

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 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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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

How do we love God and our neighbour? Loving God means to serve Him alone and to give Him glory in everything that we think, do, or say. On the other hand, loving your neighbor as you love yourself means serving others without neglecting yourself. Let us remember that we cannot give what we don’t have. We cannot love others if we are incapable of loving ourselves. In fact, people who hurt others are those who lack self-love. Because humanity is just one family and that we belong to one another, hurting others is hurting yourself. Love is not just a feeling. It is an action. It is shown by serving God and others with our time, talent, and treasure. In short, the proof of love is service.

Love is a universal as well as eternal value. Without it, we will all cease to exist. In the words of Saint Paul, “If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.” (1 Corinthians 1:1-2)

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

***** FOR THIS WEEK ONLY Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7:00 p.m. at ALL SAINTS PARISH***** – For the Feast of All Saints Int. No Intention Listed *****

***** FOR THIS WEEK ONLY, Thursday, Nov. 2, 9:30 a.m. at St. George’s***** Int. No intention listed.

Friday, Nov. 3, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Saturday, Nov. 4, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Doreen Batchilder by Family

Sunday, Nov. 5, 9:00 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Florence & Alban Brothers by Family

Traditionally, November has been a month where the Church places a special focus on the Communion of Saints, and in particular on praying for the soul of the deceased. This week make a visit to a graveyard and pray for a soul in Purgatory. (A Plenary Indulgence is granted each day from Nov. 1 – 8 by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead ... along with that is the requirement of confession once during those days ... receiving Communion each day you wish that indulgence be granted ... and lastly, saying a prayer for the intentions of the Pope (which can consist of one Our Father, one Hail Mary). If not all requirements of the indulgence are met, it is only partial not plenary. **Plus Note:** For an indulgence to be plenary (complete remission of sins) one is not to have attachments to sin, otherwise one gains only a partial indulgence. For more information on indulgences see the Catechism of the Catholic Church ... Paragraphs 1471-79.

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

CATESHISM: St. Benedict's Catechism Classes are on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. at St. James Church

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.

Feast of All Saints will be celebrated at All Saints church on Wednesday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. for the deceased parishioners of St. Benedict’s pastoral family who are now enjoying the beatific vision. May they pray for us. There will be a procession of a candle for each church in remembrance of those who have died. Following Mass we will continue our celebration with fellowship. We invite you to bring a small plate of finger food for the sharing table and to take home your plate afterwards. Everyone welcome.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Oct. 22 – 17 Envelopes - \$470.00; Loose - \$100.00; 1 Evangelization of Nations - \$20.00; 1 Maintenance Envelope - \$10.00; 1Needs of the Canadian Church - \$20.00; Donation to the Ongoing Roof/Maintenance Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for Nov. 4 - Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard; Choir – Organ.

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 but please include your envelope number; and anyone who wishes to send a donation to our Roof/On Going Maintenance Fund, can send it by E-Transfer, include your envelope number or your name and address and a tax receipt will be mailed to you.

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. 22 - 30 Envelopes - \$900.00; Loose – \$92.00. Ministries for November 5: Lector – Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Tony VandenBroek; Gifts – Michael & Shirley Rice; Ushers – Dan Shepard & Frank Brothers. Church Custodian from Oct. 30 to Nov. 5 is Jimmy Quinn & from Nov. 6 to Nov. 12 is Karen VandenBroek. Church Cleaners for November are Katherine MacDonald, Shirley Rice, Cindy Shepard and Marilyn Barrett.

There will be no Muffin Sunday on November 5 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.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for Oct. 22 - 21 Envelopes - \$585.00; Evangelization of Nations - \$20.00; Cemetery Fund Regular Maintenance - \$200.00. Ministries November 5: Lector – Terry Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts – Lorraine & Sally Morrison; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron. Church Cleaners for November are: Sally, Joanie, Amy Morrison & Bernadine Somers.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

N.E.T. National Evangelization Team of youth from across Canada is coming!! Monday, Nov.13, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at All Saints Church to share with youth about Jesus Christ in their lives through prayer, games, song, witness, social, fun and food!! All youth of Kings Zone (Churches of Kings County) in Grades 7-12 are invited to come!! Hosted by St. Benedicts Pastoral Unit. Contacts for more info and to register: Jennifer Pitre (902-393-0275) or Nate Shaw (902-916-8914) Please register by Thursday, Nov. 9 so we can have food and space ready for you! This will be an event to remember for a lifetime!!

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.

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 FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Bless the many parted souls who lived their lives with grace. Bless the saints in heaven, gathered in that special place. May we tell their stories and remember all the ways they lived their faith and spent their days. There is glory and reward, even if at first there’s strife. Oh, blessed saints, you help us see a path that’s to eternal life. May we always hold them dear and know their life and place. May we know their inspiration and aspire to their grace. 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.