

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 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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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

Jesus was speaking to the Israelites especially to the religious authorities. They were the first to receive the word of God through the prophets. They claimed to believe in the one and only God but their faith was mostly expressed in their lips yet their action did not go with their words. They were just like the second son in the gospel reading today.

On the other hand, the so-called sinners, the prostitutes and the tax collectors, who became followers of John the Baptists and Jesus Christ, listened and repented and therefore, they have the passport to enter the Kingdom of God. They were like the first son who initially said no but eventually obeyed his father.

In Matthew 15:8, Jesus quotes Isaiah 29:13 saying “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” Also in Matthew 7:21-23, He specifically warns that “Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord!’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father in heaven.” Therefore more importantly, let our words be translated into action. Better yet, let our action of loving others speak for itself.

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, Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m. at St. George’s Int. No intention listed

Thursday, Oct. 5, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. No intention listed.

Friday, Oct. 6, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Saturday, Oct. 7, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Rita, Roddie & Malcolm MacPhee by Joey MacPhee

Sunday, Oct. 8, 9:00 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Oct. 8, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Edmund Walsh by Evelyn Walsh

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 Monday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m... 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.

Youth Grades 10, 11&12!! Want to have supper with friends followed by time to share your faith together? You are invited to LEAP--Leave Everything And Pray. This will be held at St. James Church, Georgetown hosted by St. Benedict’s Pastoral Family of Churches on Thursday, October 12 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with supper followed by a retreat given by Youth who Minister to Youth in the Diocese. Contact person for our area is Nate Shaw, 902-916-8914, nateawesomehi@gmail.com He will direct you where to register. More information to follow next week

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Sept. 24 – 14 Envelopes - \$465.00; Loose - \$58.00; Needs of the Canadian Church - \$20.00. Ministries for Oct. 7 Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard; Altar Server – Jim Garrity; Choir – Organ.

St. James Parish Property & Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday October 10, at 6:30 PM!

St. James Parish New Roof & Ongoing Maintenance Fund Raiser: We are starting a Fund Raising Campaign to cover the cost of replacing the roof over the church as well as the residence and garage. Funds will also be used for other ongoing maintenance expenses. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 and we will be organizing fundraising ideas to help us meet our goal. If anyone who would like to make a donation towards our goal, it would be greatly appreciated. You may wish to make a donation in memory of a loved one or former parishioner of St. James Parish. If you wish to help out or for more information, please contact Kevin Gotell at 902-652-2387. Tax receipts will be issued for donations. Thank you in advance for your financial support!

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Sept. 24 Envelopes - \$892.00; Loose – \$75.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Needs of the Canadian Church - \$135.00; Direct Deposit for Sept. - \$855.00; Collection for Sept. 17 – 28 Envelopes - \$980.00 Ministries for October 8: Lector – Martina MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Ron Blue; Gifts – Kenny & Florine MacPhee; Ushers – Ron Blue & Roger Kelly. Church Custodian from October 2 to October 8 is Ron Blue & from Oct. 9 to Oct. 15 is Joey Cain. 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.

All Saints Card Games: Card games begin on Monday, October 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall. Prizes: 1st - \$60; 2nd - \$40.00; 3rd - \$20.00. There will be an optional 50/50. If you have any questions contact Shari MacDonald at 902-394-3451.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for Sept. 24 - 20 Envelopes - \$720.00; Loose - \$35.00; Needs of the Canadian Church - \$75.00; Maintenance - \$50.00. Ministries October 8: Lector – Diane Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – John Gotell; Gifts – Tony Thijseen & Christine MacMillan; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson; Church Cleaners for October are: Jeannie Johnston, Christa MacDonald & Doreen Acorn.

Food Bank Collection: The St. George’s C.W.L. is 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

Blessing of the Animals. at St. Marv's Church, Montague: Blessing of the animals will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct 1 in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis. All critters welcome

In a letter addressed to bishops all over the world, Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod, invites the faithful from around the world to prayerfully participate in the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will open in the Vatican on 4 October, 2023. Cardinal Grech reminds everyone that the Synodal Assembly is above all a spiritual event, of prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit who is the true protagonist of the event. Let us pray for openness to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Synod.

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.

PRAYERS for the WEEK: PRAYER TO SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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.