

**ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT**  
**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 21, 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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Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of God. It is God’s Words that Jesus preached. It is not about any other good news but the message of God to the world which is the plan of salvation as fulfilled in His only Son Jesus Christ. That is why when Jesus asks us to believe in the Gospel, it is the same as saying that we must believe in Him.

Repentance is the first requirement to enter into the Kingdom of God. It means to turn away from sin and to turn towards Jesus and to leave behind our old way of living and to start anew with love, faith and hope as the main characteristics of our behavior.

When Jesus claims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, He is practically saying “Here I am to save you and your household. Start believing.” It is at hand because He was literally in the midst of people and they can reach out to him and be filled with joy and peace. That is why when Jesus travelled from town to town, He brought enlightenment as He taught with authority, gave sight to the blind, healed the sick, cast out demons, fed the hungry and even raise the dead to life again. All of these are manifestations of the Kingdom that Jesus inaugurated.

**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. 24, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints\*\*\*** Int. Peg and George Campbell by Maggie & Greg Campbell

Thursday, Jan. 25, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Wilfred & Mary McQuillan by Family

Friday, Jan. 26, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Saturday, Jan. 27, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Kenneth Campbell by Elizabeth Campbell

**\*\*\*Sunday, Jan. 28, 9:00 a.m. at St. James\*\*\*** Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy and Family

Sunday, Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Parishioners of the Unit

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. 14 - 17 Envelopes - \$420.00; Loose - \$65.00; 5 On Going Maintenance Envelopes – \$65.00; 1 Solemnity of Mary Envelopes - \$20.00; 1 Initial Envelope - \$5.00. Ministries for Jan. 27 - Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Choir – Organ. Snow Removal from Jan. 18 to Jan. 24 is Mark King and from 25 to Jan. 31 is Hal Publicover.

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

**ALL SAINTS PARISH**

Collection for Jan.14 - 30 Envelopes - \$900.00; Loose - \$89.00; 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 28: Lector – Martina MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Tony VandenBroek; Gifts – Louis & Marilyn Callaghan; Ushers – Ron Blue & Roger Kelly; Church Custodian: from Jan. 22 to Jan. 28 is Jimmy Quinn & from Jan. 29 to Feb. 4 is Karen VandenBroek. 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.

**ST. GEORGE’S PARISH**

Collection for Jan. 14 - 29 Envelopes - \$800.00; Loose - \$11.00; Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary – 1 Envelopes - \$20.00. Ministry List for January 28: Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley; Gifts – Sharon & Gordon Johnston; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison.

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**

The Diocese of Charlottetown is seeking an Executive Assistant to the Bishop. The purpose of the position is to maintain effective and efficient operation of the Bishop’s office by providing senior level administrative support. Must have completed Grade 12 supplemented by a diploma from a recognized Office Studies Program. Considerable knowledge and skills in Word Processing and computer applications is required. Must have considerable experience in a professional administrative environment. Must have considerable knowledge of the Catholic faith and Roman Catholic Diocesan structures. Hours of work are Monday to Friday – 6 hours per day. Flexibility may be required occasionally. Deadline for applications: February 7, 2024. For further details check the website for the Diocese of Charlottetown.

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](mailto:hectorcaissie@gmail.com) or 506-857-2295.

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day for women and men in consecrated life. This global celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day candles may be blessed, symbolizing Christ, who is the light of the world. So, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. In the Church, the religious sisters, brothers, and priests stand as a rich testimony to the blessings and grace God bestows upon those who have embraced the consecrated life. In our diocese, we have been blessed with religious communities who have dedicated their lives in ministry, prayer and community to the Church and have been part of our diocese for over 150 years. This year, in a spirit of gratitude for their presence, ministry and apostolate in the diocese, we want to acknowledge that commitment in a Diocesan Celebration of Consecrated Life, Friday February 2, 2024. Bishop Joseph will celebrate a Mass at Holy Redeemer Church at 7:00 p.m. All the faithful are invited to join us. This celebration will give the entire diocese an opportunity to offer gratitude for the fidelity and joy religious live out, even in the midst of hardships and life’s many challenges. Also, it will give us an opportunity to express our appreciation for the witness of their lives, their prayers, and their work on behalf of the Body of Christ here in the Diocese of Charlottetown. We are also invited in a special way to pray for vocations to the consecrated life so that religious communities will continue to be the bright light that they are to all of us.

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](mailto:patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com). Registration required.

**PRAYERS for the WEEK: PRAYER TO ST. FRANCIS deSALES**

O Blessed Francis, who in your life did excel in all virtues, especially in your love of God and of your neighbor, I earnestly ask you to take me under your immediate protection, to obtain from God my perfect conversion, and that of all sinners. Teach me, Oh Father, to fix my eyes on heaven, that I may generously trample under foot every obstacle that presents itself in my way, and attain that degree of glory which you in your mercy hold out to me. Obtain also the favor for which I now pray (mention your request here). Assist us, O Lord, we beseech you, through the merits of St. Francis deSales, what our endeavors cannot obtain may be given to us by his intercession. Oh God, who for the salvation of souls, did will that St. Francis deSales should become all things to all men and women, mercifully grant that we, helped by the gentleness of his charity, guided by his teachings, and sharing in his merits, may obtain eternal happiness. This we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

NOTE: Please send items for the Bulletin to Edith MacDonald at - [elmacdonald56@gmail.com](mailto:elmacdonald56@gmail.com) or phone 583-2541 by Noon, the Wednesday prior to the weekend.