

**ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT**  
**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 8, 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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In the gospel Jesus tells us that we must become the salt of the earth that gives meaning to the lives of our fellowmen. We must not become tasteless salt that does not give meaning anymore. Is it possible for us to become useless/tasteless salt of this world? Of course it is. This becomes a reality if we are uncaring, indifferent and numb to their needs.

Jesus tells us that we are to become the light of this world. What does this mean to you and me? What does this indicate to you as a father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister? This means that we must always become a positive influence, a good role model and a character formator.

We must be somebody who brings the light of Jesus to our fellowmen. And we do these virtuous actions not for us to carve our personal glory. But we do these moral acts for the greater glory of God and not for our own glory.

We need to become salt and light for others not tomorrow and certainly not in the future. We need to become salt and light in the lives of others today, right now during this very moment.

**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, Feb. 11, 9:30 a.m. Int. Special Intention by a Parishioner  
All Saints, Thursday, Feb. 12, 9:30 a.m. Int. No Intention Listed  
St. James, Friday, Feb. 13, 9:00 a.m. Int. John & Bessie Myers & Daughter Anna by Myers family  
St. James, Saturday, Feb. 14, 4:00 p.m. Int. Ronnie Gallant by Family  
St. George’s, Sunday, Feb. 15, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit  
All Saints, Sunday, Feb. 15, 10:30 a.m. Int. John Dan & Kaye Campbell & Amanda Lannigan by Family

**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.

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick:** St. Benedict's Pastoral Family is invited to pray at home to Our Lady of Lourdes on Wed., Feb 11, World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Pope Leo's message: "The compassion of the Good Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain." Please pray for Mary's intercession local and world-wide for those suffering from physical and mental illness.

**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

**Planning Session for Year of St. Francis of Assisi celebrations 2026 in St. Benedict's Pastoral Family:** There will be a meeting on Thursday, Feb.12 at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints parish. It would be great to have people from each of the 4 churches on the team so activities can take place at each church in the Unit.

**Catechism:** There will be no catechism class on Mon., Feb. 16. On Wed., Feb. 18, the youth and their families are invited to go to Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints. They will be doing some of the ministries. Families can begin the Lenten Journey together!

**Formed.org:** It is not too late to sign up for Formed .org Our Unit subscription expires at Easter! There is lots of food for thought and movies to watch and kids shows. All you need is your email and look for St. Benedict's Pastoral Unit. Contact Mary Liz or Claudia if you need assistance. Great material for Lent!

**LENT 2026**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES ON FEBRUARY 18**

St. James: 7:00 a.m.  
St. George’s: 11:00 a.m.  
All Saints: 6:30 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross** will begin on Friday, February 20 at St. James church at 6:30 p.m.

**Faith Sharing:** Faith Sharing Sessions will begin on Monday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m. at Edith MacDonald’s home. Faith Sharing at St. James will be on Tuesday, Feb. 17 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. 1 – 18** Envelopes - \$850.00; Loose – \$90.00; 6 Ongoing Maintenance Envelopes - \$90.00; 1 Initial Offering Envelope - \$5.00. E-transfers can be made to [stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com)

**Ministries for Feb.14:** Lector –Molly Gotell; Eucharistic Minister – Chris MacMillan; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Guitar. **Snow Removal** from Feb. 5 to Feb. 11 is Mike LaVie & from Feb. 12 to Feb. 18 is Hal Publicover.

**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. 1 – 30** Envelopes - \$1,060.00; Loose - \$63.00; Cemetery Fund - \$100.00. E-transfers can be made to [Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com](mailto:Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com)

**Ministries for Feb. 15 –** Lector – Mary VandenBroek Grant; Eucharistic Minister – Diane Nabuurs; Gifts – Karen VandenBroek; Ushers: Billy O’Brien & Mark Wilson. **Church Custodians** from Feb. 9 to Feb. 15 is Harry Nabuurs & from Feb. 16 to Feb. 22 is Jimmy Quinn. **Snow Removal Team** from Feb. 9 to Feb. 15 is Bobby MacDonald & Bradshaw Campbell & from Feb. 16 to Feb. 22 are Dan Shepard & John Brothers. **Church Cleaners for February** are Katherine MacDonald, Shirley Rice & Cindy Shepard.

**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.

**ST. GEORGE’S PARISH**

**Collection for Feb. 1 – 23** Envelopes - \$810.00.

**Ministry List for Feb. 15 –** Lector – Diane Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan. **Snow Removal** from Feb. 9 to Feb. 15 is Owen Fitzpatrick & Claude MacKinnon & from Feb. 16 Feb. 22 are Rob, Sam & Nate Shaw.

**Ministry List for Ash Wednesday –** Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison.

**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.

**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](mailto:ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org).

**St. Mary’s Parish Pancake Supper:** All are invited to a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17 from 4:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Parish, Montague Adults - \$10/under 12 - \$8.00; Family - \$30.00. Serving pancakes, sausages, sweets, juice, tea & coffee.

**PRAYER for the WEEK – PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Oh ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. 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.