

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Francis deSales: Sat. 4:00 p.m.
St. James: Sat. 6:00 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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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

The readings of today invite us to reflect on peace and consolation through the Word of God. This word reveals to us and shows us that God is all powerful and mighty and yet is always accessible. He is the God who is our creator and all surpassing, yet approaches us on intimate personal terms.

He is our King, says Prophet Zechariah in the first reading, yet comes meekly riding on a placid donkey rather than on a prancing war horse. He is the new king whose arrival brings peace to the weary people. He has dominion from sea to sea, and yet he is concerned personally for each one of us.

That dominion is expressed in today's Gospel when Jesus says, "All things have been handed over to me by my Father." He reveals the Father to us, and so we are swept up, in the Holy Spirit, into the intimacy between Father and Son, as we ourselves become his sons and daughters in Jesus Christ.

Jesus thanks the Father for granting the disciples the grace to grasp his teaching while keeping its meaning hidden from the so-called wise and intelligent people of the day. At the same time he says that his yoke is easy and his burden is light and hence we must come to him in order to receive rest from him.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Pauline Walsh, Shannon Lavandier & Felix Walker. 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, July 12, 6:30 p.m. at St. George's Int. Mary & Glen Taylor by Family

Thursday, July 13, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. No Intention listed

Friday, July 14, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Saturday, July 15, 4:00 p.m. St. Francis deSales Int. No Intention listed

Saturday, July 15, 6:00 p.m. St. James Int. Jim Burke by wife Sharon, son John, step son Bruce, and all of Jim's Burke's family

Sunday, July 16, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Kenny Johnston by Doris MacIsaac & Bill

Sunday, July 16, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Rosary: The rosary before Mass at St. James church is at 5:30 p.m.; St. George's church at 8:30 a.m.; All Saints at 10:00 a.m. and St. Francis deSales at 3:30 p.m.

Feast of St. Benedict!!! Let us "*Journey in Faith Together*" on our Feast Day! On Tuesday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m., all are invited to St. James Church to celebrate our patron saint, St. Benedict, and to ask his intercession to God for the needs of our parishioners of our Family of Churches ... All Saints, St. Francis de Sales, St. George's, and St. James. The mass will be offered for that intention. As God's family we are called to pray for one another. Fellowship will follow. All are asked to bring a small plate of finger food for the sharing table. Everyone is welcome.

Choir Practice for Mass of St. Benedict: Members of the choirs of St. Benedict's Family of Churches are invited to a practice on Monday, July 10 at St. James at 7:00 p.m. Bring your voice and if you

play a musical instrument, bring it along as well!!
Hope to see you there.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for July 2 – 16 Envelopes - \$355.00; Loose - \$85.00; Donation to St. James Parish IMO Joan & Bud Currie - \$200.00. **Ministries for July 15:** Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Christine MacMillan; Altar Server – Jim Garrity; Choir – Guitar.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for July 2 – 20 Envelopes - \$660.00; Loose - \$135.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Hall Rental - \$50.00; Child's Fund - \$159.00. **Ministries for July 16:** Lector – Cindy Shepard; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson; Gifts – John Allan Hughes; Ushers – Martin VandenBroek & Billy Conohan. **Church Custodian** from July 10 to July 16 is Ron Blue & from July 17 to July 23 is Joey Cain. **Church Cleaners for July** are Shirley McGillivray, Sadie Fogarty, Marlene Victor & Kari Doiron.

Ministry List copies for All Saints for July, August and September are available at the back of the church.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for July 2 – 20 Envelopes - \$570.00; Loose - \$29.00; Cemetery Fund Regular Maintenance - \$400.00; Cemetery Fund Regular Maintenance - \$100.00. **Ministries for July 16:** Lector – Terry Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Rolland Dionne; Gifts – Tony Thijseen & Christine MacMillan; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Rolland Dionne.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

Ministries for July 15: Lector – Carmel MacKenzie; Eucharistic Minister – Lori Ann MacDonald; Gifts – Bernard & Wendy Gillis; Ushers – Dunstan MacDonald & Billy MacDonald.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

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 years 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.

PRAYER for the WEEK: Prayer to For the Parable of the Soil/Sower:

Good, Good Soil
Jesus, you sow yourself
The Word of Truth, generously
The Word of Life, graciously
Defend us from the Evil One
Who seeks to snatch us away

Fortify us for hard times and costly discipleship
That we may endure, Deliver us from distraction
From worldly desires and All that would lure us
and choke us with false promises

Till us, Turn us, Enrich us with every blessing of
your Spirit That we may be good, good soil
Forever faithful and fruitful for you
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.