

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 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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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

For the Jews, the number seven (7) is a symbol of wholeness or completeness. God rested on the seventh day which means creation has been completed. On the other hand, seventy-seven means no limitation.

We can understand then that Jesus wants to end the cycle of violence by means of forgiveness. Let us think about how many times God forgives us. Can we ever count it? Nope, it is unlimited. He loves us so much as to make us and He loves us so much as to send His only son to die for us. That is why even if we sin again and again, God does not stop loving us. He is always ready to forgive us and accept us. Indeed, it is really love that makes forgiveness possible. Without love, we cannot forgive.

If God then is ready to forgive us, why is it so difficult for man to forgive? Yet, forgiveness is the only way for men and women to live in harmony. Without forgiveness, there is no peace. Let that sink in. If we don't forgive, we will have no peace. Just as some people say, forgiveness is more about you, not about the other person.

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. 20, 6:30 p.m. at St. George's Int. Nyall Patrick Kelly by Noella Shorgan

Thursday, Sept. 21, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. No Intention Listed

Friday, Sept. 22, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Saturday, Sept. 23, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Michael Charles MacDonald by Florence & Family

Sunday, Sept. 24, 9:00 a.m. at St. George's Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Sept. 24, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Joe & Floss Curran by Bernice Curran-Brothers

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.

CATESHISM: St. Benedict's Family of Churches Catechism Program will be starting soon. If you have a child entering Grade One please contact Claudia Batchilder by phone or text at 902-969-0266 or by email cgbatchsfo@pei.sympatico.ca to register as soon as possible. Also, if you are new to our catechetical program, please register now. If you know of someone in either of these two categories, please let them know about registering for catechism. Thanks.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Sept. 10 – 18 Envelopes - \$430.00; Loose - \$113.00; 1 Maintenance Envelope - \$20.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for Sept.23: Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Altar Server – Jim Garrity; Choir – Guitar.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Sept. 10 - 23 Envelopes - \$870.00; Loose – \$107.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Hall Rental \$150.00. Ministries for Sept. 24: Lector – Pauline Kelly; Eucharistic Minister – Tony VandenBroek; Gifts

– Janice MacIntyre; Ushers – Billy O'Brien & Mark Wilson. Church Custodian from Sept. 18 to Sept. 24 is Jimmy Quinn & from Sept. 25 to Oct. 1 is Karen VandenBroek. Church Cleaners for September are Anita Conohan, Linda Cain, Mae Campbell, Marilyn Callaghan.

Could the person that is using envelope #44 for "2022" Please put their name and address on the next contribution or call Mary Ann Donahoe to let her know 902-626-9678. Thank you.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for Sept. 10 - 22 Envelopes - \$715.00; Loose - \$59.50; Cemetery Fund IMO Felix Walker \$100.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Felix Walker - \$100.00.

Ministries Sept. 24: Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Lorraine & Sally Morrison; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison. Church Cleaners for September are: .Edith MacDonald & Tammy Gardiner.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

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/>

A ROSARY RALLY is being planned for 12:00 Noon on Saturday, October 14, 2023 on the grounds of St. Cuthbert's Church (bring a chair if you wish; we will go inside if raining). This date is one day after the 106th anniversary of the Dance of the Sun at Fatima. All members of St. Martha Pastoral Unit, Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit, St. Cuthbert's. St. Andrew's, St. Patrick's, St. James, All Saints, St. Francis de Sales, and St. George's parishes as well as any others who wish, are warmly invited and encouraged to attend.

Our country is in great need of public prayer, repentance, and conversion. We ask God to help Canada through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. There is strong power in community praying together! Let's lift our voices together in prayer to Jesus through His and our Blessed Mother at noon on October 14! For more information, please contact Ed McCarthy, 902-393-8830.

Cursillo Weekends: There will be a Men's Cursillo Weekend November 2 - 5 and a Women's Weekend November 9 - 12, to be held at Marguerite Bourgeois Retreat Centre in Summerside. Cost of \$150 per person. For more info, please contact brhood12@hotmail.com or visit the Cursillo website www.peicursillo.com.

Eucharistic Adoration: "Come away with me. Let us go to a quiet place and rest" (Mark 3:31) All are invited to come and join other Islanders as we all seek the stillness that gladdens the heart in Eucharistic Adoration When: Wednesdays, 7:30 pm- 8:30 pm, bi-weekly (September 27th, October 11th & 25th, and so on) Where: Glastonbury Hall (downstairs at St. Dunstan's Basilica, Charlottetown). Confessions heard during the Holy Hour.

PRAYERS for the WEEK: PRAYER FOR SAINT MATTHEW

O Glorious St. Matthew, through the grace of God our Father you gave us the Holy Gospel, which brings us joy and life. Inspired by your example, I ask for your assistance in all my needs. Help me to follow Christ and remain faithful to His service. 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.