

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 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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Transfiguration of the Lord Time Reflection

The first verse of the gospel reading states that Jesus led Peter, James, and John to a high mountain. If we accept that Jesus is our Lord, Savior and King, we allow Him to lead us to where we should go. We are no longer in control of our life but we surrender to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

In our day to day decision-making, we pray that Jesus will manifest His will to us and that we may have the humility and willingness to follow Him. Like what He did to the apostles, Jesus will surely lead us to a place where we can truly know Him, where we can see the glory of God, and where our life can be transformed.

When the apostles were enveloped by the cloud and witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus, they were frightened. Seeing Jesus in His full glory can indeed be terrifying. This is because when we encounter the divine, there is the feeling that one is so small and unworthy before someone who is so great and mighty. Like Simon Peter when He recognized the divinity of Jesus (Luke 5:8), we would rather tell Him to "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!".

We all want change. We all want to be transformed and yet we find it difficult to do so. May the transfiguration event inspire us to return to Jesus for He alone can lead us and transform us so we can see His full glory.

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. 9, 10:30 a.m. at St. George's Int. Eriena O'Reilly by Edith MacDonald

Thursday, Aug. 10, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Mary Trainor by Margaret and Family

Friday, Aug. 11, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. John & Bessie Myers & Daughter Anna Marie by Myers Family

Saturday, Aug. 12, 4:00 p.m. St. Francis deSales Int. Edward, Gertie, Dessie, & Tommy MacDonald & Keith Butte & Jim Weavers by Family

Saturday, Aug. 12, 6:00 p.m. St. James Int. Albert & David Brousseau by Brousseau Family

Sunday, Aug. 13, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Wilfred, Edith & Neil Campbell by Shirley Campbell & Family

Sunday, Aug. 13, 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 30 – 16 Envelopes - \$510.00; Loose - \$105.00; 1 Maintenance Envelope - \$20.00. Ministries for Aug. 12: Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Christine MacMillan; Altar Server – John Gotell; Choir – Guitar.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for July 30 – 16 Envelopes - \$2,375.00; Loose - \$186.00; Monthly Direct Deposit for July - \$855.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Hall Rental - \$100.00.

Ministries for Aug. 13: Lector – Bernice Curran Brothers; Eucharistic Minister – Ron Blue; Gifts – Ian MacDonald & Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Ushers – George VandenBroek & Michael Rice. Church Custodian from Aug. 7 to Aug. 13 is Jimmy Quinn & from Aug. 14 to Aug. 20 is Karen VandenBroek. 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 – 13 Envelopes - \$375.00; Loose - \$35.00; 6 Education of Seminarians - \$130.00.

Ministries for Aug. 13: Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Joe & Claire McCarron; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Christine MacMillan.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

Ministries for Aug. 12: Lector – Kent MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Lori Ann MacDonald; Gifts – Ronnie & Shirley MacDonald; 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.

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.

The Annual Bishop Angus MacEachern's Mass will be held at St. Andrews Chapel on Sunday, August 20 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in this celebration that commemorates Bishop Angus MacEachern. The Chapel is located on the St. Peter's Highway, 4 kilometers east of Mt. Stewart. Refreshments will be served following the Mass.

PRAYER for the WEEK: PRAYER FOR TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY:

Holy God, mighty and immortal,
you are beyond our knowing,
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,
whose compassion illumines the world.
Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ,
who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity,
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. 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.