

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 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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Do you live the virtue of Humility? CS Lewis once said: "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less."

When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him, he said this: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. John recognized the identity of Jesus because he lived the virtue of humility to the core of his bones. There was no fakery and pretension, it was authentic humility.

We also always hear these words of John when we go to Holy Mass. The priest raises the Sacred Host and pronounces these very words of John at Holy Mass before Holy Communion as the faithful kneel and fix its gaze upon it with deep reverence.

Jesus will heal us from all our sins no matter how grave. But we must humble ourselves before our Lord. We will never recognize the magnificence of Jesus if we don't have humility. And we will never fully grasp the reason why John called Jesus the lamb of God.

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. George's, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 9:30 a.m. Int. Carol Companion by Edith MacDonald

All Saints, Thursday, Jan. 22, 9:30 a.m. Int. No Intention Listed

St. James, Friday, Jan. 23, 9:00 a.m. Int. John & Bessie Myers & Daughter Anna by Myers Family

St. James, Saturday, Jan. 24, 4:00 p.m. Int. Betty Martell by Steve Martell

St. George's, Sunday, Jan. 25, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints, Sunday, Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m. Int. Annie VandenBroek by Joanne & Eddie Donahoe

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Jan. 11 – 29 Envelopes - \$775.00; Loose - \$80.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for Jan. 25 – Lector – Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Ron Blue; Gifts – Dan & Cindy Shepard; Ushers: George VandenBroek & Louis Callaghan. **Church Custodians** from Jan. 19 to Jan. 25 is Ron Blue & from Jan. 26 to Feb. 1 is Joey Cain. **Snow Removal Team** from Jan. 19 to Jan. 25 is Reg Conohan & Shawn Creighan & from Jan. 26 to Feb. 1 are Tyler & Kurt Laird. **Church Cleaners for January** are Edewena Campbell, Joanne McGuigan, & Debbie Quinn.

The 2026 envelopes are at the back of the church. If you can't find 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.

Children at All Saints Who Wish to Sing at Mass:

Marilyn Barrett has kindly volunteered to teach children's songs to any interested children so they can enjoy Mass more. Rehearsal will take place every third Sunday of each month. Marilyn will teach children a song for 20 minutes after Mass. The goal is to have them sing in the Christmas Concert in Dec. 2026.

Muffin Sunday – Feb. 1: 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.

Our next Cardigan & Area Seniors Meal will be held on Tuesday, January 20 (storm date Jan. 21). On the menu; roast beef dinner and dessert. Drive thru take out at 11:30 a.m.; eat in dinner at 12:00 p.m. Please call 902-583-2523, call/text 902-213-5631(cell), or email: edwenacampbell@gmail.com to book your spot as there will be a limited number of meals available.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for Jan. 11 – 23 Envelopes - \$1,270.00; Loose - \$20.00; 1 Initial Offering Envelopes - \$30.00; Donation for payment of the oil bill - \$4,500.00.

Ministry List for Jan. 25 – Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Paul 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.

St. George's C.W.L 2026: A reminder that CWL Membership fees are due by January 31. Membership dues are \$25 for the year. CWL dues can be placed in the collection basket.

DIOCESE NOTICES

"Is Our Blessed Mother Calling You?" Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Spiritual Chaplain Father Danny Wilson on March 16th to 27th: Group Leaders are Rhonda-Lynn Cormier and Lori Currie. Cost: \$3,299.00 - includes airfare and all airport taxes from Halifax (flights from other airports and the USA can be arranged with adjusted pricing), twin accommodation, daily breakfast and dinner, a professional local guide. Single room supplement: \$350.00 if available. For bookings or more information, please contact Rhonda-Lynn at 902-448-3660.

The annual General Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat center will be held from Friday, January 30 until 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.

PRAYER for the WEEK – PRAYER TO SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

God of love, by the intercession of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys, who contributed to the New World, watch over our homes today. Give to all children the daily bread and love they need. Help adolescents discover meaning in their lives. Help couples grow in love and fidelity. Guide parents in the education of their children. Fill the hearts of grandparents with peace and tenderness toward their grandchildren. Come to the help of those whose happiness is threatened. Inspire and enlighten all those committee, like Saint Marguerite, to the well-being and happiness of families. Help us to discover in the Holy Family of Nazareth a real model of family life in the spirit of the Gospel. 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.