

## ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

1st Sunday of Lent  
February 22, 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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### 1st Sunday of Lent

The first Sunday of Lent represents Satan tempting Jesus in the desert. Jesus turned to God to resist the temptations. Every day in our lives the tempter is always there to bait us with his wicked temptations. For example, the temptation to steal, to betray the marriage vows, to be arrogant and so forth. What is the remedy to all these temptations? It's our perpetual connection with God.

The devil is always at our backs watching us and the moment he sees that we are not connected with God He will immediately present himself as an alternative. How did Jesus reject the three temptations of the devil in the gospel? In each temptation He was always invoking the name of God in His words and deeds. So, it's the same with us if we are always connected with God in our worship and in our deeds, we are safe to avoid the many attractive yet wicked enticements of the devil.

In this first Sunday of Lent, we are reminded to always relate to God. So, let us turn to God for guidance, protection and support.

### 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!

## MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Feb. 25 – NO MASS – CLERGY DAYS

All Saints, Thursday, Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m. Int. Alan & Bee MacMillan by Tony & Chris

St. James, Friday, Feb. 27, 9:00 a.m. Int. No Intention Listed

St. James, Saturday, Feb. 28, 4:00 p.m. Int. Brian Curley by Veronica & Ty Curley

St. George's, Sunday, March 1, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints, Sunday, March 1, 10:30 a.m. Int. David Trainor 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 FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL & MAY.** There are still openings for week day Masses.

**Prayer Ministry Team:** Would you be able to PRAY AT HOME for the needs of others? We have a few people who have said yes but it would be great to have people from each parish of the Unit on the team. Please contact Claudia. 902-969-0266

**Catechism Classes** will resume on Monday, Feb. 23 at 6:00 p.m.

**Formed.org:** Enrich your Lenten practice with online resources: [prayasyougo.org](http://prayasyougo.org) or [jesuitprayer.org](http://jesuitprayer.org) or [sacredspace.com](http://sacredspace.com) Formed.org - lots of videos! Just search for "Daily Reflections 2026". For kids, look for "Lent with Brother Francis"... Our subscription ends at Easter, so this is your last chance to try it out for free. All you need is your email and look in Parish Subscriptions for Saint Benedict Pastoral Unit.

### LENT 2026

**Stations of the Cross** on Friday, February 27 at All Saints church at 6:30 p.m.

**Faith Sharing:** Faith Sharing Sessions on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. at Edith MacDonald's home. Faith Sharing at St. James on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at St. James church.

**Rosary:** The rosary is prayed each Saturday at St. James at 3:30 p.m. before Mass and on Sunday at St. George's at 8:30 a.m. & All Saints at 10:00 a.m. Come early and join us in prayer.

### St. JAMES PARISH

**Collection for Feb. 15** – 15 Envelopes - \$305.00; Loose – \$130.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund -- \$500.00 IMO

Allan & Laurena MacDonald & Deceased Family Members of Agnes Walsh by Barbara Leroy. E-transfers can be made to [stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com)

**Ministries for Feb. 28:** Lector – Christine MacMillan; Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Organ. **Snow Removal** from Feb. 19 to Feb. 25 is Allan Gallant & from Feb. 26 to March 4 is Mark King.

**Congratulations to our January Lottery Winner** – Barb Carroll. Remember to return your stubs and monies by February 21 for the February 28 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 Feb. 15** – 29 Envelopes - \$1,110.00; Loose - \$27.60; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; 1 Ash Wednesday - \$60.00. E-transfers can be made to [Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com](mailto:Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com)

**Ministries for March 1** – Lector – Ron Blue; Eucharistic Minister – Ron Blue; Gifts – Joey & Linda Cain; Ushers: George VandenBroek & Louis Callaghan. **Church Custodians** from Feb. 23 to March 1 is Christian & Amy Ohlandt & from March 2 to March 8 is Ron Blue. **Snow Removal Team** from Feb. 23 to March 1 is George & John Allen Hughes & from March 2 to March 8 are Jimmy Quinn & Benny Nabuurs. **Church Cleaners for March** are Karen VandenBroek, Mary Ann Donahoe & Pauline Kelly.

**Charity receipts** are at the back of the Main Church if you didn't receive them this week at mass. There is also a copy of the annual financial statement. Thank you for your generosity in 2025.

**Muffin Sunday – Mar. 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 Feb. 15** – 17 Envelopes - \$550.00.

**Ministry List for March 1** – Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison. **Snow Removal** from Feb. 23 to March 1 is Paul & Kent Morrison & from March 2 to March 8 are Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee.

### DIOCESE NOTICES

**The following is a statement by the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in Support of Bill C-218: "An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Medical Assistance in Dying)." The CCCB supports Bill C-218, which seeks to stop "MAiD" for mental illness alone, and encourages the Catholic faithful, in communion with their local Bishop, and all people of goodwill, to express their support for the same. We further call on the government to allow free conscience voting on this matter, given its**

profound moral and social implications. Human life is a gift that must be protected and valued at every stage and in every circumstance. As Canada's Bishops have consistently affirmed, euthanasia and assisted suicide – whether for the sick, the dying, persons with disabilities, or those with mental illness – are always morally unacceptable. For additional details, you may access the media release and CCCB writings on euthanasia and assisted suicide at: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide>

**Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center:** There is a website for the Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre along with their new Facebook and Instagram pages. You are encouraged to share these with your family, friends, contacts, and colleagues. They will be uploading new content on a regular basis, so please "follow them" and stay tuned. Facebook: <https://fb.watch/F3alSWVju/> Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/> Website: <https://hopepei.com/>

**Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign.** On Track for Justice, is now launched. Together, let's support the work with communities in the Global South who are working for Justice, peace and dignity, by donating to the Share Lent collection on March 22, or online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) and reading the mini-magazine and following the Solidarity Calendar. Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, is now launched. Together, let's support the work with communities in the Global South who are working for Justice, peace and dignity, by donating to the Share Lent collection on March 22, or online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) and reading the mini-magazine and following the Solidarity Calendar.

### PRAYER for the WEEK – PRAYER TO SAINT PETER

O Holy Apostle, because you are the Rock upon which Almighty God has built his church; obtain for me I pray you, lively faith, firm hope and burning love; complete detachment from myself, contempt of the world, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, recollection in prayer, purity of heart, a right intention in all my works, diligence in fulfilling the duties of my state of life, constancy in my resolutions, resignation to the will of God and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death; that so, by means of your intercession and your glorious merits, I may be made worthy to appear before the chief and eternal Shepherd of souls, Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Please send items for the Bulletin to Edith MacDonald at - [elmacdonald56@gmail.com](mailto:elmacdonald56@gmail.com) or phone 583-2541 by Noon, the Wednesday prior to the weekend.