

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
4th Sunday in Advent
December 21, 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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Are we obedient to the will of God?

When Joseph discovered that Mary was pregnant, he decided to quietly separate from her—quietly, because that was his character. He was a quiet and humble man. As much as possible, Joseph did not want to create a scene that could result in Mary’s being excluded by her townspeople. Perhaps the devil was already constantly trying to provoke Joseph to do something that would humiliate Mary. But Joseph calmly resisted whatever evil plots the devil had. He overcame them by listening to what the angel told him to do.

Thus, Joseph faithfully loved and protected his family. By his act of obedience to the will of God, we can safely conclude that Joseph loved Mary deeply. Many fathers today, quickly give up when tempted by the devil, no longer listening to the voice of God, who always calls them to uphold the sanctity of marriage and family life.

Let us be inspired by the life of St. Joseph—his humility, his obedience to the voice of God, and his unconditional love and protection for his wife, Mary, and his child, Jesus.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Earl Powers, Patricia Brousseau, 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. Francis deSales, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m. Int. Ronnie MacDonald by Shirley & Family

St. James, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m. Int. Ernie Prosper by Family

St. George’s, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. Int. George & Noreen MacPherson by Edith MacDonald

All Saints, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 10:00 p.m. Int. Urban Sullivan by Joan & Family

St. James, Thursday, Dec. 25, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

NO MASS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

St. James, Saturday, Dec. 27, 4:00 p.m., Int. Marguerite MacDonald by Family

St. George’s, Sunday, Dec. 28, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints, Sunday, Dec. 28, 10:30 a.m. Int. George & Emily McQuillan & Deceased Family Members 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 JANUARY.** There are still openings for week day Masses.

New Year’s Mass Schedule – Holy Day of Obligation

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

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. 14 – 20 Envelopes - \$1,460.00; Loose - \$105.00; Donations to the Angel Tree: IMO Wilfred, Theresa & Blair Gotell - \$150.00; IMO Shirley Adams - \$200.00; IMO Wendell Adams - \$200.00. Total monies collected for the Angel Tree this year is \$1,315.00. Sincere thanks for their generous donation of \$500.00 to the PEI Union of Public Service Employees. Sincere thanks to everyone who made a donation! stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for Dec. 27: Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Ministers – Chris MacMillan; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Guitar; Snow Removal from Thurs., Dec. 18 to Dec. 24 is Hal Publicover & from Dec. 25 to Dec. 31 is Allan Gallant. Ministries for Dec. 24 & 25 will be contacted.

Flowers for Christmas at St James. Contact Naomi to donate.902-213-5715 by December 22...

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. 14 – 32 Envelopes - \$2,225.00; Loose - \$87.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for Dec. 24 – Lector – Pauline Kelly; Eucharistic Minister – Ron Blue; Gifts – Christian & Amy Ohlandt; Ushers – George VandenBroek & Louis Callaghan.

Ministries for Dec. 28 – Lector: Mary VandenBroek Grant; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson; Gifts – Jacob & Katie Perry; Ushers – Dakota & Kamryn Stacey; Church Custodian from Dec. 22 to Dec. 28 is Andrew Rice & from Dec. 29 to Jan. 4 is Harry Nabuurs. Snow Removal Team – from Dec. 22 to Dec. 28 are George & John Allen Hughes & from Dec. 29 to Jan. 4 are Jimmy Quinn & Benny Nabuurs. 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. 14 - 19 Envelopes - \$730.00; Loose - \$119.00.

Ministries for Dec. 24 – Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Raymond & Joanie Morrison; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron.

Ministries for Dec. 28 – Lector – Terry Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts – Tony Thijseen & Chris MacMillan; Ushers – Jeannie Johnston & Doreen Acorn; Snow Removal Team from Dec. 22 to Dec. 28 is Rob, Sam and & Nate Shaw & from Dec. 29 to Jan. 4 are Paul & Kent Morrison.

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.

DIOCESE NOTICES

The Annual General Retreat at Our lady of Hope Retreat Centre will be held from Friday, January 30 to Sunday, February 1 with retreat master Father Eric Dunn. This year’s theme is “The Sacraments.” For more information or to register, contact Martin or Earla at The Centre at 902-621-2385 or ourladyofhope@dioceseofcharlottetown.com.

PEI LIFE Stockings4LIFE Campaign is ON! Nominate a new mom this Christmas for a Stocking4LIFE and thank her for saying YES to LIFE! PEI LIFE is getting ready to gift any new mom of 2025 with a Christmas Stocking4LIFE. See our webpage at PEILIFE.org and fill out the nomination form. If you would like to support this program, please give a Gift4LIFE and help us Speak LIFE by thanking a new mom! For more information reach out to Pat at 902-894-5473.

PRAYER for the WEEK - A PRAYER FOR COURAGE TO ST. STEPHEN

Lord Jesus, grant us the courage of Saint Stephen, who stood firm in his faith amidst adversity. Fill our hearts with boldness to proclaim Your truth and love, even when faced with challenges. May we emulate his unwavering spirit, shining Your light in the darkest places. Strengthen us to be steadfast witnesses of Your grace, reflecting Your strength in our lives. 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.