

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT

3rd Sunday in Advent

December 17, 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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John the Baptist’s testimony reminds us that we are all called to be witnesses to the truth of God’s word. We may not be prophets like John, but we can all share the light of Christ with those around us. We can do this by living lives that reflect the love and grace of God, and by sharing the gospel with those who are lost and in need of salvation.

As we prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas season, let us remember the words of John the Baptist and strive to be witnesses to the light that shines in the darkness. Let us share the hope and healing that comes from knowing Christ, and let us be bearers of the good news of salvation to a world that desperately needs it.

May we all be inspired by the example of John the Baptist and may we all strive to be witnesses to the light of Christ in our daily lives. Let us pray that God would use us to bring hope and healing to those around us, and that we would be faithful in sharing the gospel with those who are lost. May the light of Christ shine brightly in our hearts and in the world around us, now and always.

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. 20. 29, 9:30 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Eileen Morrison by the St. George’s CWL

Thursday, Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. No Intention listed

Friday, Dec. 22, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Saturday, Dec. 23, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Dec. 24, 9:00 a.m. at St. George’s Int. George MacPherson by Edith MacDonald

Sunday, Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m. at St. James Christmas Eve Mass Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Sunday, Dec. 24, 10:00 p.m. at All Saints Christmas Eve Mass Int. Urban Sullivan by Joan and Family

Monday, December 25, 9:30 a.m. at St. George’s Christmas Day Mass Int. George MacPherson by Noreen & 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 – 10:00 p.m. at All Saints  
Monday, December 25 – 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass at St. George’s

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

Penance Services Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s, Montague.

Faith Sharing: The last faith sharing for Advent is on Monday, Dec. 18 at 10:00 a.m. at Edith MacDonald’s home and on Tuesday \*\* Note the change in time and location \*\* at 5:00 p.m. at Claudia’s apartment (5B Building B at 63 Kent Street - opposite the court house – for supper followed by sharing). Everyone is welcome.

All Saints Parish are organizing a collection of non-perishable food items for the Southern Kings and Queens Food Bank. If you are able to help out, please drop off your contributions to the parish church between December 9 and December 18

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 in Song by Choirs will be held on December 17 at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints. Everyone is invited to bring a little something for the sharing table for fellowship afterwards.

Rosemary’s New Year’s Potluck will be on Saturday, December 30 following Mass at St. James. Everyone is invited to bring a little something for the sharing table and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas Season and a Happy New Year!!! If anyone has a joke, a song, or a story to tell, there will be a microphone available.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Dec. 10 - 18 Envelopes - \$1,430.00; Loose - \$83.00; Donation to New Roof/On Going Maintenance Fund- \$75.00. Ministries for Dec. 23- Lector – Florence MacDonald Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard; Choir – Organ. Ministries for Christmas Eve will be announced.

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 Property & Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m.

Friendly reminder by the St. James Property & Finance Committee that St. James Cemeterv is now closed until the first of May 2024. There will be no winter burials.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Dec. 10 - 25 Envelopes - \$1,050.00; Loose – \$73.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for December 24 Christmas Eve Mass: Lector – Cindy Shepard; Eucharistic Minister – Billy Conohan; Gifts – Jon & Megan Veniot; Ushers – Harry Nabuurs & John Campbell. Church Custodian from December 18 to December 24 is Karen VandenBroek & from Dec. 25 to Dec. 31 is Ron Blue. Church Cleaners for December are Karen VandenBroek, Mary Ann Donahoe, & Pauline Kelly.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for Dec. 10 - 21 Envelopes - \$610.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Eileen Morrison - \$25.00. Ministries December 24: Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts – Whoever is there; Ushers – Whoever is there, Ministry List for Christmas Day Mass: Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Agnes & Rosella MacDonald; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison. Church Cleaners for December are: Dolores Campbell, Claire McCarron & Gertie Llewellyn. Snow Removal Team for December 17 to December 23 is Owen Fitzpatrick & Claude MacKinnon and from December 24 to December 30 are Rob, Sam and Nate Shaw.

Congratulations to Rolland Dionne who has been accepted to the postulancy of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, one of the Franciscan Orders. The postulancy will take place in January, in Montreal, at the Sanctuary of Reparation, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Saint Padre Pio. The postulancy should last approximately one year. It is a time of discovery of the Order organization and the life of the friars and also a time to deepen his discernment before entering the novitiate. As a postulant living in a fraternity, Rolland will participate in the daily life of the Friars. He will be supported by a spiritual guide and he will also receive his initial formation. We wish him well and thank Rolland for all his assistance with ministries at the St. George’s Parish. Please keep Rolland in your prayers.

Toy/Clothing Collection for the Lion’s Club: A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this collection. Over 60 gifts were collected. People were so generous!!

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

PRAYERS for the WEEK: PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN IMMACULATE

O Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother, from thy sublime height turn upon me thine eyes of pity. Filled with confidence in thy goodness and knowing full well thy power, I beseech thee to extend to me thine assistance in the journey of life, which is so full of danger for my soul. And in order that I may never be the slave of the devil through sin, but may ever live with my heart humble and pure, I entrust myself wholly to thee. I consecrate my heart to thee for ever, my only desire being to love thy divine Son Jesus. Mary, none of thy devout servants has ever perished; may I too be saved. 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.