

## ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 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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Jesus evangelized the Samaritan woman using the water at Jacob's well as His vehicle for her to be evangelized. Jesus asked the woman to give Him a drink (John 4:7) and after that their conversation went on until the Samaritan woman was convinced by Jesus to believe in Him.

Evangelization, the Jesus way, is very different from our way of evangelization. He evangelizes using some characters, in this gospel episode the characters of well, water and His desire to drink the water from that well.

From thereon, Jesus opened another conversation until it delved to the personal background of the woman. Jesus did His evangelization with gentleness, diplomacy and humility. And the result was, He eventually converted the woman to become a believer and follower. After which the town mates of the woman also became Jesus followers' courtesy of the personal witness of the woman herself. Therefore, we must follow the out of the box method of evangelization of Jesus using gentleness, diplomacy and humility.

### 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

St. George's, Wednesday, March 11, 9:30 a.m. Int. Mary Morrison by Edith MacDonald

All Saints, Thursday, March 12, 9:30 a.m. Int. Tony VandenBroek by Karen VandenBroek

St. James, Friday, March 13, 9:00 a.m. Int. John & Bessie Myers & Daughter, Anna, by Myers Family

St. James, Saturday, March 14, 4:00 p.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

St. George's, Sunday, March 15, 9:00 a.m. Int. Clemmie Somers by Family

All Saints, Sunday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. Int. Margaret VandenBroek by Joanne & Eddie Donahoe

**\*\*\*Note change in upcoming weekday mass times – Wednesday, March 18 will be at "All Saints" at 9:30 a.m. and St. Joseph's Day Mass on Thursday, March 19 will be at "St. George's" at 9:30 a.m.\*\*\***

**Booking Masses:** Please include your phone number when submitting a Mass request in case you need to be contacted. **Weekend Masses are booked for MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE (June 28 open), JULY & AUGUST.** There are still openings for week day Masses.

Catechism Classes on Mondays, at 6:00 p.m.

Formed.org: Enrich your Lenten practice with online resources: [pravasvougo.org](http://pravasvougo.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.

Book Study Update: The book study "On Hope "reflections by Pope Francis were postponed. It is now rescheduled to April 8, 15, 22 and 29. (It will still be on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30. and online in your home.) The sessions will be just after Easter which is a 50 day season celebrating HOPE with Jesus great love action for us of His death and resurrection .... very appropriate timing. This does leave time for others to join. Just let Julia know if you are interested or if you know of anyone that would like to join. Contact Julia Donahoe MacDougald at 902-969-0154 (text) or 902-838-4395 (home) or email [jdonahoemacdougald@gmail.com](mailto:jdonahoemacdougald@gmail.com)

### LENT 2026

Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 13 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.

Diocese Day of Confessions for St. Benedict's Unit will be on Friday, March 20 at St. James church from 9:30 to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation Service for the St. Benedict's Unit will be on Wednesday, March 18 at St. James church at 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation service at St. Theresa Little Flower in Morell will be on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. and at St. Mary's in Montague on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

### St. JAMES PARISH

Collection for March 1 -16 Envelopes - \$485.00; Loose - \$132.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund - \$1,000.00. E-transfers can be made to [stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com)

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

Congratulations to our February Lottery Winner – Claranne Lavandier. Remember to return your stubs and monies by March 21 for the March 28 draw. You can turn them in to Kevin Gotell, Mark Gotell, or Sid McMullin or place them in the collection basket.

St. James Parish annual financial statement is available on the table at the back of the church. Many thanks for your continued financial support in 2025!

Thanks: St. James Parish Property & Finance Committee would like to sincerely thank the St. Dunstan's University Board of Governors for their contribution of a \$5,000.00 Grant towards our latest project.

### ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for March 1 - 28 Envelopes - \$1,165.00; Loose - \$287.75; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. E-transfers can be made to [Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com](mailto:Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com)

Ministries for March 15 – Lector – Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Dianne Nabuurs; Gifts – Edwena Campbell; Ushers; Dan Shepard & Joe Brothers. Church Custodians from March 9 to March 15 is Joey Cain & from March 16 to March 22 is Andrew Rice. Snow Removal Team from March 9 to March 15 is John Donahoe & Jacob Perry & from March 16 to March 22 are Mark Wilson & Robbie Brothers. Church Cleaners for March are Karen VandenBroek, Mary Ann Donahoe & Pauline Kelly.

### ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for March 1 – 26 Envelopes - \$1,155.00; 1 Ash Wednesday Envelope - \$10.00; Donation to the Furnace Oil Fund - \$100.00.

Ministry List for March 15 – Lector – Terry Brennan;

Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald. Snow Removal from March 9 to March 15 is Owen Fitzpatrick & Claude MacKinnon & from March 16 to March 23 are Rob, Sam & Nate Shaw.

Thank you: A big thank you to Foster Campbell for donating and installing the new light fixtures for the vestry at St. George's church.

### DIOCESE NOTICES

Clergy Changes: On Leave: Rev. Jacques Rigaud will begin a leave for health reasons effective February 12, 2026.

Appointments: Rev. Roland Berngeh is appointed Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart (Alberton), St. Anthony (Bloomfield), Immaculate Conception (Brae), Corpus Christi (Glenwood), and St. Brigid Parish (Foxley River) effective February 12, 2026. Newly arrived fidei donum priest: Rev. Christian Mbara has arrived and will be in residence at St. Pius X (Charlottetown) while awaiting an assignment.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC) invites you to the Annual Solidarity Sunday Celebration-workshop at 2:00 p.m. on March 22, in the MacKenzie Room, at St. Pius X Church, Parkdale. Speakers: Sister Libby Osgood, CND, author of Green Saints for a Green Generation, and Adah Ogbe, animator. Our solidarity work, based on Catholic Social Teaching, supports our partner groups in the Global South to eliminate poverty and promote Justice, Peace and Dignity.

Heart-of-the-Matter Marriage Preparation Course will be offered on Mar. 20/21. This is a Friday evening and all-day Saturday course held at our Lady of Assumption church in Stratford. Registration in advance required. Please reach out to Pat Wiedemer at [patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com](mailto:patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com) for more information and to register.

### PRAYER for the WEEK – PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR ONE'S FRIENDS

Joseph, in caring for Christ our Lord you cared for all who are in Christ, all who are His. Because of His gift they share in His life. Into your loving care I confidently entrust my friends and all who are dear to me, all who have asked for my prayers, all for whom I ought to pray (especially those whom I have injured) and all who have no one to pray for them, especially those, who, lost to themselves, have not even themselves. Do for them, Joseph, everything you did for the Son of God, who called you 'Father'. To Him present them, Joseph, asking Him with a father's confidence to receive them forever into the shelter of his most Sacred Heart. 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.