

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 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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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

The tenants in the gospel reading today refer to the religious leaders such as the Scribes and the Pharisees in ancient Israel who were tasked to take care of the people of God. Yet they did not live up to what was expected of them. On the other hand, the servants refer to the prophets whom they rejected and even murdered. Of course, Jesus was the Son of God whom they also rejected and later crucified.

This parable of the tenants teaches us that being a messenger of the truth is not easy. Many people are uncomfortable with it. That is why history is filled with stories of prophets and missionaries who were martyred for their work as messengers about the truth about God and His son Jesus. Yet Jesus Himself, as the stone rejected by the builders, has become the cornerstone of the Kingdom of God project and this project is still being constructed.

Like Jesus and the prophets before Him and the apostles after Him, let us have enough courage to continue building the Kingdom of God. We may be criticized, opposed and even murdered, but let us keep on working in order for the vineyard to keep producing fruits for the glory of God.

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. 11, 6:30 p.m. at St. George’s Int. No intention listed

Thursday, Oct. 12, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. No intention listed.

Friday, Oct. 13, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Harlie MacLean by Marion Delaney

Saturday, Oct. 14, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Arnold Lopez by Amy Yambao

Sunday, Oct. 15, 9:00 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Oct. 15, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Adrian & Gerry Sullivan by Family

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass intentions for Saturday and Sunday are now booked until December 31. Weekday Masses times are still available for booking.

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 Catechism Classes begin Monday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. in St. James Church!! This year's Catechism Teachers are Grade 1 - Patricia Brousseau, Grade 2 - Rosella MacDonald, Grade 3 (First Communion) - Shanna Farrell MacDonald, Grade 4 - Jocelyn Brothers, Grade 5/6 - Claudia Batchilder, Grade 7/8 - Nate Shaw. Please pray for our teachers and students for the spiritual success of our year. Thank you to those who have said yes to this ministry for our Family of Churches.

King's County LEAP Retreat! All are invited to this dynamic retreat held at St. James Church, Georgetown for Grades 9-12 on Thursday, October 12, from 5:00 -8:00 p.m. beginning with supper. Led by the Diocese of Charlottetown Youth Ministry. Lauren at youth@dioceseofcharlottetown.com. In our area you can contact Nate Shaw 902-916-8914, nateawesomehi@gmail.com Please register by Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 9.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Oct. 1 – 20 Envelopes - \$1,430.00; Loose - \$64.00; Needs of the Canadian Church - \$25.00. **Ministries for Oct. 14** Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Guitar.

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 Oct. 8 - 25 Envelopes - \$1,605.00; Loose – \$110.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Hall Rental - \$400.00; Collection for Sept. 17 – 28 Envelopes - \$980.00 **Ministries for October 15:** Lector – Mary VandenBroek-Grant; Eucharistic Minister – Cindy Shepard; Gifts – Harry Nabuurs; Ushers – George VandenBroek & Michael Rice. **Church Custodian** from Oct. 9 to Oct. 15 is Joey Cain & from Oct. 16 to Oct. 22 are Louis & Marilyn Callaghan. **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.

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

All Saints Card Games: On Mondays 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 Oct. 1 - 22 Envelopes - \$615.00; Loose - \$28.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund for Regular Maintenance - \$200.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund for Regular Maintenance - \$500.00. **Ministries October 15:** Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Sharon & Gordon Johnston; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Christine MacMillan; Church Cleaners for October are: Jeannie Johnston, Christa MacDonald & Doreen Acorn.

St. George’s C.W.L. General Meeting: The General Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15 right after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All members are welcome to attend.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Clergy Appointment: The Superior of the North American Vice Province of the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel (CSMA) has assigned Fr. Peter Wojakiewicz CSMA to the Diocese of Charlottetown. Bishop Joseph Dabrowski has appointed Fr Peter pastor of St. Francis of Assisi, Cornwall, administrator of St. Martin of Tours, Cumberland and administrator of St. Anne’s, Emyvale

effective December 1st, 2023.

Come join us for *Tuesday Night Cards* (Progressive 45's) at **St. Joachim’s Hall** (5376 Route 3 – Vernon River), 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$7:00 - Jackpot and light lunch.

Development and Peace/CARITAS Canada invites you to its annual fall action workshop, **2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 22, MacKenzie Room, St. Pius X Church, Charlottetown.** This year’s theme is, “*Defending water and land in Honduras*”. Join us and help Hondurans fighting an iron mine that we care about human rights and the environment.

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). 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 ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

O wondrous Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus, who, in thy brief earthly life, didst become a mirror of angelic purity, of courageous love and of whole-hearted surrender to Almighty God, now that thou art enjoying the reward of thy virtues, turn thine eyes of mercy upon us who trust in thee. Obtain for us the grace to keep our hearts and minds pure and clean like unto thine, and to detest in all sincerity whatever might tarnish ever so slightly the luster of a virtue so sublime, a virtue that endears us to the heavenly Bridegroom. Ah, dear Saint, grant us to feel in every need the power of thy intercession; give us comfort in all the bitterness of this life and especially at its latter end, that we may be worthy to share eternal happiness with thee in paradise. 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.