

**ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
TWO WEEK BULLETIN
4TH Sunday in Advent & Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 24 and December 31, 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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4th Sunday in Advent

God spoke to Mary through an angel. She was afraid
but the angel told her not to be. She was able to
overcome her fear and accepted the offer to be the
Mother of God’s only son. From that moment of
acceptance, the history of the world was changed
forever. Truly, that little act of one teenage girl had a
great impact on all the people of the world.

God speaks to us in many mysterious ways. Like Mary,
may we be able to understand and accept His plan for
us. Like Mary, may we allow ourselves to be an
instrument of God’s plan, whatever it is. Saying yes to
God is our greatest decision and our own simple
contribution to the realization of His kingdom. Think
about this, if all the people on earth say yes to God, the
enemy would be totally eliminated right away.

Nothing is impossible for God. Like Mary, we often ask
how things could possibly be done. Our problems are
great and numerous. How can we solve them? If only
we have faith, God can do wondrous things in our life.

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. 27 NO MASS

Thursday, Dec. 28, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Pat
MacDonald by Edith MacDonald

Friday, Dec. 29, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Merlin
McAree by Bette and Family

Saturday, Dec. 30, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int.
Marguerite MacDonald by Family

Sunday, Dec. 31, 9:00 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Cecil
Stewart by Edith MacDonald

Sunday, Dec. 31, 10:30 p.m. at All Saints Int.
Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Dec. 31, 5:00 p.m. at St. James Christmas
Eve Mass Int. Edward & Irene Walsh & Deceased
Family Members by Family

Monday, January 1, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Pat
MacDonald by Julia Donahoe MacDougald

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 9:30 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Pat
MacDonald by Maggie & Greg Campbell

Thursday, Jan. 4 at 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. No
Intention Listed

Friday, Jan. 5, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy
by Phonse Molloy & Family

Saturday, Jan. 6, 4:00 p.m. Int. Rose Molloy by
Phonse Molloy & Family

Sunday, Jan. 7, 9:00 a.m. at St. George’s Int.
Magdalene MacDonald by Noreen MacPherson &
Family

Sunday, Jan. 7, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int.
Parishioners of the Unit

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

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. 17 - 16 Envelopes - \$430.00; Loose -
\$45.00; Donation to the Angel Tree IMO Wilfred, Theresa, &
Blair Gotell - \$100.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund -
\$100.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund - \$100.00.
Ministries for Dec. 30- Lector – Claranne Lavandier
Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Choir – Organ.
Ministries for December 31 – To be announced. Ministries
for Jan. 6 – Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister –

Christine MacMillan; Choir – Guitar. Snow Removal from
December 21 to December 27 is Mark King; from December
28 to January 3 is Hal Publicover; and from Jan. 4 to Jan. 10
is John Gotell.

Total Collected for the Advent Angel Tree was \$900.00.
Thanks to everyone for their generous support!

St. James Parish 2024 Boxes of Envelopes are on the table at
the back of the church. Everyone will notice that you have a
new envelope number for the first time in years. We had to
cut back on how many boxes we order; due to having over 25
sets not being used anymore; so your envelopes were re-
numbered alphabetically.

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.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Dec. 17 - 25 Envelopes - \$1,055.00; Loose –
\$233.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for December
31 - Lector – Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Eucharistic
Minister – Cindy Shepard; Gifts – John & Marlene Victor;
Ushers – Jimmy Quinn & Joseph Pitre. People for Ministries
for January 1 will be contacted. Ministries for January 7:
Lector – Ron Blue; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson;
Gifts – Ron Blue & Shawna Quinn Blue; Ushers – Dan
Shepard & Frank Brothers; Church Custodian from Dec. 25
to Dec. 31 is Ron Blue; from Jan. 1 to Jan. 7 is Joey Cain;
and from Jan. 8 to Jan. 14 are Louis & Marilyn Callaghan.
Church Cleaners for January are Julie VandenBroek, Janice
MacIntyre, & Joanne Conohan.

Muffin Sunday: Please join us after Mass at All Saints for
“Muffin Sunday” for our Unit on Sunday, January 7.
Coffee, Tea, and Juice will be on, and contributions to the
sharing table would be most welcome.

Copies of the New Ministry List for January to March are
located on the table at the back of the church.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for Dec. 17 - 23 Envelopes - \$680.00; Loose -
\$35.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund for Regular
Maintenance - \$200.00. Ministries December 31: Lector –
Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts –
John & Naomi Gotell; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron.
Ministry List for January 7: Lector – Carol Caverley;
Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Lorraine &
Sally Morrison; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay
Matheson. Snow Removal Team from December 24 to
December 30 is Rob, Sam and Nate Shaw & from December
31 to January 6 are Paul & Kent Morrison.

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.

St. George’s C.W.L. invites girls and women attending
colleges and universities to apply for the Catholic Girls
Bursary by the deadline of January 31, 2024. Application
forms will available at the back of the church at St. George’s
and St. James. Contact Edith MacDonald regarding
signatures required on the form.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

BISHOP’S LEVEE 2024: The Most Reverend Joseph
Dabrowski, CSMA, Bishop of Charlottetown, cordially
invites all to attend his first annual New Year’s Levee on
January 1, 2024 at SDU Place, 45 Great George Street,
Charlottetown, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

The Annual General Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat
Centre will be held January 19-21, 2024. This year’s retreat
director is Fr. Walter Flynn and the theme is “*A Journey from
Christ’s Suffering to Our Suffering.*” The cost for the retreat is
\$215 per person / \$325 per couple. Register with Martin or
Earla at the Centre: 902-621-1952
or ourladyofhope@gmail.com.

**PRAYERS for the WEEK: PRAYER TO THE HOLY
INNOCENTS**

We remember today, O God,
the slaughter of the holy innocents
of Bethlehem by King Herod.
Receive, we pray,
into the arms of your mercy
all innocent victims;
and by your great might
frustrate the designs of evil tyrants
and establish your rule of justice, love and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the union of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. 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.