

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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, in the gospel, tells the crowd that He is the good shepherd and that desires only the best for them. Jesus also tells them that He is the gate of life.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

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 29, 9:30 a.m. Int. Living & Deceased St. George's CWL Members

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

St. James, Friday, May 1, 9:00 a.m. Int. John & Bessie Myers & Daughter Anna by Myers Family

St. James, Saturday, May 2, 4:00 p.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

St. George's, Sunday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. Int. Ken Shaw by Family

All Saints, Sunday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. Int. Tracey MacDonald-Welsh by Marilyn Barrett

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

Sharing on First Theme of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis--Peace-- within, with others, with all creation will be held at All Saints Church Parish Center on Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. All most welcome.

Prayers for Palliative Care: Tuesday, May 13, is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and all are invited to pray privately for those in palliative care. St George's and All Saints CWL Council members will be given specific half hour times to pray so there will be continuous prayer all day. If we are unable to contact you just pray at any time. The day of prayer will close with Mass at St George's church at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to come and pray this ultimate prayer - "The Mass". This Jubilee Year of St. Francis we are reminded to approach our last days as he did...embracing Sister Death.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Good Friday/Holy Land – April 3 – 12 Envelopes – \$245.00; Loose - \$197.00; **Collection for**

April 5 – 16 Envelopes - \$380.00; Loose – \$95.00; Donations to the Cemetery Fund IMO Gloria Brousseau - \$350.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund IMO Gloria Brousseau by Brousseau Family - \$150.00; **Collection for April 19** – 14 Envelopes - \$486.00; Loose - \$85.00; 4 On Going Maintenance Envelopes - \$55.00; Donations to the Cemetery Fund IMO Babe Gotell - \$710.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for May 2: Lector – Molly Gotell; Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir - Organ. **Snow Removal** 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 Good Friday/Holy Land – April 3 - 25 Envelopes - \$770.00; **Collection for April 5** – 21 Envelopes - \$875.00; Loose - \$58.25; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Building Fund - \$10.00; **Collection for April 19** - 33 Envelopes - \$945.00; Loose - \$89.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. E-transfers can be made to allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for May 3 - Lector – Martina MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Jenny VandenBroek; Gifts – Eddie & Joanne Donahoe; Ushers – Benny Nabuurs & Reggie Conohan; **Church Custodians** from April 27 to May 3 is Andrew Rice & from May 4 to May 10 is Harry Nabuurs. **Snow Removal Team** from April 27 to May 3 is George & John Allen Hughes. **Church Cleaners for April** are Amy Ohlandt, Beverley Gordon & Frances MacDonald.

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.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for Good Friday/Holy Land – 7 Envelopes - \$130.00; **Collection for April 5** – 19 Envelopes - \$1,030.00; Loose \$72.00; 1 Initial Envelope - \$10.00; **Collection for April 19** – 25 Envelopes - \$620.00; Loose - \$11.00.

Ministry for May 3 – Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts – David & Rosella MacDonald; Ushers – Jeannie Johnston & Doreen Acorn. **Snow Removal** from April 27 to May 3 is Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Feast Day: 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.

PEI 2026 March Life is taking place on Sunday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m. Participants are to meet at the Central Christian Church at 223 Kent Street in Charlottetown. There are 2 guest speakers: Zachariah Fralick & Michelle Lowe.

PRAYER for the WEEK THE LEAGUE PRAYER OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

We humbly pray You, O God our Father, to bless

The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Bless our beloved country, our homes and families. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength to our wills that we may know and fulfil Your great law of charity. Teach us to share with others at home and abroad, the good things You have given us. This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. 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.