

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
September 10, 2023**

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. James: Sat. 4:00 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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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

Everyone commits a mistake. Everyone falls short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23). But our God is merciful. He forgives our sins if we come to Him with a sincere desire to repent and to amend our life.

The gospel passage today is very clear on how to discipline a fellow believer. First, lovingly talk to him or her in private. Never shame him or her in public. If he does not listen, let two or three witnesses talk to him and still, if he refuses to listen, let the whole church make the decision. The rest is up to God.

Listening is the key to healing and reconciliation. It works both ways. God listens to our prayers but we need also to listen to Him. In the area of discipline, we need to listen to each other first. Each one has a different background and each of us has a story to tell. In the first verse of our reading, we can easily win over our brother who sins against us if he knows how to listen but we also need to listen to him. Who knows, maybe our brother sinned against us because of our own wrongdoings.

The best part in our reading is that when we come together to solve a problem on discipline or any problem for that matter, God is present in our midst.

That is why it is important to start any activity with a prayer in order to seek His wisdom and might. So let us reflect on our behavior. How many times did we become a stumbling block for others to achieve their dreams?

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, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m. at St. George's Int. Eriena O'Reilly by Claire McCarron

Thursday, Sept. 14, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Lillian Lundrigan by Edith MacDonald

Friday, Sept. 15, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Saturday, Sept. 16, 6:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse & Family

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

Sunday, Sept. 17, 9:00 a.m. at St. George's Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Philip McGuigan by Joanne McGuigan

Rosary: The rosary before Mass at St. James church is at 3:30 p.m.; St. George's church at 8:30 a.m.; All Saints at 10:00 a.m.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Sept. 3 – 18 Envelopes - \$595.00; Loose - \$102.00 4 Maintenance Envelopes - \$50.00. **Ministries for Sept.16:** Lector – Florence MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Altar Server – John Gotell; Choir – Organ.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Sept. 3 - 12 Envelopes - \$1,240.00; Loose – \$134.75; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. **Ministries for Sept. 17:** Lector – Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Margaret VandenBroek; Gifts – Roma McGillivray & Shirley McGillivray; Ushers –

Martin VandenBroek & Billy Conohan. **Church Custodian** from Sept. 11 to Sept. 17 is Harry Nabuurs & from Sept. 18 to Sept. 24 is Jimmy Quinn. **Church Cleaners for September** are Anita Conohan, Linda Cain, Mae Campbell, & Marilyn Callaghan.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for Sept. 3 - 18 Envelopes - \$665.00; Loose - \$80.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Charles Somers - \$100.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Felix Walker \$100.00. **Ministries Sept. 17:** Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts – Agnes & Rosella MacDonald; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson. Church Cleaners for September are: Edith MacDonald & Tammy Gardiner.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

The St. Peter's CWL Council is hosting a talk with Fr. Danny Wilson (CWL Spiritual Advisor) on the Gospel of Life. It will be on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dr. Roddie Center in St. Peters. Following the talk there will be time for questions and comments. Everyone is welcome, not just CWL members.

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.

Young Adult Leadership Team: Are you a young adult (18-25) who is interested in growing in their faith, and helping lead retreats across the Diocese? The Young Adult Leadership Team travels the diocese leading retreats, and gathers regularly for faith-building and community. The first meeting is an overnight retreat, September 22-23 at the Marguerite Bourgeois Centre. For more information about the Leadership Team and to register for the Retreat, visit: <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/young-adult-leadership-team/>

PRAYERS for the WEEK: PRAYER FOR THE CONSECRATION OF OUR SORROWFUL

MOTHER & HUMILITY TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Consecration of Our Sorrowful Mother:

Holy Mary, Mother of God and Queen of Martyrs, I do this day choose you as my model, protectress, and advocate. Receive me as your special servant, as a partaker in your sufferings. Give me strength always to remain close to Jesus your Son who died on the cross for me. Accept every good work that I may perform and offer it to your Son for me. Dear Mother, stand by me in all my actions, that they may be directed to the glory of God. Amen.

Humility To Our Lady Of Sorrows

Most holy Virgin and Queen of Martyrs, Mary, would that I could be in Heaven, there to contemplate the honors rendered to thee by the Most Holy Trinity and by the whole Heavenly Court! But since I am still a pilgrim in this vale of tears, receive from me, thy unworthy servant and a poor sinner, the most sincere homage and the most perfect act of vassalage a human creature can offer thee. In thy Immaculate Heart, pierced with so many swords of sorrow, I place today my poor soul forever; receive me as a partaker in thy Dolours, and never suffer that I should depart from that Cross on which thy only begotten Son expired for me.

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.