

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

Ascension of the Lord May 21, 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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Ascension of the Lord

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. After his resurrection, having spent forty days with his disciples, our Lord ascends to his beloved Father. Indeed, this feast of the Ascension of Jesus to his Father is a Mystery and not easy to grasp but at the same time it marks the beginning of the Mission of the Church.

In today's Gospel we have the farewell scenario between the disciples and Jesus and we read the intimate moment of separation between friends. As he prepares to depart from the earth he offers them his parting gifts: the gift of understanding so that they can now fully comprehend the meaning of the Scriptures; the promise that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit; a final loving blessing and promise that he will not abandon them but be with them till the end of times. He gives them the command to preach the Good News to all nations. The reaction of the disciples indicates a striking transformation.

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

**NO MASSES ON WEDNESDAY OR
THURSDAY – FR. KISHORE IS ON
RETREAT**

Friday, May 26, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Special

Intention by Parishioner

Saturday, May 27, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Wilfred & Theresa Gotell by 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 28, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Helen Campbell by Bonnie Staford

Sunday, May 28 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Parishioners of the Unit

**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: Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 28 at 11:00 Mass at All Saints. Please keep in your prayers: Shaye Fleming, Breana Jenkins, Laney King, Griffin MacDonald, J. D. MacKenzie, Reghan MacLean, Alex Pitre, and Jack Somers.

Faith Sharing:

St. Benedict's Faith Sharing at St. James will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 24th at the church vestry and then will be ending on Wed. May 31st with a special session at the home of Florence MacDonald (902-313-0103) at 5:30 p.m. with a potluck followed by sharing of the Sunday readings. We are thankful that our faith experience has grown over the last number of weeks. See you in the fall.

Rosary: The rosary has started before Mass at St. James church at 3:30 p.m. and on May 28 will begin at St. George's church at 8:30 a.m. We still need Volunteers from All Saints parish to lead the rosary. Please contact Fr. Kishore if this is something you can do.

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 May 14– 18 Envelopes - \$460.00; Loose - \$60.00; 5 Maintenance Envelope - \$65.00; Donation to the St. James Parish - \$75.00; Donation to St. James Parish IMO Rose Molloy - \$100.00; Donation to St. James Parish IMO Rose Molloy - \$50.00. Ministries for May 27: Lector – Kevin Gotell; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Altar Server – Tony

Thijseen; Choir – Guitar.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for May 14 – 27 Envelopes - \$805.00; Loose - \$30.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for May 28: Lector – Confirmation Teacher & Family; Eucharistic Minister – Confirmation family; Gifts – Confirmation Students; Ushers – Roger Kelly & Ron Blue. Church Custodians from May 22 to May 28 is Karen VandenBroek & from May 29 to June 4 is Ron Blue. 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" 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 14 – 27 Envelopes - \$895.00; Loose - \$36.00. Ministries for May 28: Lector – Noella Shorgan; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley; Gifts – Sharon & Gordon Johnston; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson. 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.

Rosary: Praying of the rosary before Mass at St. George's church will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 28. Several parishioners will share in taking turns in leading the rosary. If anyone else would like to take a turn leading the rosary please contact Fr. Kishore.

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 on-line at www.saintdunstansuniversity.ca. Look for the *Student Financial Aid* section. Application deadline is May 30, 2023.

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.

Saint Dunstan's University Bursary: Students are reminded that there has been a change to the SDU Bursary program- beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year the SDU Bursary will increase in value to \$1,500. Application form and criteria are available on the Saint Dunstan's University website, <https://saintdunstansuniversity.ca> Application deadline is August 31, 2023. A maximum of 175 bursaries will be awarded for the coming academic year. Also note that the SDU Board of Governors High School award has been discontinued. As many schools may not have administrative staff during July and August you are advised to make arrangements to have your transcript sent prior to the end of June.

Bulletin Advertising: The bulletins with advertising are going to print for this year. The ads appear on the bulletins for 16 parishes in King's County. If you are a business owner and would like to get some information please call 902-314-5307 or email church.bulletin.advertising@gmail.com. Thank you!!

PRAYER for the WEEK: Prayer for the Ascension of the Lord

Dear Jesus, I thank you that you came in human form and lived on earth. You always did what your Heavenly Father desired. Today we celebrate the day when you left the earth by being taken up into Heaven, where you sit on the throne. I remember and believe you will fulfill your promises to us. So I wait for your return to the earth, when sin and death will finally be defeated. Jesus, I need your presence in my life, your direction and help. I pray in the name of Jesus, our Ascended 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.

