

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 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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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

The parable of the wedding banquet is about the invitation of God for all people to be part of His Kingship. In the Old Testament, the Jews thought they were the only ones to be saved. Not so in the New Testament. Jesus opened the gate of the Kingdom to all people from all nations.

God sent many prophets to Israel to “invite” them to repent and come back to the fold. Sadly, many Jews refused the invitation and even mistreated the messengers of God. Even today, a lot of people do not welcome His messengers but instead, they persecute them.

Yet God does not stop inviting people. He does not stop “knocking at the door of our heart” (Revelation 3:20). He gives us many chances. May we open our heart and allow Him to enter and abide in us.

When we go to a wedding feast, we need to be properly dressed up. The same is required for us to partake in the Kingdom of God. We need to properly wear our garment of faith, hope and love. God is merciful but He respects our freedom. He does not force anyone to respond to His invitation but he demands of us to follow His commandments, to give our total yes to Him and to be holy as He is holy.

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. 18, 6:30 p.m. at St. George’s Int. Felix Walker by Audrey & Vernon Yoston
****Effective, Wednesday, Nov. 1, Mass time will change to 9:30 a.m.****
Thursday, Oct. 19, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. No intention listed.
Friday, Oct. 20, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family
Saturday, Oct. 21, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Dean Johnstone by Leona & Peter Campbell
Sunday, Oct. 22, 9:00 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Parishioners of the Unit
Sunday, Oct. 22, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Hattie Hughes by Evelyn Walsh

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.

Catechism Outreach for October: Youth are asked to bring in food donations to class as we observe the Corporal Works of Mercy Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty.

St. Benedict’s Mission/Retreat Planning Meeting: St. Benedict’s Family of Churches is planning a Retreat/Mission to be held this Fall as we “journey together” (Synodality). Meeting is in St. George’s following Mass (7:00 p.m.), Wednesday, October 18. Everyone is welcome to attend as we prepare to celebrate our faith together. If you are unable to attend the meeting but have ideas you would like to share, before the meeting please contact Cindy (902-583-2793) Julia (902-838-4395) Paula (902-961-2166) Carmel (902-687-3419) or Claudia (902-969-0266).

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Oct. 8 – 19 Envelopes - \$1,020.00; Loose - \$51.00; 5 Maintenance Envelopes - \$65.00; Donation to the New Roof/Ongoing Maintenance Fund - \$300.00; Donation to the New Roof/Ongoing Maintenance Fund - \$100.00; Donation to the New Roof/Ongoing Maintenance Fund - \$40.00 (Thank you to everyone for your donations).

Ministries for Oct. 21 - Lector – Florence MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Altar Server – John Gotell; Choir – Organ.

St. James Parish Property & Finance Committee would like to say a huge thank you to Louise Lundin (Murphy) for her generous donation of \$20,000.00 towards our New Roof & On Going Maintenance Fund in loving memory of her parents William & Laura Murphy

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 - 24 Envelopes - \$965.00; Loose – \$225.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Ernie & Marie MacDonald - \$785.00 **Ministries for October 22:** Lector – Robin Laird; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Gifts – Christian & Amy Ohlandt; Ushers – Harry Nabuurs & John Campbell. **Church Custodian** from Oct. 16 to Oct. 22 is Louis & Marilyn Callaghan & from Oct. 23 to Oct. 29 is Harry Nabuurs. **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. 8 - 17 Envelopes - \$365.00; Loose - \$50.00. **Ministries October 22:** Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley; Gifts –Agnes & Rosella MacDonald; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison; Church Cleaners for October are: Jeannie Johnston, Christa MacDonald & Doreen Acorn.

Would the person who put a blank white envelope in the collection on Sunday, Oct. 8 at St. George’s parish, please contact Edith MacDonald at 902-583-2541. Thanks.

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.

Food Bank Collection: The St. George’s C.W.L. wish to thank everyone who so generously donated to our food bank collection.

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.

St. Joachim’s Parish **Tuesday Night Cards** (Progressive 45’s) at St. Joachim’s Hall, have started for another year. Card game starts at 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.

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. LUKE

Prayer for Intercession of St. Luke for those Undergoing Surgery

Most charming and saintly physician, thou wert animated by the heavenly Spirit of Love. In faithfully detailing of the humanity of Jesus, thou also showed His Divinity and His genuine compassion for all human beings. Inspire our physicians with thine professionalism and with the divine compassion for their patients. Enable them to cure the ills of both body and spirit that afflict so many in our day. Amen.
St. Luke, ora pro nobis!

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.