

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

**Palm Sunday
March 29, 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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Palm Sunday

I think we call the week holy because it is a week of compassion of Christ. Why holy week? Holiness we may connect with prayer, maybe good deeds, penances. It's holy because of love, love divine and human.

We walk through the passion, and the heart of Christ goes out to people. He does not condemn but he does fight evil. In the middle of all the battle of good and evil is compassion.

He doesn't seem to blame... Pilate is not blamed; it's more those above him. For the one who arrests and had the ear cut off – there is healing. He looked at Peter with forgiveness and forgave the people beside him on the cross. It is compassion to the end.

The man at the end said – this was the son of God. When we see and know compassion, we see and know God. Can we put compassion into action in how we deal with each other? Can we live with care that is real? The cross has a long shadow for many people now. We hope that with the shadow of the cross we find also the light of compassion. Especially for the elderly, the poor, and the people struggling silently.

Let the compassion of the gospel be the feel and the word for Palm Sunday.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Earl Powers, Patricia Brousseau, Jordan Lea, Danny Webster & 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, April 1, 9:30 a.m. Int. David MacDonald by Family

All Saints, Thursday, Holy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. Int. Sylvia O'Neill by Joan Sullivan

St. James, Friday, April 3, ***Stations of the Cross from 2:15 to 2:45 *** Good Friday Service 3:00 p.m.

All Saints, Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m. Int. Tony VandenBroek by Joanne & Eddie Donahoe

AS OF MARCH 29 –ALL SAINTS SUNDAY MASS IS IN THE CHURCH

St. George's, Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Int. Peter Campbell by Leona & Family

AS OF APRIL 5 – ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY MASS IS IN THE CHURCH

St. James, Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Booking Masses: Please include your phone number when submitting a Mass request in case you need to be contacted. **Weekend Masses are booked for APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY & AUGUST. (JUNE 6, STILL OPEN AT ST. FRANCIS deSALES)** There are still openings for week day Masses.

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 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.) Contact Julia 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 jdonahoemacdouald@gmail.com

Devine Mercy Sunday: There will be a celebration for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12 at St. James Church starting with a Holy Hour and time for confessions from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena (which starts on Good Friday) & can be found at the following website. Follow the instructions to find the prayer for each of the nine days which ends on Divine Mercy Sunday <https://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/divine-mercy-novena.pdf>

Planning meeting for Unit Jubilee Year Celebrations on Thurs., April 16 at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints Church. Everyone welcome. Meetings will be held the last Tuesday of April, May, June, Sept., Oct., & Nov. & will be held at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints. Sessions will explore the 6 themes of the Jubilee Year... Mercy, Peace, Prayer, Fraternity, Blessing, & Work. Please reserve the dates.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for March 22 – 16 Envelopes - \$435.00; Loose - \$76.00; 4 On-going Maintenance Envelopes - \$40.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for April 5: Lector – Mike Gallant; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Choir – Organ & Choir. **Snow Removal** from March 26 to April 1 is Mark King & from April 2 to April 8 is Mike LaVie.

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 (902-213-5715) if you wish to make a donation for Easter flowers.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for March 22 - 28 Envelopes - \$1,020.00; Loose - \$44.55; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; 2 Solidarity Sunday Envelopes - \$65.00; Building Fund IMO Curtis Rice - \$20.00; Building Fund - \$600.00; Building Fund Estate Bequest - \$12,500.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Marilyn Callaghan - \$1,620.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for April 2 – Holy Thursday – Lector – To Be Announced; Eucharistic Minister – Ron Blue; Gifts – To Be Announced Ushers; No Collection. **Ministries for April 4 - Easter Saturday** – Lectors – To Be Announced; Eucharistic Minister – Cindy Shepard; Gifts – To Be Announced; Ushers – George VandenBroek & Louis Callaghan; **Church Custodians** from March 30 to April 5 is Jimmy Quinn & from April 6 to April 12 is Christian & Amy Ohlandth. **Snow Removal Team** from March 30 to April 5 is Tyler & Kurt Laird & from April 6 to April 12 are George & Martin VandenBroek. **Church Cleaners for April** are Julie VandenBroek, Janice MacIntyre & Joanne Conohan.

All Saints Parish will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about Parish Council and upcoming initiatives is warmly welcome to attend. If someone is unable to attend but would still like to learn more or get involved, they can contact Jake Perry at 902-326-8804.

MT Warriors Blood Drive: The MT Warriors team is in memory of Margaret and Tony VandenBroek from Cardigan/Morell. Donate 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 22 – 21 Envelopes - \$585.00.

Ministry List for April 5 – Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Joe & Claire McCarron; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson. **Snow Removal** from March 30 to April 5 is Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee & from April 6 to April 12 are Owen Fitzpatrick & Claude MacKinnon.

DIOCESE NOTICES.

The Passion of Christ: A Lenten shadow drama will take place on April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Dunstan's Basilica. Come and experience the Passion of Christ through a powerful shadow re-enactment by our St. Dunstan's Parish Youth Group. Let this moving presentation draw you into prayer, reflection, and the depth of His love. All are warmly invited.

LIFE through our Change4LIFE baby bottle program: The St. Benedict's Unit will be collecting for this program from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Some parishes are conducting the program now. Baby bottles will be available at our 3 churches for Mother's Day.

The 106th Annual Provincial C.W.L. Convention: This year's convention will be held on Friday, May 1 & Saturday, May 2 at the Charlottetown Rodd Hotel. Registration fee is \$30.00. Registration deadline is April 15. Copies of the registration form are available on the church bulletin boards at St. George's & St. James.

St. Paul's Parish Eucharistic Congress is on Saturday, April 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Join us for a day of inspiring talks, prayer, and fellowship as we reflect on the beauty and centrality of the Eucharist in our Catholic life. Fr. Keith Kennific, Fr. Chris Sherren and Fr. Francis Sohe will offer reflections on themes including Liturgy, Sacred Scripture, Eucharistic Spirituality, and Pastoral Practice, helping us grow in appreciation of the "source and summit" of our faith. The registration fee of \$10 includes a nutritious lunch, coffee, and snacks. We have only 80 seats available. To register, please contact: Wayne & Linda Doucette at 902 436-4005.

PRAYER for the WEEK – PRAYER TO SAINT ISIDORE (FOR LABOURERS)

"Good Saint Isidore, you were born into poverty and worked by the sweat of your brow throughout your life to give God glory. Please pray that I will find dignity and holiness by doing the most mundane chores and labors of my life with love. May I always seek first God's Kingdom, making His will the center of my life. Saint Isidore the Laborer, pray for me".

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.