

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 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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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

Humankind has a constant but strange fascination with the exercise of power. Our world history presents us with details of human persons craving for power. In this context today's liturgy makes a vital point. Power at its best is not an external show that makes people seek all control, but the interior reality that seeks to imitate the power of God and transforms the individual and the world.

Power considered negatively leads a person to judge the other only to discover later how wrong we are in such an act. Instead of judging who is good and holy and who is not, we ourselves remain good and holy and leave the rest to God who sees every person in a benevolent way. Our understanding must radically change if we are to comprehend what God wants us to understand. We often run the danger of categorizing things as good and bad based on only the outward appearances.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Pauline Walsh, Shannon Lavandier, Cathy Martell & 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 26, 6:30 p.m. at St. George's Int. William & Kathryn Christian & Eriena O'Reilly by Jackie Christian

Thursday, July 27, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Allan & Bee MacMillan by Tony Thijseen & Christine MacMillan

Friday, July 28, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Joan & Bud Currie by Wilf & Laretta McQuillan

Saturday, July 29, 4:00 p.m. St. Francis deSales Int. Joseph & Margaret Chaisson by Shirley Campbell & Children

Saturday, July 29, 6:00 p.m. St. James Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, July 30, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Mary Christian & Deceased Family Members by Family

Sunday, July 30, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Shellie Gallant by Roma McGillivray

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 16 – 14 Envelopes - \$440.00; Loose - \$97.00. Ministries for July 29: Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Altar Server – Jim Garrity; Choir – Organ.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for July 16 – 23 Envelopes - \$845.00; Loose - \$316.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for July 30: Lector – Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Ron Blue; Gifts – Kurt & Robin Laird; Ushers – Ron Blue & Roger Kelly. Church Custodian from July 24 to 30 is Louis & Marilyn Callaghan. & from July 31 to Aug. 6 is Harry Nabuurs. Church Cleaners for July are Shirley McGillivray, Sadie Fogarty, Marlene Victor & Kari Doiron.

Muffin Sunday: Please join us after Mass at All Saints for "Muffin Sunday" for our Unit on Sunday, August 6. Coffee, Tea and juice will be on, and contributions to the sharing table would be most welcome.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for July 16 – 23 Envelopes - \$760.00; Loose - \$89.00. Ministries for July 30: Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Lorraine & Sally Morrison; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

Ministries for July 29: Lector – Cyril MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Cyril MacKenzie; Gifts – Wendell & Pat MacDonald; Ushers – David Savard & Bernard Gillis.

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.

Connolly Estate Bursaries are open to residents of PEI who can demonstrate that they are Roman Catholic,

are Irish in heritage, and have material financial need. Applicants must be a full-time student enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited university. College students who are completing a joint program / degree must be enrolled in the university portion of their studies to be eligible. If you are under age 22 as of August 31, your income and your parent's income will be used to assess financial need. If you are 22 or older, only the applicant's income is used to assess financial need. Recent bursaries have been in the \$2,000 range but vary depending on investment returns and number of successful applicants. Apply at www.OwenConnollyestate.com. Successful applicants will be notified on December 15. Deadline to apply is August 31.

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.

St. Mary's Church in Montague – 50th Anniversary: Please join us on Sunday, July 30 at St. Mary's to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of our church. There will be a barbecue, strawberries & ice cream & strawberry shortcake, entertainment, lemonade stand, flower stands, cake dessert auction. Please bring a lawn chair and your friends & join the festivities.

PRAYER for the WEEK: Teach Me to Give:

Lord, teach me to be generous,
To serve you as you deserve,
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labour and not to look for any reward,
Save that of knowing that I do your holy will. 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.