

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

5th Sunday in Easter May 7, 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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5th Sunday of Easter

Today's liturgy tells us that Jesus is our way, truth and life and we will receive the fullness of life in and through him. True living comes from developing ourselves to become all that we can be. Our life receives the full meaning when we are able to give ourselves to the service of others and find meaning in that service. Our true living comes by opening ourselves to God and to the world by becoming what we can be.

The close identification of Jesus with God the Father is the over-riding theme of today's Gospel passage. At the same time Jesus invites his followers to identify themselves with him and his mission. Thus in the gospel of today taken from the last discourse of Jesus we hear him say that he is the way, the truth and the life. Those who believe in him will inherit eternal life. He at the same time stresses on his unity with the Father and our need to trust in him.

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 10, 6:30 p.m. at St. George's Int.
Isabelle Steele by Mary Lee Zink

Thursday, May 11, 9:30 p.m. All Saints Int. Mary &

Jimmy MacLean by Bonnie Staford

Friday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. George
Creed by Yvonne & Terry Martell

Saturday, May 13, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Michael &
Betty Ann Steele by Bonnie Staford

**Starting on Saturday, June 3 Mass at St.
James will be held at 6:00 p.m. and Mass
at St. Francis deSales will be at 4:00 p.m.**

Sunday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int.
Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, May 14, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Martin &
Anny VandenBroek by Family

First Communion Class: Congratulations to Robert
Brothers, Will MacKenzie, Oliver Rowe, Charlotte
Veinot, Sadie Veinot, and Irvin Sampson on receiving
the Eucharist for the first time.

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 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.

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

Priest's Retreat: Fr. Kishore will be on retreat from
the Sunday evening of May 21 to Thursday, May 25. If
there is an emergency or a death during that time
please contact Claudia Batchilder at 902-969-0266.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for April 30 – 14 Envelopes - \$350.00; Loose
- \$50.00; 1 Maintenance - \$5.00. Ministries for May 13:

Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister –
Veronica Curley, Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir –
Organ.

St. James Parish Property & Finance Committee will
be meeting on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 PM.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for April 30 – 24 Envelopes - \$1,329.83;
Loose - \$75.00; Cemetery Fund - \$100.00; Direct
Deposit - \$855.00. Ministries for May 14: Lector –
Mary VandenBroek Grant; Eucharistic Minister –
Margaret VandenBroek; Gifts – Reg & Joanne
Conohan; Ushers – Martin VandenBroek & Billy
Conohan. Church Custodians from May 8 to May 14 is
Harry Nabuurs & from May 15 to May 21 is Jimmy
Quinn. Church Cleaners for May are Amy Ohlandt,
Beverly Gordon and Frances MacDonald.

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 30 – 20 Envelopes - \$565.00; Loose -
\$43.00; Maintenance - \$50.00. Ministries for May
14: Lector – Terry Brennan; Eucharistic Minister –
Edith MacDonald; Gifts – Agnes & Rosella
MacDonald; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron.
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

Mother's to Father's Day Change4LIFE Baby Bottle
Campaign: You are invited to fill a baby bottle with
donations that will help PEI Life encourage

and support Islanders in always choosing life. It could
be for speakers, thank you 'stockings for life' at
Christmas, a bursary to continue their education, a
gift to a "power mom" or "super dad" for strength to
say yes to life; medical trips off Island with gas, bridge,
grocery cards ... If people are supported
they have a better chance to say yes to life!

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 on-line
at 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 Bourgeoys
Retreat Centre in Summerside. Cost of \$150 per
person. For more info, please
contact brhood12@hotmail.com or visit the Cursillo
website www.peicursillo.com.

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

Heart-of-the-Matter Marriage Preparation course will
be offered in Charlottetown, on May 26th & 27th. This
is a Friday evening and all day Saturday in-person
course. If you are planning to get married this year,
you will need to attend a marriage prep course. For
more information contact Pat
at patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com or call/text 902-
393-6047.

PRAYER for the WEEK: PRAYER FOR CHILD'S RETURN TO THE FAITH

Dear Lord, you became man, suffered and died to win
salvation for all souls. Look graciously on the soul of my
child who has drifted away from you and the Faith. Grant
him/her your grace to see the error of his/her ways and
return to the fold in your care.

Teach me to stay close to him/her during this time and strive
to convert him/her by action and prayers more than by
words that may antagonize. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust
you to do everything to bring my child back to you.

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.

