

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT

2nd Sunday in Advent
December 7, 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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A sinful man promised God that he would repent and walk away from anything that make him sin. He was able to walk away from his sinfulness for a period of time until he sinned again and again and again.

It’s very easy to say that we would not sin again but when the temptation to sin beckons many of us are helpless against it. So, we sin again until sinning becomes a part of our lifestyle until these many sins become our ticket to wretchedness.

When John appeared from the wilderness he preached repentance and many listened to him. They went to John to repent and be baptized including the Pharisees and Sadducees. Were the Pharisees and Sadducees sincere in their desire for repentance? No, they were not; it was a superficial repentance this was primarily the reason why John rebuked them. John wanted the Pharisees and Sadducees to produce concrete evidence of their repentance. John wanted an interior, genuine and deep repentance from them.

This is also the call for us in this second Sunday of advent: to have an interior, genuine and deep repentance from within. Thus, we have to completely walk away from anything that make us sin.

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. 10, 9:30 a.m. Int. Andrew Wartman by Audrey & Vernon

All Saints, Thursday, Dec. 11, 9:30 a.m. Int. Ramona Doucette by Family

St. James, Friday, Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m. Int. No Intention Listed Adoration from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

St. James, Saturday, Dec. 13, 4:00 p.m., Int. Blair Gotell by Naomi Gotell & Family

St. George’s, Sunday, Dec. 14, 9:00 a.m. Int. Norman & Mary Keoughan by Joanie & Raymond Morrison

All Saints, Sunday, Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

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.

Christmas Mass & New Year’s Mass Schedule – Holy Days of Obligation

St. Francis deSales – Wed., Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. (Fr. Gerard Chaisson)
St. James – Wed., Dec. 24 at 5:00 p.m.
St. George’s – Wed., Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m.
All Saint s – Wed., Dec. 24 at 10:00 p.m.
St. James – Thurs., Dec. 25 at 9:00 a.m.
St. James – Wed., Dec. 31 at 5:00 p.m.
St. George’s – Thurs., Jan. 1 at 9:00 a.m.
All Saints – Thurs., Jan. 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Thank you from Catechism Youth and Teachers to all those family, friends, and parishioners who came out to support us at our Christmas Pageant. Special thanks to our Drummer Boy Lewie. May the Christ Child be uppermost in your hearts this Advent- Christmas season.

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.

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.

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. 30 – 13 Envelopes - \$33.00; Loose - \$50.00; stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for Dec. 13: Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Ministers – Allan Gallant; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Guitar.

St. James Parish Property & Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 10, at 4:30 p.m.

St. James Christmas Flowers are needed. If you would like to donate a plant in memory of someone please contact Naomi Gotell. 902-213-5715.

Congratulations to our November Lottery Winner – Denise LaVie. 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!

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. 30 – 28 Envelopes - \$900.00; Loose - \$90.75; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Building Fund - \$100.00;

Direct Deposit for Nov. - \$875.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for Dec. 14 – Lector – Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Dianne Nabuurs; Gifts – Harry Nabuurs; Ushers – Billy O’Brien & Mark Wilson; Church Custodian from Dec. 8 to Dec. 14 is Ron Blue & from Dec. 15 to Dec. 21 is Joey Cain. 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.

All Saints Parish interior church Christmas decorating will take place after Mass on Dec. 14. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for Nov. 30 - 20 Envelopes - \$560.00; Loose - \$58.00; Maintenance - \$50.00.

Ministries for Dec. 14 – Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Jeannie Johnston & Doreen Acorn; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson. Snow Removal Team from Dec. 8 to Dec. 14 is Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee & from Dec. 15 to Dec. 21 are Owen Fitzpatrick & Claude MacKinnon. Church cleaners for December are Sally, Joanie & Amy Morrison & Bernadine Somers.

Flowers for the Church at St. George’s for Christmas: If anyone wishes to donate money to purchase flowers for the altar for Christmas, please contact Carol Caverley at 902-583-2794 by December 20. Thanks.

St. George’s CWL invites girls and women attending colleges or universities to apply for the Catholic Girls Bursary by the deadline of January 31, 2026. Please contact Carol Caverley at 902-583-2794 and she will direct you to the on-line application form.

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.

PRAYER for the WEEK - A PRAYER TO ST. LUCY

Our Father, we seek the intercession of Saint Lucy, the beacon of light and courage. May her unwavering faith guide us through darkness and illuminate our path. Grant us clarity in our struggles and strength in our hearts as we strive to follow Your divine will. Amen.

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.