

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
TWO WEEK BULLETIN
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph,
December 28 & Epiphany of the Lord,
January 4, 2026

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.

Pastor: Fr. Kishore Kumar Gundabathini, cell 902-314-9174
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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

We read in the gospel how St. Joseph perfectly executed his plan to protect the welfare of his family. When Joseph was told in his dream by an angel of God to bring his family to Egypt he did so without any question. Why? Because Joseph knew that it was for the welfare of his family.

After the death of King Herod, Joseph dreamt of an angel telling him to bring Mary and the baby Jesus to Israel and he did so again for the welfare of his family. Eventually Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus settled in the town of Nazareth to fulfill the prophecy of the prophets.

It was always family first for Joseph, everything else comes a far second. Many fathers and even mothers treat their family as second priority next only to their friends. But the majority of our friends come and go, very few friends stay with us until the end of our lives. It’s always our family who will be with us no matter what.

Like St. Joseph, who prioritized his family, we must also put first the welfare of our family this coming 2026 and beyond.

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. James, Wednesday, Dec. 31, 5:00 p.m. Int. Bernard & Lucille Batchilder by Family

St. George’s, Thursday, Jan. 1, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints, Thursday, Jan. 1, 10:30 a.m. Int. No Intention Listed

NO MASS ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

St. James, Saturday, Jan. 3, 4:00 p.m., Int. Parishioners of the Unit

St. George’s, Sunday, Jan. 4, 9:00 a.m. Int. Clifton Gardiner by Betty Gardiner

All Saints, Sunday, Jan. 4, 10:30 a.m. Int. Maury MacDonald by Marilyn Barrett

St. George’s, Wednesday, Jan. 7, 9:30 a.m. Int. Peg & George Campbell by Maggie & Greg Campbell

All Saints, Thursday, Jan. 8, 9:30 a.m. Int. Tony VandenBroek by Donald MacIntyre

St. James, Friday, Jan. 9, 9:00 a.m. Int. Brian Curley by Veronica & Ty Curley

St. James, Saturday, Jan. 10, 4:00 p.m. Roddie MacPhee by Joey MacPhee

St. George’s, Sunday, Jan. 11, 9:00 a.m. Int. Josie & Florence Johnston by Family

All Saints, Sunday, Jan. 11, 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 JANUARY.** There are still openings for week day Masses..

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.

JAMES PARISH

Collection for Dec. 21 – 14 Envelopes - \$345.00; Loose - \$117.00; Donation to Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Donation to Roof/On Going Maintenance Fund IMO Wilfred & Theresa Gotell by Mark & Andrea Gotell & Family.
stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for Dec. 31: Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Altar Server – Edith MacDonald; Choir - Guitar & Organ; Snow Removal from Thurs. 1 to Jan. 7 is Mark King.

Ministries for Jan. 3: Lector – Kevin Gotell; Eucharistic Ministers – Allan Gallant; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir - Guitar; Snow Removal from Thurs., Jan. 8 to Wed, Jan. 14 is Mike LaVie.

Ministries for Jan. 10: Lector – Molly Gotell; Eucharistic Minister – Chris MacMillan; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Organ.

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 Dec. 21 – 32 Envelopes - \$1,070.00; Loose - \$71.85; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for Jan. 1 – Lector – Robin Laird; Eucharistic Minister - Cindy Shepard; Gifts – Jennifer & Jason Pitre; Ushers – Dan Shepard & Joe Brothers; Church Custodian from Dec. 29 to Jan. 4 is Harry Nabuurs; Snow Removal Team – Dec. 29 to Jan. 4 is Jimmy Quinn & Benny Nabuurs.

Ministries for Jan. 4 – Lector: Martina MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Ron Blue; Gifts – Jimmy & Debbie Quinn; Ushers – Billy O’Brien & Mark Wilson; Church Custodian from Jan. 5 to Jan. 11 is Jimmy Quinn. Snow Removal Team – from Jan. 5 to Jan. 11 is John Donahoe & Jacob Perry.

Ministries for Jan. 11 – Lector – Ron Blue; Eucharistic Minister – Dianne Nabuurs; Gifts – Norbert & Eileen Rice; Ushers: Harry Nabuurs & Ron Blue. Church Custodian from Jan. 12 to Jan. 18 is Christian & Amy Ohlandt and from Jan. 19 to Jan. 25 is Ron Blue. Snow Removal Team from Jan. 12 to Jan. 18 is Mark Wilson & Robbie Brothers. Church Cleaners for January is Edewena Campbell, Joanne McGuigan, & Debbie Quinn.

Muffin Sunday – Jan. 4: Please join us after Mass at All Saints for “Muffin Sunday” for our Unit. Coffee, Tea and Juice will be on and contributions to sharing table would be most welcome.

The 2026 envelopes are at the back of the church. If you can’t fine one with your name on them, please take a blank box and add your name to the list provided by the envelopes. For some of the monthly contributors , if you want a box, please do as noted above and add your name to the list. If anyone would like to register for Automatic Monthly Payments or do E-Transfers please discuss with Mary Ann Donahoe.

Reminder, donations for 2025 must be made by December 31, to be included on your 2025 Tax Receipt.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for Dec. 21 -24 Envelopes - \$1,021.00; Loose - \$74.00.

Ministries for Jan. 1 – Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Joe & Claire McCarron; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson. Snow Removal Team from Dec. 29 to Jan. 4 is Paul & Kent

Morrison.

Ministries for Jan. 4 – Lector – Nate Shaw ; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley; Gifts – Lorraine & Sally Morrison; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison; Snow Removal Team from Jan. 5 to Jan. 11 is Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee.

Ministry List for Jan. 11 – Lector – Terry Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts – Tony Thijseen & Chris MacMillan; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron. Snow Removal Team from Jan. 12 to Jan. 18 is Owen Fitzpatrick & Claude MacKinnon.

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.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation of gifts or clothing to the Lions Club collection. They were very appreciative.

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 – THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me, 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.