

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

There are several important lessons that we can learn from the Parable of the Talents.

First, each one of us is given a particular “talent”. That includes our inborn talents as well as learned skills. However we understand it, it is clear in our reading that each one of us is given a talent – something that we can use for our own development as human and spiritual being, for the good of others and for the glory of God. Therefore, no one is useless. Everyone has something to offer, something to contribute for the good of society.

Second, each one is responsible in using and developing this talent whatever it is. Some are given more and others less but the amount does not matter. Therefore, let us not be jealous of those who are more talented, more skilled, or more fortunate than us. There is absolutely no need to compare ourselves with others.

Third, there will be a time when we are called to give a report on how we used or abused our talent. It means there is a consequence for our actions. God will look favorably on those who work hard to improve their lot in life and those who share their gifts to others. On the other hand, those who neglect or abuse their talent will reap the whirlwind.

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. 22, 9:30 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Eileen Morrison by Anne and Norbert Morrison

Thursday, Nov. 23, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. No Intention Listed

Friday, Nov. 24, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Irving Sampson & Family by Marion Delaney

Saturday, Nov. 25, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Sunday, Nov. 26, 9:00 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Felix Walker by Ellie & Family

Sunday, Nov. 26, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Parishioners of the Unit

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

St. Benedict’s Mission: The mission is delayed until Lent. If anyone has an idea for the theme of the mission, please let Father or Claudia know this week.

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

Advent – Time to Prepare for Christmas and to Keep Those Less Fortunate In Our Hearts

Penance Services for the St. Benedict’s Unit: There will be a Penance service for our Unit on Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. at St. James church. Extra priests will be available for confessions.

Faith Sharing: Faith sharing for Advent will begin on Monday, November 27 at 10:00 a.m. at Edith MacDonald’s home and on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at St. James church beginning on November 28. Everyone is welcome.

Toy/Clothing Donations in support of the Lions Club. The St. George’s Family Life Committee would appreciate your help with their Advent project of collecting toys and new children’s clothing for the Montague Lion’s Club. Please place items on the table in the church porch between November 26 and December 10.

Journeying Together: Mark Your Calendar!! Come and build Community:

Christmas Pageant by youth on Monday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. at St. James church...

Christmas in Song by Choirs will be held on December 17 at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints.

Rosemary’s New Year’s Potluck will be on Saturday, December 30 following Mass at St. James. More information as the date approaches.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Nov. 12 - 12 Envelopes - \$340.00; Loose - \$98.00. Ministries for Nov. 25 - Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Claranne Lavandier; Choir –Guitar.

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!

St. James Property & Finance Committee Meeting will meet on Tuesday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Nov. 12 - 24 Envelopes - \$1,000.00; Loose – \$80.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Donation to the Roast Beef Dinner - \$40.00. Ministries for November 26: Lector – Pauline Kelly; Eucharistic Minister – Cindy Shepard; Gifts – Dan & Cindy Shepard; Ushers – Billy O’Brien & Mark Wilson. Church Custodian from November 20 to November 26 is Joey Cain & from November 27 to December 3 are Louis & Marilyn Callaghan. Church Cleaners for November are Katherine MacDonald, Shirley Rice, Cindy Shepard and Marilyn Barrett.

Muffin Sunday: Please join us after Mass at All Saints for “Muffin Sunday” for our Unit on Sunday, December 3. Coffee, Tea and Juice will be on, and contributions to the sharing table would be most welcome.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for Nov. 12 - 14 Envelopes - \$335.00. Ministries November 26: Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts –Sharon & Gordon Johnston; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron. Church Cleaners for November are: Sally, Joanie, and Amy Morrison & Bernadine Somers.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Mary’s Church in Montague is hosting a Christmas Cookies and Carols Concert on Sunday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Montague High School. Music by Kelly Mooney with a Christmas baking auction. Best seats in the house draw; 50/50 draw.

Save the Date: World Youth Day at Home is on Sunday, November 26! Celebrate with young people from across the Diocese. We will have time for prayer, a talk by Ryan Mitchell (who spoke at Steubenville Atlantic 2023), a pilgrimage walk from UPEI to St. Dunstan’s Basilica, and Mass with Bishop Joseph! For more information, including a schedule of events, visit: <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/world-youth-day/>. RSVPs (on the website) are appreciated.

The Latin American Mission Program (LAMP) is presenting the 31st annual Daniel O’Hanley Memorial Lecture on Sunday, November 26, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Hall in Stratford. The theme of the event is *Colombia: Understanding the Structures of a Conflict*. Similar structures are the basis of social and political conflicts in Canada and the current wars in Europe and the Middle East. The presenter is Reverend John Molina. To register please email latinamericamissionprogram@gmail.com or call Marie Burge 902-894-4573. Please register before November 20, 2023. All are welcome.

PRAYERS for the WEEK: PRAYER FOR SAINT CECILIA

Saint Cecilia, O glorious Saint, who chose to die instead of denying your King. We pray you please to help us as His fair praise we sing! We lift our hearts in joyous song to honor Him this way. And while we sing, remembering to sing is to doubly pray. At once in our hearts and our tongues we offer double prayer Sent heavenward on winged notes to praise God dwelling there. While with our hearts and tongues we try with song to praise God twice. We ask dear Saint to help us be united close with Christ!

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.