

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
November 30, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. James: Sat. 4:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m.  
St. Francis deSales: Sat. 6:00 p.m. (Masses over for this year)  
St. George’s: Sunday at 9:00 a.m., Wed. at 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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What was going on at the time of Noah? During the time of Noah, Yahweh saw the wickedness of men that’s why He decided to destroy them. However, Noah was a blameless and righteous man and because of his righteousness he and a handful of his relatives and a few animals were saved by Yahweh.

From the time of Noah let us move fast forward to our present time. Is there still wickedness and evil today? The answer is a resounding yes! Evil and wickedness are still prevalent today, it’s actually everywhere. For example, whether we admit it or not many of us also continue to harbor evil and wickedness in our hearts.

On this first Sunday of Advent we are also reminded about the uncertainty of life. That it may end anytime that’s why we must seriously hear God’s message for us to repent and walk away from our sins and embrace goodness, forgiveness and love.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Earl Powers, Patricia Brousseau, Allan Brothers, Marilyn Callaghan & Fr. Keith Kennefic. 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

St. George’s, Wednesday, Dec. 3, 9:30 a.m. Int. Ken Shaw by Family  
  
All Saints, Thursday, Dec. 4, 9:30 a.m. Int. Eunice MacGillivray by Julia & Sandy MacDougald

St. James, Friday, Dec. 5, 9:00 a.m. Int. No Intention Listed  
Adoration from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
  
St. James, Saturday, Dec. 6, 4:00 p.m., Int. Arthur MacDonald by Ellie & Family  
  
St. George’s, Sunday, Dec. 7, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit  
  
All Saints, Sunday, Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. Int. Gavin Quinn by Rose & Family

**Booking Masses:** Please include your phone number when submitting a Mass request in case you need to be contacted. **Weekend Masses are booked for DECEMBER & JANUARY.** There are still openings for week day Masses.

**Jubilee Sessions:** Our last Jubilee Session is reaching out to those in need. We are looking for input in what we could do for that session. If you have any suggestions please contact Claudia.

ADVENT

Reconciliation Services for St. Benedict’s Unit: Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. at St. James parish. Other priests will be available. Other Reconciliation Services: St. Mary’s Church in Souris is on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. St. Theresa the Little Flower in Morell is on Sunday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. Other priests will be present at these services.

Faith Sharing: Faith sharing sessions for Advent are on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. at Edith MacDonald’s home and on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at St. James parish. Anyone is welcome.

Toy/Clothing Collection in Support Of The Montague Lions Club: The St. George’s Family Life Committee is collecting toys and new children’s clothing for the Montague Lions Club. Please place items on the table in the church porch by Nov. 30 for delivery on Sunday, Dec 7.

St. James Annual Advent Angel Tree: Put an angel on the tree. Money donations only, please. All donations must be in by Sat., Dec. 13. Thank you for your generosity.

All Saints parish will be collecting non-perishable food items for the food bank during Advent from November 30 to December 21. A box will be at the church entrance.

St. Benedict’s Catechism Youth Christmas Pageant: The pageant is on Monday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. at St. James Church. Everyone welcome!

Rosary with Catechism Students: On Mon. Dec. 8 at 6:00 p.m., Catechism Youth invite you to come and pray the Joyful mysteries with them in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Your intentions for a peace-filled Christmas will be laid at the feet of Our Lady.

This will be our last class of 2025.  
FORMED.ORG: Watch some great Advent videos! Log in using St. Benedict's subscription for free. Click on the first banner called "How to Advent" and watch four episodes. You can also use the search feature (top right magnifying glass) and type in "Advent". There are lots to choose from, for adults and kids alike!

St. George’s CWL suggest that you buy religious postage stamps this time of year.

St. George’s CWL suggest that you try to include a nativity scene when decorating your home for Christmas as we remember to honor the birth of Jesus.

JAMES PARISH

Collection for Nov. 23 – 16 Envelopes - \$540.00; Loose - \$75.00; [stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com)

Ministries for Dec. 6: Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Ministers – Brenda Richard; Altar Server – Kenny MacPhee; Choir – Organ.

Congratulations to our November Lottery Winner – Denise LaVie. Sincere thanks to everyone who took tickets to sell and thank you to everyone who purchases tickets each month! We sincerely appreciate your support. Remember to return your stubs and monies by December 20 for the December 27 draw. You can turn them in to Kevin Gotell, Mark Gotell, or Sid McMullin or place them in the collection basket.

St. James Parish Roof/On Going Maintenance Fundraising Update: As of November 23, 2025 exactly 2 Years since we began our fundraiser; we have received a total of \$27,770.00 in donations and with our monthly lottery draw we have raised \$16,270.00 for a total of \$44,040.00 !! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Friendly reminder from St. James Property & Finance Committee that St. James Cemetery will be closed as of December 1 until the first of May 2026. There will be no winter burials.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Nov. 23 – 30 Envelopes - \$915.00; Loose - \$60.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Donation to the Parish - \$640.00. E-transfers can be made to [Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com](mailto:Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com)

Ministries for Dec. 7 – Lector – Cindy Shepard; Eucharistic Minister – Cindy Shepard; Gifts – Claire, Darcy & Patti MacKenzie; Ushers – Dan Shepard & Joe Brothers; Church Custodian from Dec. 1 to Dec. 7 are Amy & Christian Ohlandt & from Dec. 8 to Dec. 14 is Ron Blue. Snow Removal Team – from Dec. 8 to Dec. 14 is Bobby MacDonald & Bradshaw Campbell & from Dec. 15 to Dec. 21 are Dan Shepard & John Brothers. Church Cleaners for December are Anita Conohan, Linda Cain, Mae Campbell, .

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

To all Children of All Saints Parish:  
The Catholic Women’s League would like to give your family a gift of a kit called “Soft Enough for a King”. We will tell you all about it on Sunday, Nov. 30. Your family can & receive your very own kit. A beautiful way to get ready for the birth of Jesus, our King on Christmas Eve.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for Nov. 23 - 22 Envelopes - \$580.00; Loose - \$50.00.

Ministries for Dec. 7 – Lector – Dianne Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Lorraine & Sally Morrison; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Chris MacMillan. Snow Removal Team for Dec. 1 to Dec. 7 is Paul & Kent Morrison & from Dec. 8 to Dec. 14 are Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee. Church cleaners for December are Sally, Joanie & Amy Morrison& Bernadine Somers.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

James Good will present “*Our Lady of Guadalupe - How Her Appearance Continues to Heal and Restore Our Lives Even Today*” on Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Montague. Following the presentation, chili and biscuits will be provided by the Brother Leo Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans. Those attending may choose to bring a small portion dessert for a dessert sharing table. All are welcome!

PRAYER for the WEEK - A PRAYER FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Our Father, We humbly beseech Thee to honor the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant us her purity and grace, guiding our hearts to emulate her virtue. May her intercession lead us closer to Thy love and mercy, as we strive to reflect the light of Christ in our lives. Amen.

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.