertie Llewellyn.

Church Greeters: Anyone interested in being a greeter before our Sunday Mass please contact Paula Fay-Matheson

at 902-961-2166.

#### DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Sisters of St. Martha Centennial Award valued at \$2,016, for a third- or fourth-year female student pursuing studies in the field of ethics/ ecology/ theology / education/ healthcare or social work areas. Criteria and applications are available online at [www.saintdunstanuniversity.ca](http://www.saintdunstanuniversity.ca). Look for the *Student Financial Aid* section. Application deadline is May 30, 2023.

Men's Cursillo Weekend is scheduled for April 27- 30 and a Women's Weekend is scheduled for May 18 – 21 and they will be held at Marguerite Bourgeys Retreat Centre in Summerside. Cost of \$150 per person. For more info, please contact [brhood12@hotmail.com](mailto:brhood12@hotmail.com) or visit the Cursillo website [www.peicursillo.com](http://www.peicursillo.com).

The installation Mass of the Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski as the 14<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Charlottetown will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's Basilica Cathedral on Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome!

#### PRAYER for the WEEK: PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son. Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious. By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gracious and loving God, help men and women to hear the call to serve. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS

Lord God, we pray for our priests and seminarians. We ask for Your blessing as they serve Your people and the Church. May they be faithful and bold in sharing Your Word and ministering to those in need. We ask that You give them understanding, courage, and a great love for You and others. Through Christ our Lord. 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.