ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT 6th Sunday in Easter May 14, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. James: Sat. 4:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m. St. George's: Sun. 9:00 a.m., Wed. 6:30 p.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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6th Sunday of Easter

The theme of today's readings is the proclamation of the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit. The origin of this promise can be traced to the Old Testament Books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel. In the days of the prophets, God had promised to make a new covenant with His people. He promised to put His law within His chosen people, writing it on their hearts, that He may be their God and they may be His people. He promised to put a new human spirit within His people, to remove their hearts of stone and to give them a heart of flesh.

The gospel of today tells us of the concern of Jesus for his church. Jesus is about to leave the world and return to his Father as he promises to send them the Holy Spirit. He tells them that he will not leave them orphaned but his spirit will be with the church till the end of time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for 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 17, 6:30 p.m. at St. George's Int. M. J. Campbell by Agnes & Roy Doyle

Thursday, May 18, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Reg Hughes by John and Elizabeth

Friday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Eleanor Jay by Mary Lou Walsh

Saturday, May 20, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Gladys Ann McGillivray by Francis and Family

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 21, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, May 21, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Mary Redmond by Edwena Campbell

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SUNDAY MASS AT ALL SAINTS ON MAY 28 WILL BE AT 11:00 A.M. AND NOT 10:30 A.M. AS STUDENTS WILL BE MAKING THEIR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation Classes: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 28 at 11:00 Mass at All Saints.

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.

<u>Priest's Retreat</u>: 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 May 7–16 Envelopes - \$325.00; Loose - \$42.00; 1 Maintenance Envelope - \$20.00; Donation to

the Cemetery Fund - \$200.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund - \$75.00. <u>Ministries for May 20:</u>
Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister –
Christine MacMillan; Altar Server –Tony Thijseen;
Choir – Guitar.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for May 7 – 32 Envelopes - \$950.00; Loose - \$115.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for May 21: Lector – Robin Laird; Eucharistic Minister – Tony VandenBroek; Gifts – Sean & Crystal Creighan; Ushers – Billy O'Brien & Mark Wilson. Church Custodians from May 15 to May 21 is Jimmy Quinn & from May 22 to May 28 is Karen VandenBroek. Church Cleaners for May are Amy Ohlandt, Beverley Gordon and Frances MacDonald.

Muffin Sunday: Please join us after Mass at All Saints for "Muffin Sunday" for our Unit celebration of Confirmation on Sunday, May 28th. Coffee, tea, and juice will be on, and contributions to the sharing table would be most welcome.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for May 7 –25 Envelopes - \$615.00; Loose - \$57.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Theresa Wilson - \$250.00. Ministries for May 21: Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Lorraine & Sally Morrison; Ushers – Rolland Dionne & Tony Thijseen. Church Cleaners for May are Dolores Campbell, Claire McCarron, and Gertie Llewellyn.

<u>Church Greeters</u>: 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.saintdunstansuniversity.ca. Look for

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

Women's Cursillo Weekend is scheduled for May 18 – 21 and 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.

Spring Retreat: The 3 Loves of St Francis of Assisi - Crib, Cross, & Eucharist. On Sat., June 3 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., at St. Mary's Church, Montague. Hosted by Brother Leo Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. Time for Reflection, Food & Fellowship. Everyone is most welcome. For more information contact Claudia 902-969-0266.

PRAYER for the WEEK: Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for All Mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love – the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mother's day, Mother of the Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you ...

NOTE: Please send items for the Bulletin to Edith MacDonald at - elmacdonald 56@ gmail.com or phone 583-2541 by Noon, the Wednesday prior to the weekend.