

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. James: Sat. 4:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
All Saints: Sun. 10:30 a.m., Wed. 9:30 a.m. and Thurs. 9:30 a.m.

Confessions

St. James - Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastor: Fr. Kishore Kumar Gundabathini, cell 902-314-9174 (*if anyone outside of Canada is contacting Fr. Kishore they should do so via email or call his landline number & not use his cell phone.*) or 902-652-2401

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The gospel passage today invites us to a personal encounter with Christ and also encourages us to share our experiences with others. Remember that Christianity is not just about doctrines; it’s about a personal relationship with Jesus. He invites us to “come and see,” to spend time with Him, learn from Him, and experience His love and grace firsthand. Make time for prayer, meditation, and reading the scriptures to cultivate this relationship.

Let us also bear in mind that our personal testimony is a powerful tool in spreading the gospel. Our story could be the one that leads someone else to explore their own relationship with Christ. So let us go and share our experiences of faith, hope, and transformation to others. Just like Andrew, we are called to be bridges that connect others to Christ. In doing so, we continue the work that these first disciples started, spreading the light of Christ to a world in need of hope and love.

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
Note the change in location for Wednesday and Sunday Masses

*****Wednesday, Jan. 17, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints***** Int. Wilfred & Mary McQuillan by Family

Thursday, Jan. 18, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Wilfred & Mary McQuillan by Family

Friday, Jan. 19, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Saturday, Jan. 20, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Brian Curley by Veronica & Ty Curley

*****Sunday, Jan. 21, 9:00 a.m. at St. James***** Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Jan. 21, 10:30 p.m. at All Saints Int. Dwayne MacIntyre by Tony & Karen VandenBroek

St. George’s Church will be closed for the rest of January, February, and March. It will re-open again on Sunday, March 31 for 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Wednesday morning 9:30 a.m. Mass will be held at All Saints church in the Sacristy. Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Mass will be held at St. James church with parishioners from St. George’s parish providing the ministries.

Catechism Classes: Classes are on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at St. James church.

Weekly Adoration at St. James Church: Please note that for January, February, March and April, adoration will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. concluding with Benediction. In May Adoration will go back to the regular schedule from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Sunday Mass Intentions for Parishioners of the Unit: You may wonder why there is always a Mass Intention for Parishioners of the Unit for either our Saturday or Sunday Masses. Cannon Law states that one of the Sunday Masses must be offered for the people of the Parish (in our case the Unit). This means that this Mass is offered for each of you in our Unit.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Jan. 7 - 14 Envelopes - \$250.00.00; Loose - \$53.00. Ministries for Jan. 20 - Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Choir – Guitar. Snow Removal from Jan. 11 to Jan. 17 is Mike LaVie and from Jan. 18 to Jan. 24 is Mark King.

St. James Parish Property & Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. 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 January 20th.

Congratulations to our December lottery winner – Ty Curley.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Jan. 7 - 35 Envelopes - \$970.00; Loose - \$88.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Dec. 31 – \$1,500.00; Collection for Jan. 1 - \$60.00; Christmas Offering - \$10.00; Initial Offering Envelopes - \$125.00; Cemetery Fund IMO James & Lillian Sullivan -\$150.00. Ministries for January 21: Lector – Pauline Kelly; Eucharistic Minister – Margaret VandenBroek; Gifts – Joey & Linda Cain; Ushers – Martin VandenBroek & Billy Conohan; Church Custodian: Jan. 15 to Jan. 21 is Harry Nabuurs & from Jan. 22 to Jan. 28 is Jimmy Quinn. Church Cleaners for January are Julie VandenBroek, Janice MacIntyre, & Joanne Conohan.

New Altar Server Training: A training session will take place on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Anyone who has made their First Communion is invited to learn how to be an altar server. (Adults welcome too!) Thanks Mary VanvenBroek Grant.

The All Saints CWL will hold its monthly meeting On Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement. All members are welcome to attend.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for Jan. 7 - 21 Envelopes - \$595.00; Loose - \$23.00; Jan. 1 Solemniv of Mary – 2 Envelopes - \$45.00; 2 Initial Envelopes - \$50.00. Ministry List for January 21: Lector – Diane Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Agnes & Rosella MacDonald; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Christine MacMillan.

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. St. George’s C.W.L. members are reminded that your 2024 CWL dues are \$25.00 and the deadline for submitting payment is January 31, 2024. New members are always welcome. You can submit payment to Edith, Maggie, Audrey or Carol. Thanks.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Fr. Firmin Dildom took his oath of office before Fr. Chris Sherren, the Chancellor of the Diocese on Wednesday, December 20. He’ll replace Fr. Chris as the administrator of

St. Philippe and St. Jacques and Notre-Dame du Mont-Carmel in January. Christian Meditation, the prayer of the heart, opens us to the presence of God in the silence and stillness of the present moment. Sessions will be held Zoom on Tuesdays from January 16 to April 30 from 7-8 p.m. No fee. To register, contact karenyogapei@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 42 years - May 16– 26, 2024. Cost of \$3,570 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) INFO: Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or 506-857-2295.

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 \$215.00 per person / \$325.00 per couple. Register with Martin or Earla at the Centre: 902-621-1952 or ourladyofhope@gmail.com.

Heart-of-The-Matter Marriage Preparation course will be offered on Jan 26/27, 2024 in Charlottetown. If you are getting married in the Catholic Church, please enquire about this requirement for preparation. Email Pat at patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com. Registration required.

PRAYERS for the WEEK: PRAYER TO SAINT ANTHONY

I salute you, St. Anthony, lily of purity, ornament and glory of Christianity. I salute you, great Saint, cherub of wisdom and seraph of divine love. I rejoice at the favors Our Lord has so liberally bestowed on you. In humility and confidence I entreat you to help me, for I know that God has given you charity and compassion, as well as power. I ask you, by the love you felt toward the Holy Infant Jesus as you held Him in your arms, to tell Him now of the favors I seek through your intercession. (*Mention your petition.*) O glorious favorite of God, in humble reverence I petition you to grant me what I so urgently ask for, and I will make known your goodness and holiness, thereby to honor and glorify Him who has so greatly blessed you. 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.