

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. James: Sat. 4:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m.
St. George’s: Sun. 9:00 a.m., Wed. 9:30 a.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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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

Jesus is very harsh with people who are hypocrites and who have double standards. The Pharisees and other religious leaders during His time were knowledgeable of the law but they lacked compassion. So Jesus is telling us to be discerning. Follow what they teach but not what they do because they don’t practice what they preach.

Today, not much is different with some of our leaders, religious as well as political. Although we keep praying for them, let us also call out their attention when they commit mistakes.

In as much as Jesus is unmerciful with hypocrites, He has but praises and kind words for humble people – the servants. He actually exalts them. He calls them the greatest! They are the people who work in the background with no expectation of recognition or reward for who they are and what they do. Yet we must recognize them and follow their example.

“Practice what you preach” is a common phrase we often hear nowadays. Not only preachers should heed this advice but everyone else. Through prayer and constant self-introspection, may our words be consistent with our action. More importantly, may our loving and kind actions speak louder than our words of love and kindness.

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, Nov. 8, 9:30 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Penny Somers by Family
Thursday, Nov. 9, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. No Intention Listed
Friday, Nov. 10, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family
*** Saturday, Nov. 11, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Remembrance Day Mass ***
Saturday, Nov. 11, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Mickey MacDonald by Family
Sunday, Nov. 12, 9:00 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Parishioners of the Unit
Sunday, Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Ryan Kelly 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

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Oct. 29 – 16 Envelopes - \$410.00; Loose - \$75.00. Ministries for Nov. 11 - Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Choir – Guitar; Altar Server - Edith MacDonald.

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!

A huge thank you to Louise Lundin (Murphy) for her generous donation of \$20,000 towards our New Roof & On Going Maintenance Fund in memory of her parents William & Laura Murphy.

THANK YOU! Sincere thanks to everyone who took tickets to sell on our monthly lottery draw. Please remember to have the stubs and monies returned by November 18

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Oct. 29 - 23 Envelopes - \$705.00; Loose – \$180.00; Evangelization of Nations - \$30.00; Direct Deposit for October - \$855.00. Ministries for November 12: Lector – Ron Blue; Eucharistic Minister – Billy Conohan; Gifts – Norbert & Eileen Rice; Ushers – Tony VandenBroek & Reg Conohan. Church Custodian from Nov. 6 to Nov. 12 is Karen VandenBroek & from November 13 to November 19 is Ron Blue. Church Cleaners for November are Katherine MacDonald, Shirley Rice, Cindy Shepard and Marilyn Barrett.

ALL SAINTS ROAST BEEF DINNER on Sunday, Nov.5 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Parishioners are asked to please have their donation of rolls or biscuits and a dessert to the Parish Centre by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Volunteers needed for cutting desserts after mass, kitchen/meal prep, delivering meals to vehicles, clean up, etc. Please contact Jamie Rice at 902-969-0076 or jamierice1@hotmail.com to volunteer.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for Oct. 29 - 20 Envelopes - \$450.00; Loose - \$1.10; Maintenance - \$50.00; Donation to the Parish - \$100.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Eileen Morrison - \$250.00 Cemetery Fund IMO – Kenny Johnston - \$40.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Charles Somers - \$40.00. Ministries November 12: Lector – Diane Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts –John & Naomi Gotell; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson. Church Cleaners for November are: Sally, Joanie, and Amy Morrison &

Bernadine Somers.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

The CWL Fall Conference is taking place at St. Joachim's church hall on Saturday, November 18. It is open to all CWL members who wish to attend. You must PRE-REGISTER by Monday, November 13 with Crissy Czank at cfczank@edu.pe.ca Please give your council's name, your name and a contact number or email where you can be reached.

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!!

Prayers for Youth Retreat. Starting now in your own home and especially on the day of the retreat, we invite you to pray for the spiritual success of the retreat in the lives of the youth. Also on the day of the retreat you are most welcome to come and pray the rosary together in All Saints Church at 2:00 p.m. for the youth and the team.

St. Andrew’s Church Cardigan will be having a fundraiser concert featuring Fiddler’s Sons, on Sunday, November 12 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold in advance. Please contact Rhonda Fisher at 902-969-8939. A bake sale will be held during intermission.

Cursillo Weekends: There will be 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 SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

Glorious Saint Martin, my blessed patron, I humbly ask you with great faith that you attain from God, the fount of all Mercies that my ways on this earth, my work and my toils be cleansed and opened with clarity. In the name of Omnipotent God, Saint Martin of Tours, remove all that harms me and give me work and prosperity. 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.