

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 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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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

God reveals to us and communicates with us continuously through persons, works and situations. The word of God comes gently and is never intended to remain suspended like clouds in midair, but to soak the earth and to be drawn back toward God after completing its purpose.

The Word of God is an eternal Word without beginning or end. Today the Word of God is compared to a seed that sprouts and brings forth new life.

All of our life, entire creation is groaning in anticipation of being all we can become. God's spirit is infused within human beings where it brings forth divine fruits. The farmer is aware that he has to prepare the ground, weed it and water it to produce good fruit. We are invited to sow the seed of the Gospel with our lives.

In the Gospel of today we have the parable of the sower. The farmer goes out to sow the seed and it is placed in varying types of soil. A person who hears the word of God and understands it reaps a rich and fruitful harvest.

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 19, 6:30 p.m. at St. George's Int. Charlie Lund by Edith MacDonald

Thursday, July 20, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. No Intention listed

Friday, July 21, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Anna Marie Myers by Myers Family

Saturday, July 22, 4:00 p.m. St. Francis deSales Int. Peter Chaisson Jr. by Shirley Campbell & Family

Saturday, July 22, 6:00 p.m. St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Terry & Yvonne Martell

Sunday, July 23, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Parishioners of Unit

Sunday, July 23, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Ryan Kelly by Family

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.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for July 9 – 17 Envelopes - \$490.00; Loose - \$90.00; 4 Maintenance Envelopes - \$45.00. Ministries for July 22: Lector – Claudia Batchilder; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Guitar.

Annual Celebration of the Feast of St. James: At the Saturday Mass on July 22 at 6:00 p.m. we will celebrate the Feast of St. James. Let us remember in our prayers all the living and deceased people of the parish. Following our time together in prayer, all are welcome to share together with strawberry shortcake out on the lawn. If you are unable to attend mass, please join us for refreshments around 7:00. Everyone Welcome!! Next year is the 50th anniversary of the building of the church, so we hope to do it in style!!

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for July 9 – 23 Envelopes - \$975.00; Loose - \$100.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00 Ministries for July 23: Lector – Ron Blue; Eucharistic Minister – Cindy Shepard; Gifts – Roger & Pauline Kelly; Ushers – Billy

O'Brien & Mark Wilson. Church Custodian from July 17 to July 23 is Joey Cain & from July 24 to 30 are Louis & Marilyn Callaghan. 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 9 –22 Envelopes - \$535.00; Loose - \$95.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Mary & Glen Taylor - \$150.00 Ministries for July 23: Lector – Diane Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – John Gotell; Gifts – John & Naomi Gotell; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

Ministries for July 22: Lector – Claire Young; Eucharistic Minister – Cyril MacDonald; Gifts – Jimmy & Clara Fisher; Ushers – Billy Victor & Greg Maddison.

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.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly 2023: The third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated this year on Sunday, July 23, 2023. Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day to be celebrated by the universal Church each July, either on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, to help "treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation." The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's World Day is "His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50), underlining the relational interconnection between old and young. This theme is particularly well suited to the upcoming World Youth Day in Lisbon, which will take place from August 1 to 6, 2023. The CCCB has produced a short video available in [English](#) & [French](#) on their YouTube

channel and has posted some additional resources at <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/grandparents-and-the-elderly/>. Together, young and old, let us be protagonists of generosity in our world and witnesses to the love of Christ, a love that is both fruitful and supportive.

The 3rd Annual Bike For Christ, hosted by members of The Crew youth group, is happening August 12-13! This is a two-day retreat/pilgrimage across Eastern PEI for youth aged 13-18. New this year there will be a companion retreat for those who do not wish to bike but still want to participate! It costs \$25 to register, and any money not used towards the trip will be donated to the Island Pregnancy Center. For more information or to register, visit our website at bikeforchrist.wordpress.com, look us up on social media, or contact Nate at 902-916-8914.

PRAYER for the WEEK: Prayer to For Listening:

Loving God, give us hearts that listen for your word. Let us imitate the Good Samaritan, who does not turn away from suffering.

Help us listen. May we listen to those who struggle daily for dignity. Let us hear your voice in the stories of those on the margins. Help us always see what binds us together as sisters and brothers.

Help us to heal. May we be willing to stand in the place of others. Let us be open to difference that we may arrive at understanding.

Help us to seek reconciliation that our world may reflect justice.

Help us respond. May our faith move us to action in the public square. Let us work with others of good will, finding solutions together.

Help us exercise political charity, seeking the common good and dignity for all.

Lord, give us the courage to trust in your hand guiding us. Give us the courage to respond like the Good Samaritan, setting aside divisions to attend to the needs of the other. May we know and see your love present in our communities, made real in the ways we love one another. 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.