

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

Today’s gospel reading is one of the stories with the purpose of embarrassing Jesus and at the same time have a reason to eliminate Him. Jesus has become a popular preacher who spread the message of the Kingdom of God and whose lifestyle was different from the religious leaders at that time. These leaders consider Him a troublemaker. So they came looking for a way to trap Him and find a reason to stop Him from destroying their centuries-old tradition.

Their question about paying taxes to Caesar would surely put Jesus in a bind or so they thought. If He agrees that paying taxes to the Roman Empire is legitimate, He will alienate His followers and He will be considered a traitor. If He says paying taxes to Caesar is not right then they will report Him to the Roman authorities for disobedience and possibly subversion.

The answer of Jesus was amazing. The coin with the emperor’s image does not belong to God. Give it to whom it belongs. Then never forget to give glory to the One true God. The religious leaders were known as lovers of money. Jesus can read what’s in their heart. They dislike paying taxes because they like to keep the money for themselves.

Let us pray that we may not be attached to earthly matters and instead focus ourselves to give glory to God in everything we do.

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. 25, 6:30 p.m. at St. George’s Int. No Intention Listed

****Effective, Wednesday, Nov. 1, Mass time will change to 9:30 a.m.****

Thursday, Oct. 26, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. No intention listed.

Friday, Oct. 27, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Gladys MacLean by Marion Delaney

Saturday, Oct. 28, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Sean Myers by Patsy, Colin & Family

Sunday, Oct. 29, 9:00 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Cathy Curran by Bernice Curran-Brothers

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 are on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. at 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. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Oct. 15 – 19 Envelopes - \$410.00; Loose - \$75.00; 3 Evangelization of Nations - \$45.00. **Ministries for Oct. 28** - Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Christine MacMillan; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Guitar.

St. James Parish Property & Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m.

St. James Parish is now set up to accept E-Transfers for your envelope contribution. The email address for E-Transfer’s is: stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com You can sent your weekly or monthly contribution; and anyone who wishes to send a

donation to our Roof/On Going Maintenance Fund, can send it by E-Transfer.

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. 15 - 31 Envelopes - \$900.00; Loose – \$133.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; 7 Envelopes - Evangelization of Nations - \$130.00; Cemetery Fund - IMO Ernie and Marie Macdonald - \$1,370.00 **Ministries for October 29:** Lector – Cindy Shepard; Eucharistic Minister – Margaret VandenBroek; Gifts – Jimmy & Debbie Quinn; Ushers – Jimmy Quinn & Joseph Pitre. **Church Custodian** from Oct. 23 to Oct. 29 is Harry Nabuurs & from Oct. 30 to Nov. 5 is Jimmy Quinn. **Church Cleaners for October** are Edwena Campbell, Joanne McGuigan, & Debbie Quinn.

There will be **no Muffin Sunday on November 6** due to the Roast Beef Dinner.

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER will be held on **Sunday, November 5** from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$18.00. **TAKE OUT ONLY.** Please reserve your dinner by calling 902-583-2156 or texting 902-388-4054 by Friday, November 3. There are a limited number of dinners available.

ROAST BEEF DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please contact Jamie Rice at 902-969-0076 or jamierice1@hotmail.com to volunteer. We need volunteers for kitchen prep, meal prep, clean up, etc. Volunteers also needed for vegetable prep on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 10:00 a.m.; cutting desserts - Sunday, Nov. 5 at 11:30 a.m. Thank you for any and all help.

ROAST BEEF DINNER DONATIONS: If possible, could each family please donate a dozen rolls or biscuits and a dessert; and deliver them to the Parish Centre by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5. ALL DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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. 15 - 22 Envelopes - \$790.00; 6 Evangelization of Nations - \$85.00. **Ministries October 29:**

Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Joe & Claire McCarron; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Christine MacMillan. 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.

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

Cardigan & Georgetown are currently conducting a needs assessment for Meals and Wheels in the area. If you or someone you know would benefit from meals on wheels we want to hear from you. Please call: 902-368-7337 or email: threerivers@mowpei.org, **Deadline to call is October 31, 2023.** Posters at the back of the Church for further Information.

Franciscan Crown Rosary will be prayed at St. Teresa of the Little Flower Church in Morell on Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. led by the Brother Leo Fraternity of Secular Franciscans. Everyone is most welcome to come and pray in this Month of the Rosary. Bring your intentions to lie at the feet of Our Mother.

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. SIMON AND SAINT JUDE

O God, we thank Thee for the glorious company of the Apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever 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.