

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT

3rd Sunday in Advent
December 14, 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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The story is told about a man who was looking for the presence of Jesus in his life. So, he went to the highest mountain with the hope of finding Jesus but he did not find Jesus there. He again went to the most majestic church with the hope of finding Jesus but he again, did not find Jesus there.

Are you looking for Jesus’ presence in your life? Many of us are still looking for the presence of the Lord in our lives. But the Lord is with us already we only fail to recognize it because many of us are enslaved by the things of this world.

We are with the Lord when we pray. We are with the Lord when we go to Holy Mass. We are with the Lord when we read and allow the words of the bible to speak to us. And there are many more manifestations of the Lord's presence in our life which we fail to recognize.

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” By telling John’s disciples about the things that He does. Jesus was in effect telling the followers of John that there’s no more need to look for that somebody that is to come because He is already there in their midst.

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. 17, 9:30 a.m. Int. Eunice MacGillivray by Audrey & Vernon Yoston

All Saints, Thursday, Dec. 18, 9:30 a.m. Int. No intention listed

St. James, Friday, Dec. 19, 9:00 a.m. Int. Theresa Creed & Sophia Clarkin by Terry & Yvonne Martell
Adoration from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

St. James, Saturday, Dec. 20, 4:00 p.m., Int. Brian Curley by Veronica Curley and Ty Curley

St. George’s, Sunday, Dec. 21, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints, Sunday, Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m. Int. John & Wilhelmina Nabuurs by 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.

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.

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 and St. Theresa the Little Flower in Morell on Sunday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. Other priests will be present at these services.

Last Faith Sharing Session: Last faith sharing sessions for Advent are on Monday at 10:00 a.m. at Edith MacDonald’s home and on **Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at St. James parish.** Anyone is welcome. **Note change in time for St. James.**

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.

ON FORMED.ORG: Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Juan Diego | Littlest Saints: A boy, his sneakers, and a giant sombrero take up the story of St. Juan Diego's miraculous encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. How far will Our Lady ask him to reach out in faith, trust, and confidence? Watch for free until April. Go to www.formed.org and search for Saint Benedict Parish, Georgetown.

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 & buy religious postage stamps at this time of year.

Annual Advent Concert: The annual church choir Advent concert will be held on December 21 at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints parish. Choirs of St. Benedict’s as well as St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church will perform Advent and Christmas carols. Admission is free and all are welcome. There will be a reception downstairs following the concert.

JAMES PARISH

Collection for Dec. 7 – 17 Envelopes - \$616.00; Loose - \$145.00; Donation to the Roof/On Going Maintenance - \$200.00. stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for Dec. 20: Lector – Chris MacMillan; Eucharistic Ministers – Mark Gotell; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Organ; Snow Removal from Thurs., Dec. 11 to Wed., Dec. 17 is Mike LaVie & Dec. 18 to Dec. 24 is Hal Publicover.

Christmas Choir Practice for both choirs for St. James will be held on Monday Dec 22, 6:00 p.m. for organ & 6:30 for guitar. Anyone wishing to sing Christmas Eve or morning Mass is invited to attend. Any youth attending Christmas Eve Mass at St. James are invited to go to the back of the church at Offertory time and join the choir to sing The Drummer Boy. Go on line to find words and music.

Christmas decorating at St. James will take place this week! For day and time contact Judy Gotell at 902-969-8622.

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.

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.

Thank you to all who donated to the Angel Tree. A family in need this Christmas has been touched by your generosity.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Dec. 7 – 27 Envelopes - \$900.00; Loose - \$82.25; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Building Fund – Private

Donation \$1,625.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for Dec. 21 – Lector – Bernice Curran Brothers; Eucharistic Minister – Billy Conohan; Gifts – Billy O’Brien; Ushers – Jimmy Quinn & Billy Conohan; Church Custodian from Dec. 15 to Dec. 21 is Joey Cain & from Dec. 22 to Dec. 28 is Andrew Rice.. Snow Removal Team – from Dec. 15 to Dec. 21 are Dan Shepard & John Brothers & from Dec. 22 to Dec. 28 are George & John Allen Hughes. Church Cleaners for December are Anita Conohan, Linda Cain, & Mae Campbell.

Soft Enough for a King: All families with young children who were at All Saints last month will have received this kit. If you didn't, please contact a member of the CWL for yours. PLEASE NOTE: Save the pieces of hay that were placed in your creche, and bring them to church on the Feast of the Epiphany on January 4, when our children will join the Magi in bringing gifts to baby Jesus.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for Dec. 7 - 17 Envelopes - \$625.00; Loose - \$50.00; Cemetery Fund – IMO Wallace MacDonald - \$465.00.

Ministries for Dec. 21 – Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley; Gifts – Joe & Claire McCarron; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison. Snow Removal Team from Dec. 15 to Dec. 21 are Owen Fitzpatrick & Claude MacKinnon & from Dec. 22 to Dec. 28 is Rob, Sam and & Nate Shaw.

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.

PRAYER for the WEEK - A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heart of my Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe, I unite to thy purity, thy sanctity, thy zeal and thy love, all my thoughts, words, acts, and sufferings this day, that there may be nothing in me that does not become through thee, a pleasure to Jesus, a gain to souls, and an act of reparation for the offenses against thy Heart. 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.