

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2024

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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Epiphany of the Lord

The first verse of our gospel reading speaks of magi
from the east. The three wise men brought with them
three gifts which consisted of gold, frankincense, and
myrrh.

Gold is considered the king of metals and it is also the
metal of kings. The gift of gold to Jesus is an
acknowledgement that He is the coming King. On the
other hand, frankincense is a kind of oil used as incense
and to some ancient people, it was a symbol of deity.
Lastly, myrrh was used an embalming oil and therefore
it is a symbol of death. Obviously, Matthew wanted his
readers to have an idea of who Jesus is – the King who
is the Son of God and who would die for our salvation.

The magi prostrated themselves and paid homage to
Jesus. As Christmas season is about to end, may we pay
homage to Jesus as the King of kings and Lord of lords
not just during Christmas but every day of our life.
What better gift to give Him than our very own selves
as His wise men and women in a world who do not
accept Him as King.

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
herknow. Thank you!

Week Day Masses

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 9:30 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Pat
MacDonald by Maggie & Greg Campbell

Thursday, Jan. 11, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Wilfred &
Mary McQuillan by Family

Friday, Jan. 12, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by
Phonse Molloy & Family

Saturday, Jan. 13, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Pat
MacDonald by Patsy Myers

Sunday, Jan. 14, 9:00 a.m. at St. George’s Int. Clifton
Gardiner by Betty Gardiner

Sunday, Jan. 14, 10:30 p.m. at All Saints Int. Parishioners
of the Unit

Catechism Classes: Classes begin on Monday, January
8 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 Dec. 24 - 18 Envelopes - \$1,505.00.00;
Loose - \$66.00; Donation to the New Roof/Ongoing
Maintenance Fund IMO Kenneth Campbell - \$100.00;
Collection for Dec. 25 – 15 Envelopes - \$675.00; Loose -
\$313.00; **Collection for Dec. 31** – 15 Envelopes -
\$460.00; Loose - \$63.00; 6 On Going Maintenance
Envelopes - \$75.00; 2 Christmas Offering Envelopes -
\$120.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund - \$200.00;
Collection for Jan. 1 - \$255.00; Loose - \$47.00; 11
Initial Offerings - \$105.00 **Ministries for Jan. 13** -
Lector – Florence MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister –
Brenda Richard; Choir – Organ. **Snow Removal** from
Jan. 4 to Jan. 10 is John Gotell and from Jan. 11 to Jan.
17 is Mike LaVie.

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 Dec. 24 - 21 Envelopes - \$1,015.00;
Cemetery Fund - \$150.00; **Collection for Dec. 25** – 20
Envelopes - \$790.00; Loose - \$245.00; Kid’s Fund -
\$215.20; **Collection for Dec. 31** – 23 Envelopes -
\$1,655.00; Loose - \$130.00; Hall Rental - \$50.00; Direct
Deposit for Dec. - \$855.00; **Collection for Jan. 1** - 21
Envelopes - \$605.00; Loose - \$25.00; Additional
Christmas Offering - \$70.00; 10 Initial Offering
Envelopes - \$235.00 . **Ministries for January 14:**
Lector – Bernice Curran Brothers; Eucharistic
Minister – Ron Blue; Gifts – Joe & Daisy Brown;
Ushers – Tony VandenBroek & Reg Conohan; **Church**
Custodian: From Jan. 8 to Jan. 14 are Louis & Marilyn
Callaghan & from Jan. 15 to Jan. 21 is Harry Nabuurs.
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.

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 Dec. 24 - 22 Envelopes - \$705.00; Loose -
\$34.00; **Collection for Dec. 25** – 19 Envelopes - \$735.00;
Loose - \$10.00; **Collection for Dec. 31** – 21 Envelopes -
\$550.00; Loose - \$3.25; Maintenance - \$50.00;
Collection for Jan. 1 – 8 Envelopes - \$245.00; 5 Initial
Envelopes - \$45.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund
IMO Pat MacDonald - \$ 200.00 & \$65.00 IMO Pat
MacDonald & \$50.00 IMO Pat MacDonald; Donation
to the Cemetery Fund IMO Charles Somers - \$100.00
& \$500.00 IMO Charles Somers. **Ministry List for**
January 14: Lector – Terry Brennan; Eucharistic
Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts – Tony Thijseen &

Christine MacMillan; Ushers – Joe & Claire
McCarron. **Snow Removal Team** from Jan. 7 to Jan.
13 is Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee.

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.

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
MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

O Mother Bourgeoys, you, whose compassionate power is
ever increasing, show us your way of Truth, Faith and
Holiness. Make us humble enough to abandon ourselves to
the Will of God, generous enough to find in the Cross the joy
of the Loving Giver. May your fidelity to Jesus in the Blessed
Sacrament lead us ever nearer to this source of light and
peace. May your spirit of openness help us to be concerned
for our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Finally,
may Our Lady of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
bring us to this unity of eternal grace to which God has
called you for all eternity. 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.