

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25, 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.

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After the arrest of John his followers were in the dark as to who would lead them. Once they heard about Jesus, they wanted to see Him and that encounter led them to follow Him, hence Jesus became their new leader. John’s followers who were without a leader suddenly had seen a great light in Jesus.

While walking in the sea of Galilee Jesus called the first four apostles namely: Peter, Andrew, James and John. They were all fishermen. What made them respond to the call of Jesus to follow Him? It was the call of Jesus, and it was also the light that they saw in Jesus. Were they living in darkness before Jesus called them? Yes, in a way, they were in darkness because they were living their lives without the presence of Jesus. They only saw light when Jesus called them.

There will be moments of darkness in our lives too! Regardless of who we are, we may be rich, we may be poor and we may be educated or not educated. We would still be passing thru these dark moments.

In the middle of these darkest moments there’s always Jesus who’s always ready to step into our lives to call us and to give us His light. The light that He gives will give us hope, will give us motivation to move forward and will give us strength to mend the shattered pieces of our lives.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Earl Powers, Patricia Brousseau, Marilyn Callaghan, Jordan Lea & 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. 28, 9:30 a.m. Int. Special Intention by a Parishioner.
All Saints, Thursday, Jan. 29, 9:30 a.m. Int. No Intention Listed
St. James, Friday, Jan. 30, 9:00 a.m. Int. Brian Curley by Veronica & Ty Curley
St. James, Saturday, Jan. 31, 4:00 p.m. Int. Kenneth Campbell by Elizabeth Campbell
St. George’s, Sunday, Feb. 1, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit
All Saints, Sunday, Feb. 1, 10:30 a.m. Int. Cathy Little by Marilyn Barrett

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..

FORMED.ORG: His job was to open doors, yet in 1937, a million people came to his funeral. Look up St. Andre Bessette on formed.org AND Dive Deep into today’s gospel: Watch "The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist".

Pope Leo has declared 2026 as the Year of St. Francis of Assisi. Get your thinking cap on regarding how the St. Benedict’s Unit can celebrate! A meeting of hearts and minds about our plans will take place in February. (TBA)

JAMES PARISH

Collection for Jan. 18 – 13 Envelopes - \$260.00; Loose – \$67.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for Jan. 31: Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister –Mark Gotell; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Organ. Snow Removal from Jan. 15 to Jan. 21 is Hal Publicover & from Jan. 22 to Jan. 28 is Allan Gallant.

Rosemary's Potluck will be held at St. James on Sat., Jan. 31. First one in 2026 to ring in the New Year and to get those sweets gone before Lent!

Congratulations to our December Lottery Winner – Allan Powers. Remember to return your stubs and monies by January 17 for the January 24 draw. You can turn them in to Kevin Gotell, Mark Gotell, or Sid McMullin or place them in the collection basket.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Jan. 18 – 27 Envelopes - \$805.00; Loose - \$60.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for Feb. 1 – Lector – Bernice Curran Brothers; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson; Gifts – George & Julie VandenBroek; Ushers: Dakota & Kamryn Stacey. Church Custodians from Jan. 26 to Feb. 1 is Joey Cain & from Feb. 2 to Feb. 8 is Andrew Rice. Snow Removal Team from Jan. 26 to Feb. 1 is Tyler & Kurt Laird & from Feb. 2 to Feb. 8 is George & Martin VandenBroek. 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 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.

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.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for Jan. 18 – 16 Envelopes - \$495.00.

Ministry List for Feb 1 – Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley. Snow Removal from Jan 26 to Feb. 1 is Paul & Kent Morrison & from Feb. 2 to Feb. 8 are Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee.

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 ourladvofhope@dioceseofcharlottetown.com.

Strengthen your Sacrament of Marriage through prayer, meaningful dialogue, and renewal on a weekend marriage retreat with Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Two retreats will be held this year: May 1–3 and October 16-18. For details, contact Ron and Joanne at (506) 451-8489 or ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church in parishes over the weekend of January 31 - February 1. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. The Congregation of Notre Dame Sisters arrived from Montreal in 1857. The Sisters of Saint Martha of PEI are an Island foundation that began in 1916. The Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Ragusa are an Italian foundation whose sisters came to PEI in 2018 from Ontario. Various congregations of religious men’s communities have served in our diocese.

PRAYER for the WEEK – PRAYER TO SAINT ANTHONY TO RECOVER LOST THINGS

O blessed St. Anthony, the grace of God has made you a powerful advocate in all our needs and the patron for the restoring of things lost or stolen. I turn to you today with childlike love and deep confidence. You have helped countless children of God to find the things they have lost, material things, and, more importantly, the things of the spirit: faith, hope, and love. I come to you with confidence; help me in my present need. I recommend what I have lost to your care, in the hope that God will restore it to me, if it is His holy 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.