

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 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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Baptism of the Lord

In the Gospel, Jesus was baptized by John in the river Jordan. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Indeed, John was so awed that he would be baptizing his master, the one whom he announced as the savior.

Why be baptized by an ordinary mortal like John, why not simply forgo baptism and go directly with His mission? Jesus insisted to be baptized by John because it was the signpost of the commencement of His mission. Before His baptism by John Jesus was an ordinary mortal just like us. But after His baptism Jesus' oneness with God was immediately affirmed by the Holy Spirit. And was immediately reinforced by the voice of God who said: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased (Matthew 3:17)."

After His baptism Jesus officially started his three years public ministry. He spread the Good news of salvation, he cured the sick, He gave hope, He fed the hungry and so forth. But at the end He suffered and did the supreme sacrifice of giving His life for our salvation.

As baptized Catholics, we are also called to follow Jesus and His baptismal mission. Today is an appropriate time for us to reflect and ask ourselves: Have I been faithful to my baptismal mission?

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. 14, 9:30 a.m. Int. Ken Shaw by family

All Saints, Thursday, Jan. 15, 9:30 a.m. Int. Tony VandenBroek by Karen VandenBroek

St. James, Friday, Jan. 16, 9:00 a.m. Int. No Intention listed

St. James, Saturday, Jan. 17, 4:00 p.m. Int. Pam Somers by Dan & Cindy Shepard

St. George's, Sunday, Jan. 18, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Beginning on Sunday, Jan. 11, Sunday Mass at All Saints will take place in the Parish Center, downstairs

All Saints, Sunday, Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m. Int. John & Margaret & Gavin Quinn, Mary Quinn & all Deceased Quinn Family Members by Family

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.

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 Dec. 25 – 31 Envelopes - \$2,230.00; **Loose** - \$170.00; **Collection for Dec. 28 – 33 Envelopes** - \$2,496.00; **Loose** - \$60.00; **Direct Deposit** - \$875.00; **Building Fund** - \$529.00; **Children's Collection** - \$45.35; **Collection for Jan. 1 – 23 Envelopes** - \$665.00; **Loose** - 13.25; **12 Initial Envelopes** - \$205.00; **Collection for Jan. 4 – 33 Envelopes** - \$1,035.00; **Loose** - \$71.25; **Cemetery Fund** - \$100.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for Jan. 18 – Lector – Cindy Shepard; Eucharistic Minister – Billy Conohan; Gifts – Andrew & Denise Rowe; Ushers: Jimmy Quinn & Billy Conohan. **Church Custodians** 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 & from Jan. 19 to Jan. 25 is Reg Conohan & Shawn Creighan. **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.

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 Dec. 25 – 17 Envelopes - \$885.00; **Dec. 28 – 1 Envelope** - \$50.00; **Loose** - \$196.00; **Collection for Dec. 28 – 2 Dec. 25 Envelopes** - \$40.00; **18 Dec. 28 Envelopes** - \$575.00; **Loose** - \$101.00; **Maintenance** - \$100.00; **Cemetery Fund**

IMO Clemmie & Charles Somers - \$100.00; IMO Peg, George & Glenn Campbell - \$150.00; **Collection for Jan. 1 – 1 Envelope** - Dec. 25 - \$20.00; **2 Envelopes** – Dec. 28 - \$125.00; **11 Initial Envelopes** - \$115.00; **14 Envelopes** – Jan. 1 - \$300.00; **Donation to the Parish** - \$2,000.00. **Collection for Jan. 4 – 17 Envelopes** - \$555.00; **Loose** - \$30.00; **4 Initial Offering Envelopes** - \$50.00.

Ministry List for Jan. 17 – Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; No Gift Bearers or Ushers required while Mass is in the Vestry.

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 – TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the Family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. 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.