

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT

1st Sunday in Advent
December 3, 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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In this gospel reading, we hear Jesus telling us to be watchful and to be alert for His coming. We know He had already come more than two thousand years ago but before He went back to His Father on Ascension Day, He promised that He would come back but He did not mention the day or time.

Yet we may not be alive when He comes back. For our life on earth is only temporary. Sooner or later, we will leave our earthly body and go to the other world. That is why there is a real need to prepare for any eventuality. In other words, whether we are alive when Jesus comes again or we die today or tomorrow, we must be ready to meet Him face to face.

Here’s the best way to prepare. Let’s get familiar with Jesus now. To be familiar with Him means to listen to His words every day and to live a life according to His will. Much better, let us live in faith that He is always with us and in us. For in truth, He never left us because He has sent His Spirit to be with us.

May the Christmas season be a great time to reflect on how prepared are we to meet Him face to face.

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, Dec. 6. 29, 9:30 a.m. at St. George’s Int.
Jim Larkin by Patsy Myers

Thursday, Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Gavin Quinn by Julia Donahoe MacDougald

Friday, Dec. 8, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Wilfred & Mary McQuillan & Deceased Family Members by Family

Saturday, Dec. 9, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Sunday, Dec. 10, 9:00 a.m. at St. George’s Int.
Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Arthur MacDonald by Ellie & Family

Sunday Obligation Masses

Saturday, December 23 – 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. James
Sunday, December 24 – 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. George’s

Christmas Mass Schedule (Holy Day of

Obligation):

Sunday, Dec. 24 – 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis deSales with Fr. George Palamattam

Sunday, Dec. 24 – 5:00 p.m. St. James

Sunday, December 24 – 7:30 p.m. at All Saints

Monday, December 25 – 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass at St. George’s

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

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. Other penance services in the Zone: Monday December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at St Mary’s, Souris; Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Theresa Little Flower, Morell; Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s, Montague.

Faith Sharing: Faith sharing for Advent on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. at Edith MacDonald’s home and on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at St. James church. 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 entry between November 26 and December 10.

St. George’s CWL suggest that you buy religious postage stamps this time of year. When you are decorating your

home for Christmas please include a nativity scene as we remember to honor the birth of Jesus.

St. James' Advent Angel Tree Gift Certificates are being purchased for those in need. You are invited to put a donation in the box provided and then put an angel on the tree for you are an "angel" for doing so! All monies must be in by Sat., Dec. 16. Thank you for your generosity. If you know of someone in need, please contact Claudia.

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.

Congratulations Nate! Nate Shaw has been accepted to become a member of the National Evangelization Team (N.E.T.) next year. It will be a fantastic year of deepening his faith, working with other youth on the team, travelling the country, and evangelizing to youth about Jesus Christ in their lives. Please keep Nate in your prayers. God bless you.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Nov. 26 - 12 Envelopes - \$245.00; Loose - \$58.00. Ministries for Dec. 9 - Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; 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.

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 December 16.

Thank you to the PEI Union of Public Sector Employees for the Donation of \$500.00 towards St. James Parish Advent Angel Tree.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Nov. 26 - 26 Envelopes - \$950.00; Loose – \$103.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for December 10: Lector – Mary VandenBroek Grant; Eucharistic Minister – Margaret VandenBroek; Gifts – Herman & Margaret VandenBroek; Ushers – John Donahoe & Louis Callaghan. Church Custodian from December 4 to December 10 is Harry Nabuurs & from December 11 to December 17 is Jimmy Quinn. Church Cleaners for December are Karen

VandenBroek, Mary Ann Donahoe, & Pauline Kelly.

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. 26 - 21 Envelopes - \$590.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Pat MacDonald - \$470.00; Cemetery Fund – Regular Maintenance - \$200.00. Maintenance - \$50.00. Ministries December 10: Lector – Terry Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Tony Thijseen & Christine MacMillan; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson. Church Cleaners for December are: Dolores Campbell, Claire McCarron & Gertie Llewellyn. Snow Removal Team for December 10 to December 16 is Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee and from December 17 to December 23 are Owen Fitzpatrick & Claude MacKinnon.

Snow Clearing for St. George’s Parish: We will use the same list for people to clear snow at the church this winter as last year. If anyone is unable to continue to be on the list please contact Paul Morrison at 902-969-0533.

Flowers for the church for Christmas at St. George’s: If anyone wishes to donate money for flowers or purchase flowers for the altar for Christmas please contact Paula Fay Matheson at 902-961-2166 by Sunday, December 17.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

The Holy Trinity Unit Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Little Flower Church in Morell with wonderful musical talent from the parishes which will be sure to put you in the Christmas spirit! Admission is by Donation. If you can also bring a non-perishable item for the St. Peter’s Bay Community Cupboard, it would be much appreciated.

PRAYERS for the WEEK: PRAYER FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.
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.