

## ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 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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#### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

Today's Readings stress on the importance of the Kingdom of God and demand a personal response on the part of every Christian to God and to his Kingdom. In normal language the Kingdom of God is understood as God's rule in the heart of every individual.

In the New Testament there are almost one hundred and fifty references to the Kingdom and the more Jesus speaks about it, the more he reveals its mystery. The Kingdom constantly invites people to the high ideals and great generosity. It also calls for a great measure of tolerance, patience and understanding in seeing the Kingdom become a reality. The Kingdom is primarily an environment, it is a set of relationships, and it is a situation where God's values prevail. The divine values in practice are nothing but the deepest human values and aspirations as mirrored in the life of Jesus, who is himself the revelation of God to us in accessible human form.

While today's Gospel presents us with the image of the kingdom, its focus is not the hidden treasure, pearls or the catch of fish. It is the actions of the people in the parables. They are relentless in their search for the prize.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Pauline Walsh, Shannon Lavandier, Cathy Martell, Jordan Lea & 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, Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m.** at St. George's  
NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIME THIS WEEK Int.  
Eriena O'Reilly by Edith MacDonald

**Thursday, Aug. 3, 9:30 a.m.** at All Saints Int. Matt &  
Jacquiline Thijseen by Tony Thijseen & Christine  
MacMillan

**Friday, Aug. 4, 9:00 a.m.** at St. James Int. Rose  
Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

**Saturday, Aug. 5, 4:00 p.m.** St. Francis deSales Int.  
Alex, Celia, Joe & Pat MacDonald by Claire & Family

**Saturday, Aug. 5, 6:00 p.m.** St. James Int. Joan Currie  
by Dianne Fraser

**Sunday, Aug. 6, 9:00 a.m.** St. George's Int. Roddie  
Steele by Edith MacDonald

**Sunday, Aug. 6, 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 the Assumption of Mary:** Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 7:00  
p.m. with scriptural rosary prayed at All Saints, Cardigan.  
Everyone welcome!

**Feast of the Queenship of Mary:** Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 7:00  
p.m. with scriptural rosary prayed at St. George's. Everyone  
welcome!

At both times of prayer, please bring your intentions .... to  
be prayed in your heart or you may wish to invite all to pray  
for those needs.

#### ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for July 23 – 14 Envelopes - \$355.00; Loose -  
\$65.00. **Ministries for Aug. 5:** Lector – Claranne Lavandier;  
Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard; Altar Server – Jim  
Garrity; Choir – Organ.

#### ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for July 23 – 26 Envelopes - \$645.00; Loose -  
\$225.75; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Hall Rental - \$400.00.  
**Ministries for Aug. 6:** Lector – Pauline Kelly; Eucharistic  
Minister – Margaret VandenBroek; Gifts – Chris & Frances  
MacDonald; Ushers – John Donahoe & Louis Callaghan.  
**Church Custodian** from July 31 to Aug. 6 is Harry Nabuurs  
and from Aug. 7 to Aug. 13 is Jimmy Quinn. **Church  
Cleaners for August** are Jocelyn Brothers, Anne Shepherd,  
Chris Currie and Dianne Nabuurs.  
**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 23 –25 Envelopes - \$965.00; Loose -  
\$72.00. **Ministries for Aug. 6:** Lector – Nate Shaw;  
Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts – Agnes &  
Rosella MacDonald; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron.

#### ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

**Ministries for Aug. 5:** Lector – Clara Fisher; Eucharistic  
Minister – Marita Gallant; Gifts – Carol MacDonald &  
Family; 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.

**The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., Bishop of  
Charlottetown, announces the following clergy appointments  
effective August 8, 2023, unless otherwise noted.**

Fr. Blair Bernard, having returned from Madonna House,  
has been appointed Pastor of St. Mary (Souris) and  
Parochial Administrator of St. Charles Borromeo (St.  
Charles'), St. Margaret of Scotland (St. Margaret's), and St.  
Columba (Fairfield) effective August 8, 2023.

Fr. Praveen Chattumala has been appointed Associate  
Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption (Stratford) and St.  
Joachim (Vernon River) effective June 23, 2023.

Fr. Walter Flynn, currently Associate Pastor of St. Paul  
(Summerside), has been appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart  
parish (Alberton) and Parochial Administrator of St.  
Anthony (Bloomfield), Immaculate Conception (Brae),  
Corpus Christi (Glenwood), and St. Brigid (Foxley River)  
effective August 8, 2023.

Fr. Yesudasu Gorre has been appointed Associate Pastor of  
St. Paul Parish (Summerside) and St. John the Baptist parish  
(Miscouche) effective August 1, 2023.

Fr. Lyndon Hogan, currently Chaplain at the QEH, has been  
granted a sabbatical.

Fr. Augustine Ignasimuthu, currently Pastor of St. Mary  
(Souris), St. Charles (St. Charles'), St. Margaret (St.

Margaret's), and St. Columba (Fairfield), has been  
appointed Chaplain at the QEH effective August 8, 2023.

Fr. Brian MacDougall has been appointed Vicar General of  
the Diocese of Charlottetown, effective June 30, 2023.

Fr. Lazaru Panthagani has been appointed Parochial  
Administrator of St. Mark parish (Burton) effective August  
8, 2023.

**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](http://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](http://bikeforchrist.wordpress.com), look us up on social media,  
or contact Nate at 902-916-8914.

**St. Mary's Church in Montague – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Please  
join us on Sunday, July 30 at St. Mary's to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup>  
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: In Honor of St. James Feast Day, July 25:

O Glorious Apostle, St. James, who by reason of the fervent  
and generous heart was chosen by Jesus to be a witness of  
His glory on Mount Tabor, and of His agony in Gethsemane;  
thou, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory:  
obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending  
warfare of this life, that, having constantly and generously  
followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to  
receive the victor's crown in heaven. Amen.

NOTE: Please send items for the Bulletin to Edith MacDonald  
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Wednesday prior to the weekend.