

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

The gospel passage today is one of the most
disconcerting parables of Jesus. For those who are
fighting for workers’ right, what the landowner did in
this story is considered undemocratic and totally
unjust. Yet the scripture tells us, “For my thoughts are
not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.”
(Isaiah 55:8)

The workers who started earlier have the right to
complain but they are thinking from their perspective.
From the landlord’s point of view (God’s point of
view), there is no injustice because he kept his promise
to pay what had been agreed beforehand. He was just
compassionate to the others who had no work and
therefore nothing to feed their families.

There are several points to consider from this parable.

1) God is calling each one of us to work in His
vineyard. There is so much to be done. Are you
available?

2) God does not like people to be idle. He wants us to
value work.

3) Most people grumble a lot because they always
compare themselves with others. “Why is my neighbor
more successful than me?” is their usual question.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for 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. 27, 6:30 p.m. at St. George’s Int.
Charles Somers by Cindy, Dan & Family

Thursday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Peter
& Dorothy Callaghan & Alex & Rita Grant by Louis
& Marilyn Callaghan

Friday, Sept. 29, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Michael
MacDonald by Florence & Family

Saturday, Sept. 30, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Arnold
Lopez by Amy Yambao

Sunday, Oct. 1, 9:00 a.m. at St. George’s Int.
Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Oct. 1, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Mary
Hughes by Shirley Campbell & Family

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. 17 – 15 Envelopes - \$440.00; Loose
- \$60.00. **Ministries for Sept.30:** Lector – Sid
McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Christine
MacMillan; Altar Server – John Gotell; Choir –
Guitar.

St. James Parish Property & Finance Committee will
be meeting on Tuesday September 26th at 6:30 PM!

Rosemary's St. Benedict Pot-Luck Supper held the 5th
Sat. of the month (Sept. 30 this month) at St. James
Church following mass. This idea was conceived by
Rosemary Batchilder when she was the chair of St.
James Pastoral Council. She always was a supporter of
bringing St. Benedict’s Pastoral Family together for

prayer, fellowship, and fun. Unfortunately she passed
before her plan was realized. We invite all to bring
their dish to mass for fridge, table or oven, then to go to
the basement after mass to enjoy time with our
brothers and sisters. If you forgot to bring something
there will be plenty to share. And if you are unable to
attend mass, come around 5:00 p.m. to get to know
your neighbor. Everyone is most welcome!!

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Sept. 17 - 28 Envelopes - \$98.00; Loose –
\$105.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. **Ministries for
October 1:** Lector – Bernice Curran Brothers;
Eucharistic Minister – Billy Conohan; Gifts – Patti &
Darcy MacKenzie & Claire MacKenzie; Ushers – John
Donahoe & Louis Callaghan. **Church Custodian** from
Sept. 25 to Oct. 1 is Karen VandenBroek & from
October 2 to October 8 is Ron Blue. **Church Cleaners
for October** are Edwena Campbell, Joanne McGuigan,
& Debbie Quinn.

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.

Muffin Sunday: Please join us after Mass at All Saints
for “Muffin Sunday” for our Unit on Sunday, October
1. Coffee, Tea and juice will be on, and contributions
to the sharing table would be most welcome.

Copies of the New Ministry List for October to
December are located at the back of the church.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for Sept. 17 - 20 Envelopes - \$465.00; Loose -
\$10.00; 1 Envelope Needs of the Canadian Church -
\$40.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Felix Walker - \$100.00.
Ministries October 1: Lector – Terry Brennan;
Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts –
Phyllis MacDonald & Jeannie Johnston; Ushers – Joe
& Claire McCarron; Church Cleaners for October are:
Jeannie Johnston, Christa MacDonald & Doreen
Acorn.

Food Bank Collection: The St. George’s C.W.L. are
collecting non-perishable items for the Food Bank.
Boxes will be placed at the back of both St. George’s
and St. James churches. Deadline for donations is
Sunday, October 8. If you are able to make a donation
to help others it would be greatly appreciated.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

**St. Mary’s Parish in Montague Fund Raiser: Apple
Crisp Ready to Bake for Thanksgiving:** \$25.00 for a 10
x 13 pan will be available at St. Mary’s Parish. Pre
order and pre pay by September 29. Pick up details to
be announced.

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. 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 Bourgeoys
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 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.,
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
CANADIAN HOME MISSIONS**

Heavenly Father, we pray for our Canadian home
Missions, from sea to sea to sea. Take into Your care,
through our prayer, our brothers and sisters in faith.
We ask protection and strength in faith, hope and love.
Grant zeal with compassion to the missionaries who
share the Gospel. Let your face shine upon them.
Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God forever and ever. 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.