

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

5th Sunday of Lent
March 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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In today's Gospel, we witness one of the most powerful revelations of who Jesus truly is. Standing before the tomb of His friend, He declares: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." Before performing the miracle, Jesus weeps. This detail is not incidental. It shows us a Savior who is not distant from human sorrow. He enters our grief. He stands at our tombs. He feels the weight of loss. Yet He does not leave things there. With authority and compassion, He cries out, "Lazarus, come out!" And death gives way to life.

This Gospel is not only about a miracle in Bethany. It is about every place in our lives where something feels sealed, buried, or beyond hope. Christ calls us out of spiritual death - out of sin, despair, and unbelief - into new life.

Hence, in the midst of very difficult and uncertain times, let us not be afraid, for our Lord Jesus Christ will always be there for us to give us hope, to protect us and to envelope us with His unfailing love.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Earl Powers, Patricia Brousseau, Jordan Lea & Fr. Albin Arsenault. 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 25, 9:30 a.m. Int. Marilyn Callaghan by Edith MacDonald

All Saints, Thursday, March 26, 9:30 a.m. Int. James O'Handley by Joan Sullivan

St. James, Friday, March 27, 9:00 a.m. Int. Matt & Jacqueline Thijseen by Tony & Chris

St. James, Saturday, March 28, 4:00 p.m. Int. Buddy & Sally McCullough by Karen VandenBroek

St. George's, Sunday, March 29, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints, Sunday, March 29, 11:00 a.m. Int. John & Wilhelmina Nabuurs by Family

**** Note Change in time for Palm Sunday Mass at All Saints to 11:00 a.m. – NOT 10:30 ****

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. (JUNE 6, STILL OPEN AT ST. FRANCIS deSALES)** There are still openings for week day Masses.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday (April 2) at All Saints at 7:00 p.m. (INCENSE WILL BE USED)

Good Friday (April 3) at St. James at 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Easter Saturday (April 4) at All Saints at 8:00 p.m. (INCENSE WILL BE USED)

Easter Sunday (April 5) at St. George's at 9:00 a.m. (In the Church)

Easter Sunday (April 5) at St. James at 11:00 a.m.

Watch formed.org videos during Holy Week. Here are a few suggestions: - Family Stations of the Cross, - Brother Francis: The Stations of the Cross - Holy Week Q&A

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.) 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

Adoration after Holy Thursday Mass: Sign-up sheets for adoration after Holy Thursday Mass will be at the back of each church next weekend. Please consider spending some

time with the Jesus in adoration at All Saints.

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Stations of the Cross: Jubilee Year of St. Francis Celebration: Stations at St. Mary's, Montague Fri., May 27 at 6:30 led by Brother Leo Secular 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: Last Faith Sharing Session on Monday, Mar. 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Edith MacDonald's home. Last Lent Faith Sharing at St. James on Mon., Mar. 24 at 5 p.m. at Rose Quinn's home beginning with potluck. All welcome.

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 15 – 8 Envelopes - \$430.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for March 28: Lector – Molly Gotell; Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Organ. **Snow Removal** from March 19 to March 25 is Allan Gallant & March 26 to April 1 is Mark King.

Choir members of the Unit are invited to practice for Good Friday at St. James on Wed., April 1 at 7:00 p.m. All welcome.

St. James' Easter Flower donations: Please contact Naomi Gotell if you wish to make a donation for Easter flowers.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for March 15 - 29 Envelopes - \$930.00; Loose - \$162.35; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Donation to the Parish IMO Margaret VandenBroek - \$50.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for March 29 – Lector – Bernice Curran Brothers; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson; Gifts – John & Mae Campbell Ushers; Jimmy Quinn & Billy Conohan. **Church Custodians** from March 23 – March 29 is Harry Nabuurs & from March 30 to April 5 is Jimmy Quinn. **Snow Removal Team** from March 23 to March 29 is Reg Conohan & Shawn Creighan & from March 30 to April 5 are Tyler & Kurt Laird. **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).

Cardigan & Area Seniors Meal: Wednesday, March 25 (storm date March 26) at All Saints Parish Center. Menu: chicken breast dinner and dessert. Drive thru take out at 11:30 a.m.; eat in dinner at 12:00 p.m. 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 March 15 – 18 Envelopes - \$560.00; Loose - \$10.00.

Ministry List for March 29 – Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison. **Snow Removal** from March 24 to March 29 is Paul & Kent Morrison & from March 30 to April 5 are Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee.

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.

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 – PRAYER TO ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

Father, through Cyril of Jerusalem you led your Church to a deeper understanding of the mysteries of salvation. Let his prayers help us to know your Son and to be born into eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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.