

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15, 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 today's Gospel Jesus teaches that the 'Law and the Prophets', by which he means the scriptural tradition of Jewish faith, are to be cherished. Nevertheless, these traditions are to be 'completed' or 'fulfilled'. The fulfilment brought by Jesus can be new and unexpected. Having challenged the inadequate 'righteousness' of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus presents a new way. He gives six examples of how his teaching deepens the traditional teaching of the Jews. In them Jesus quotes the Jewish tradition and goes on to challenge it with the words, 'But I say this to you!'

The first challenge makes more radical the commandment 'You must not kill'. For those called by Christ there are deeper demands. To hurl anger and insults at another is not the behaviour of a Christian. In the following verses Jesus will offer radical new understandings of other tenets of the Law. To hate one's enemy may have been considered acceptable in the tradition, but in verse 44 Jesus says: 'But I say this to you: Love your enemies!'

Am I ready to learn new things from the teaching of Jesus? Do I cherish the teaching of the Law and the Prophets which prepared the way for Christ?

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!

ASH WEDNESDAY

St. James, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:00 a.m. Int. No Intention

St. George's, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m. Int. Catherine & Pat MacDonald by Gertie & Family

All Saints, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m. Int. No Intention

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

All Saints, Thursday, Feb. 19, 9:30 a.m. Int. Martin & Annie VandenBroek by Joanne & Eddie Donahoe

St. James, Friday, Feb. 20, 9:00 a.m. Int. No Intention Listed

St. James, Saturday, Feb. 21, 4:00 p.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

St. George's, Sunday, Feb. 22, 9:00 a.m. Int. Eddie MacKinnon by the MacKinnon Family

All Saints, Sunday, Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m. Int. Kim MacDonald by Ellie & 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.

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: 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. The children will be doing some of the ministries. Families can begin the Lenten Journey together!

Formed.org: Enrich your Lenten practice with online resources: pravasyougo.org or jesuitprayer.org or 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 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. 8 – 16 Envelopes - \$590.00; Loose – \$86.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund -- \$10.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for Feb.21: Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Guitar. **Snow Removal** from Feb. 12 to Feb. 18 is Hal Publicover & from Feb. 19 to Feb. 25 is Allan Gallant.

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. 8 – 32 Envelopes - \$925.00; Loose - \$48.75; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for Feb. 22 – Lector – Martina MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson; Gifts – Joe & Daisy Brown; Ushers: Jimmy Quinn & Billy Conohan. **Church Custodians** from Feb. 16 to Feb. 22 is Jimmy Quinn & from Feb. 23 to March 1 are Christian & Amy Ohlandt. **Snow Removal Team** from Feb. 16 to Feb. 22 is Dan Shepard & John Brothers & from Feb. 23 to March 1 are George & John Allen Hughes. **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.

Seniors Dinner: Our next Cardigan & Area Seniors Meal will be held on Tuesday, February 17. This meal includes sweet and sour meatballs, rice, and dessert. Drive thru take out begins at 11:30 a.m.; eat in dinner begins at 12:00 noon. 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 Feb. 8 – 21 Envelopes - \$645.00; Cemetery Fund for Regular Maintenance - \$700.00.

Ministry List for Feb. 22 – Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley. **Snow Removal** from Feb. 16 Feb. 22 is Rob, Sam & Nate Shaw & from Feb. 23 to March 1 are Paul & Kent Morrison.

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/F3al_SWVju/ Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/> Website: <https://hopepei.com/>

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.

A Lasting Gift of Faith: You may wish to consider remembering the Parish, the Diocese, or support for our retired priests in your Will. Even a modest bequest can help sustain parish life, support future ministry, and care for retired clergy. If you would like more information about planned giving or bequests, please contact the Parish Office or the Diocese of Charlottetown Chancery Office at 902-368-8005 or finance@dioceseofcharlottetown.com. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

PRAYER for the WEEK – PRAYER TO SAINT BENEDICT

Admirable Saint and Doctor of Humility, you practiced what you taught, assiduously praying for God's glory and lovingly fulfilling all work for God and the benefit of all human beings. You know the many physical dangers that surround us today often caused or occasioned by human inventions. Guard us against poisoning of the body as well as of mind and soul, and thus be truly a "Blessed" one for us. 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.