

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

4th Sunday of Lent
March 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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The disciples see a man blind from birth and immediately want someone to blame. Was it his sin, or his parents' sin? The Lord Jesus answers plainly. Neither this man nor his parents sinned to cause this blindness. The question itself reveals something deeper. We want to assign blame for our condition, but Scripture makes something clear. We are not sinners because we sin. We sin because we are sinners. We were born that way.

This man was born blind. The chapter emphasizes it repeatedly. He was blind from birth. Locked in darkness from the very beginning. That physical condition pictures the spiritual condition of every person by nature.

God made us for the light. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. Yet we are born into darkness because of sin. Darkness is dangerous. We cannot see what lies ahead. We cannot see what is right in front of us. Satan uses darkness, promising light, while keeping people blind.

The Lord Jesus declares, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." He came to bring light to those who sit in darkness. This man's blindness was not caused by a special sin. But it was allowed so that the works of God might be made manifest.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Earl Powers, Patricia Brousseau, 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

All Saints, Wednesday, March 18, 9:30 a.m. Int. Tony

VandenBroek by Karen VandenBroek

St. George's, Thursday, March 19, 9:30 a.m. Int. Special Intention by a Parishioner

St. James, Friday, March 20, 9:00 a.m. Int. Wilfred & Mary McQuillan & Edward & Eileen Walsh by Family

St. James, Saturday, March 21, 4:00 p.m. Int. Tony VandenBroek by John Allen & Elizabeth Hughes

St. George's, Sunday, March 22, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints, Sunday, March 22, 10:30 a.m. Int. Ryan Kelly by Joanne & Eddie Donahoe

Note change in upcoming weekday mass times – Wed., Mar. 18 will be at "All Saints" at 9:30 a.m. and St. Joseph's Day Mass on Thur., Mar. 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, 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: 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.

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

LENT 2026

Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 20 at St. James church at 6:30 p.m. Jubilee Year of St. Francis Celebration: Our Pastoral Unit is invited to A Franciscan Way of the Cross at St. Mary's Church, Montague, Fri., Mar. 27 at 6:30 p.m. by Brother Leo Franciscan Fraternity.

Diocesan Mass of Chrism: This Mass is on Monday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from each of our 4 churches are needed to pick up the Holy Oils for their parish that

night. Anyone interested in doing so, please contact Claudia.

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 8 -20 Envelopes - \$560.00; Loose - \$23.00; Donation to the On-Going Maintenance Fund - \$150.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

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

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.

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 8 - 33 Envelopes - \$900.00; Loose - \$75.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Curtis Rice - \$150.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for March 22 – Lector – Pauline Kelly; Eucharistic Minister – Billy Conohan; Gifts – Billy & Anita Conohan; Ushers; Billy O'Brien & Mark Wilson. Church Custodians from March 16 to March 22 is Andrew Rice & from March 23 – March 29 is Harry Nabuurs. Snow Removal Team from March 16 to March 22 is Mark Wilson & Robbie Brothers & from March 23 to March 29 are Reg Conohan & Shawn Creighan. Church Cleaners for March are Karen VandenBroek, Mary Ann Donahoe & Pauline Kelly.

MT Warriors Blood Drive: The MT Warriors team is in memory of Margaret and Tony VandenBroek from Cardigan/Morell. You can do this at Canadian Blood Services in Charlottetown on April 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Go to <https://myaccount.blood.ca/en/join-team/MTWA0129849> to join MT Warriors and book a time

and donate either blood or plasma. There will be some prizes drawn during the morning. If you cannot attend on the 18 but wish to donate, sign up to the MT Warriors site above and they will credit your donation to the team event. For more information contact Myles Rose at 902-969-7785 or Marilyn Barrett at 902-314-3875 (email: mabarrett112@gmail.com).

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for March 8 – 17 Envelopes - \$635.00; Loose - \$5.00.

Ministry List for March 22 – Lector – Diane Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley. Snow Removal from March 16 to March 23 is Rob, Sam & Nate Shaw & from March 24 to March 29 are Paul & Kent Morrison.

Flowers for the Altar for Easter: If anyone would like to donate money to purchase flowers for the altar for Easter you can place your donation in the box on the table in the church porch. Thank you!

CWL Eastern Area Meeting: The Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21 at the St. Mary's Church hall in Souris from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.. All CWL members are welcome to attend. Lunch is a sharing table.

DIOCESE NOTICES.

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.

PRAYER for the WEEK – IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK

As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me, the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me. May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me, the word of God speak for me. May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me, the shield of God defend me, the host of Gad save me. May Christ shield me today, Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christs when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Chris in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. 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.