

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

3rd Sunday of Easter
April 19, 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 story of the Road to Emmaus is one of the most beautiful and comforting Resurrection accounts. This reminds us of a powerful truth:

1. Jesus meets us in our confusion:

The disciples were not running toward faith—they were walking away. God does not wait for us to be perfect. He meets us right where we are—in our doubts, fears, and questions.

2. The Word opens our hearts:

Jesus explains the Scriptures to them, helping them understand that suffering was part of God's plan. Their reaction: "Were not our hearts burning within us?" When we listen to God's Word—through Scripture, prayer, or reflection—our hearts begin to awaken again.

3. We recognize Him in the breaking of the bread:

It is only when Jesus breaks the bread that their eyes are opened. This is a clear reminder of the Eucharist, where we truly encounter Christ.

4. Encounter leads to mission:

After recognizing Jesus, the disciples immediately return to Jerusalem to share the Good News. A real encounter with Christ always moves us to action—to share, to witness, to proclaim.

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 22, 9:30 a.m. Int. Special Intention by a Parishioner

All Saints, Thursday, April 23, 9:30 a.m. Int. Marilyn Callaghan by Louis Callaghan

St. James, Friday, April 24, 9:00 a.m. Int. George Creed by Family

St. James, Saturday, April 25, 4:00 p.m. Int. Sally & Buddy McCullough by Karen VandenBroek

St. George's, Sunday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. Int. Barbara & Urban MacKinnon by Family

All Saints, Sunday, April 26, 10:30 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** There are still openings for week day Masses.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for April 12 – 18 Envelopes - \$410.00; Loose – \$113.00; Donations to the Cemetery Fund IMO Gloria Brousseau - \$90.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for April 25: Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Chris MacMillan; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir - Guitar. Snow Removal from April 16 to April 22 is Allan Gallant & from April 23 to April 29 is Mark King.

Congratulations to our March Lottery Winner – Brenda Richard. Remember to return your stubs and monies by April 18 for the April 25 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 April 12 - 33 Envelopes - \$1,107.20; Loose - \$99.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Building Fund IMO Tony VandenBroek - \$2,000.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for April 26 - Lector – Robin Laird; Eucharistic Minister – Katie Perry; Gifts – Mark & Kari Doiron; Ushers – Harry Nabuurs & Ron Blue; Church Custodians from April 20 to April 26 is Joey Cain & from April 27 to May 3 is Andrew Rice. Snow Removal Team from April 20 to April 26 is Dan Shepard & John Brothers & from April 27 to May 3 are George & John Allen Hughes. Church Cleaners for April are Julie VandenBroek, Janice MacIntyre & Joanne Conohan.

Muffin Sunday – May 3: Please join us after Mass at All Saints for "Muffin Sunday" for our Unit. Coffee, Tea and

Juice will be on and contributions to sharing table would be most welcome.

Interior church cleaning will take place on May 23 at 9:00 a.m. A list of cleaning tasks will be at the back of the church for the month of May for those that wish to help but can't make the May 23 date.

Cardigan & Area Free Seniors Meal: The meal will be on Wednesday, April 22 at All Saints Parish Center. Menu; lasagna, garlic bread, Caesar salad 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 April 12 – 23 Envelopes - \$830.00; 1 Good Friday/Holy Land Envelopes - \$10.00; Loose - \$22.00. Donation to the Cemetery for Regular Maintenance - \$200.00.

Ministry for April 26 – Lector – Diane Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Lorraine & Sally Morrison; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Chris MacMillan. Snow Removal from April 20 to April 26 is Paul & Kent Morrison & from April 27 to May 3 are Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Feast Day is on Sunday, April 26. The Litany to Our Lady of Good Counsel will be prayed during Mass at St. George's that morning and the Book of Life will be on display. All CWL members are encouraged to attend this Mass. A Mass is being offered for the Living and Deceased CWL Members of the St. George's Council on Wednesday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m.

DIOCESE NOTICES.

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.

North Shore Funeral Co-op Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home in Morell. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.

Clergy Updates:

Rev. Krzysztof Stanula, CSMA has been recalled from our diocese by his religious congregation to accept a new appointment effective May 11, 2026.

Rev. Piotr Wojakiewicz, CSMA has been recalled from our diocese by his religious congregation to accept a new appointment at a date to be determined. A replacement for Fr. Peter at St. Francis of Assisi (Cornwall), St. Anne (Emyvale), and St. Martin (Cumberland) will be announced later.

Rev. Andrew Handrahan is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Dunstan parish effective May 11, 2026.

Young people don't know Christ! They are separated from God and his plan for them - afraid, alone, anxious, and lacking meaning. The Church needs your help! Join us in proclaiming Jesus to high school students and showing them how to respond and live for Him. Catholics ages 16 - 30 are invited to join us at our upcoming online NET Mission Discernment Event happening on Saturday, April 25 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EST! Get a glimpse into what this transformative year of mission could look like! Interested or know someone who would be? Sign up at netcanada.ca/apply! Have questions? Email recruit@netcanada.ca or call/text 613-292-9991

PRAYER for the WEEK: JOIN THE CWL IN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (Pray that people will hear the call from God to a vocation and say "yes".) VOCATION SUNDAY IS APRIL 26

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son. Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious. By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gracious and loving God, help men and women to hear the call to serve. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perservance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS

Lord God, we pray for our priests and seminarians. We ask for Your blessing as they serve Your people and the Church. May they be faithful and hold in sharing Your Word and ministering to those in need. We ask that You give them understanding, courage, and a great love for You and others. Through Christ our Lord. 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.