

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.
August 27, 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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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

Jesus challenges us to know him personally as he makes an exclusive, concerned, loving claim upon each one of us. He invites us to discover him, serve him and love him as Lord and he wants from each one of us our total, single-hearted response.

He offers an exclusive promise, and builds with us the best and unique friendship which indicates that through him and in him alone we will find salvation. From today's readings, we perceive the depth of the riches, wisdom and knowledge of God. We come to the realization that the judgments of God are indeed mysterious and yet contain his deep concern for us.

In the Gospel of today we see Jesus making a simple human inquiry about the way they have understood him and whether his mission is successful. He is the God-man, the messiah but he wants to know how his disciples have truly grasped his teaching. Peter responds to him in the name of the disciples that he is the messiah. In return Peter is commissioned by Jesus and is given the authority and leadership in the church. He promises Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Pauline Walsh, Shannon Lavandier, Cathy Martell, & Jordan Lea. 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. 30, 6:30 p.m. at St. George's Int. Joan Currie by St. George's CWL

Thursday, Aug. 31, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Lillian Lundrigan by Laura Roche

Friday, Sept. 1, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Saturday, Sept. 2, 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis deSales Int. Casimir MacDonald by MacKinnon Family

Saturday, Sept. 2, 6:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Sunday, Sept. 3, 9:00 a.m. at St. George's Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Sept. 3, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Martin & Anny VandenBroek by Family

Fr. Kishore will be keeping in our prayers today, in gratitude of God, Jordan and Sarah Johnston, on the first anniversary of their marriage.

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.

**** PLEASE NOTE**:** Effective, Saturday, September 16, Mass at St. James will change back to **4:00 p.m.**

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Aug. 13 - 14 Envelopes - \$480.00; Loose - \$95.00; Aug. 20 - 16 Envelopes - \$480.00; Loose - \$135.00. **Ministries for Sept. 2:** Lector - Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister - Christine MacMillan; Altar Server - Tony Thijseen; Choir - Guitar.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Aug. 13 - 27 Envelopes - \$1,080.00; Loose - \$195.00; Aug. 20 - 23 Envelopes - \$740.00; Loose - \$113.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. **Ministries for Sept. 3:** Lector - Robin Laird; Eucharistic Minister - Cindy Shepard; Gifts - Shari MacDonald; Ushers - Dan Shepard & Frank Brothers. **Church Custodian** from Aug. 28 to Sept. 3 is Joey Cain & from Sept. 4 to

Sept. 10 are Louis & Marilyn Callaghan. **Church Cleaners for September** are Anita Conohan, Linda Cain, Mae Campbell, & Marilyn Callaghan.

Muffin Sunday: Please join us after Mass at All Saints for "Muffin Sunday" for our Unit on **Sunday, September 3.** Coffee, Tea, and Juice will be on, and contribution to the sharing table would be most welcome.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for Aug. 13 - 17 Envelopes - \$445.00; Loose - \$74.00; Collection for Aug. 20 - 18 Envelopes - \$535.00; Loose - \$43.00; Cemetery Fund for Regular Maintenance - \$200.00. **Ministries Sept. 3:** Lector - Diane Brennan; Eucharistic Minister - John Gotell; Gifts - John & Naomi Gotell; Ushers - Joe & Claire McCarron. **Church Cleaners for September** are: Edith MacDonald & Tammy Gardiner.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

Ministries for Sept. 2: Lector - Carmel MacKenzie; Eucharistic Minister - Marita Gallant; Gifts - Michael & Lori Ann MacDonald; Ushers - David Savard & Bernard Gillis.

Oyster Rockefeller Event: A fundraiser for the Little Pond Community Center in Little Pond on Sunday, August 27, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Donations accepted at the door.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Change 4 LifeBaby Bottle Campaign: Way to Go St Benedict's Family of Churches! You did it again this year ... with an awesome collection in Baby Bottles For life. We donated \$1,580.19 to the Island Total of \$20,000+. So much good work for LIFE to be done thanks to you!

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.

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 Pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs at St. Peter's Church, Seven Mile Bay will take place on Saturday, September 23 for pro-life intentions. The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League are partnering on this event. Rosary will be said at 10:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m. A collection will be taken up for PEI Life. There will be light refreshments served afterwards. All are welcome.

PRAYER for the WEEK: PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Lord Jesus, let me know myself and know you and desire nothing save only you. Let me hate myself and love you. Let me humble myself and exalt you. Let me think nothing except you. Let me die to myself and live in you. Let me accept whatever happens as from you. Let me banish myself and follow you, and ever desire to follow you. Let me fly from myself and take refuge in you, that I may deserve to be defended by you. Let me fear for myself, let me fear you, and let me be among those who are chosen by you. Let me be willing to obey for the sake of you. Let me cling to nothing save only to you, and let me be poor because of you. Look upon me, that I may love you. Call me that I may see you, and for ever enjoy 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.