

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT
Resurrection Sunday & Divine Mercy Sunday
April 9, 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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Resurrection Sunday

The Glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Alleluia. Alleluia. The Gospel proclaims that the resurrection of Christ is the fulfillment of all that is stated in Holy Scripture. He is the Word incarnate, who dwells with us.

One of the disciples, named Thomas, could not believe that his Lord had risen, so he declared, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails and in his side, I will not believe" (John 20:25).

Sometimes, we are faced with different situations we do not expect and we want proof before believing. We have questions and doubts in our minds whether He is real and whether He is with us in our times of need and in times of disaster. But in the eyes of faith, we have to believe in order to see.

We believe that the Lord is together with the doctors all over the world in fighting diseases. All we need to do is to believe and to show how strong our faith is in the Lord in this trial.

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, April 12, **NO MASS**

Thursday, April 13, 9:30 p.m. All Saints Int. No Intention Listed

Friday, April 14, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Agnes & Percy Henry by Mary Lou Walsh

Saturday, April 15, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, April 16, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Betty & Winnie Yorston by Fitzpatrick Family

Sunday, April 16, 11:00 a.m. St. James Int. Harriet & Harry Hughes by 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.

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. **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. The Novena for Divine Mercy starts on Good Friday. To pray the Novena visit

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/orderwide-divine-mercy-novena.pdf#:~:text=In%20preparation%20for%20Divine%20Mercy%20Sunday%20%28the%20Second.will%20grant%20every%20possiblegrace%20to%20souls%E2%80%9D%20%28Diary%2C%20796%29.>

OLD PALM BRANCHES: If you have old palm branches please drop them off to one of the Churches. There will be a box at each church to place them in. Remember that they have been blessed so the proper disposal is either to burn or bury them. Take them in and we will use them to make the ashes next year's Ash Wednesday's ashes.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for April 2 - 15 Envelopes - \$320.00; Loose - \$61.00; 5 Solidarity Sunday Envelopes - \$80.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund - \$200.00. **Ministries for April 15:** Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Christine MacMillan, Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Team 2. **Snow Clearing** from April 6 to April 12 is John Gotell & from April 13 to April 19 is Mark King.

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 April 2 – 29 Envelopes - \$950.00; Loose - \$35.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; 20 Solidarity Sunday Envelopes - \$520.00. **Ministries for April 16:** Lector – Bernice Curran Brothers; Eucharistic Minister – Ron Blue; Gifts – Louis & Marilyn Callaghan; Ushers – Jimmy Quinn & Joseph Pitre. **Church Custodians** from April 10 to April 16 is Karen VandenBroek & from April 17 to April 23 is Ron Blue. **Church Cleaners for April** are Julie VandenBroek, Janice MacIntyre & Joanne Conohan; **Snow Clearing Team** from April 10 to April 16 is Dan Shepherd & John Brothers & from April 17 to April 23 are George & John Allen Hughes.

Indoor Spring Cleaning of the Church: In preparation of First Communion and Confirmation at All Saints this year, our Indoor Spring Cleaning will be held on **Saturday, April 22.** Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. Bring your buckets, cleaning rags, etc. Coffee and tea will be on, and refreshments will be provided.

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

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

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for April 2 –24 Envelopes - \$700.00; Loose - \$14.30; 7 Solidarity Sunday Envelopes - \$150.00. **Ministries for April 16:** Lector –Diane Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Rolland Dionne; Gifts – Sharon & Gordon Johnston; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron. **Church Cleaners for April** are Joanie, Sally, & Amy Morrison & Bernadine Somers; **Snow clearing team** from Sunday, April 9 to Saturday, April 15 are Rob, Sam and Nate Shaw & from April 16 to April 22 are Paul & Raymond Morrison

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/>

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. Look for the *Student Financial Aid* section. Application deadline is May 30, 2023.

PRAYER for the WEEK: EASTER PRAYER

O Lord, the resurrection of your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us the wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the strength to do it and the perseverance to continue to do it, through the same risen Christ our Lord. 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.