

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

Ascension of the Lord
May 17, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. James: Sat. 4:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m.
St. Francis deSales: Sat. 6:00 p.m. (begins on Sat., June 6)
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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Ascension of the Lord

The opening scene of today's Gospel is on a mountain in Galilee. Jesus had instructed his disciples "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Therefore "go forth and preach." He commissions his disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations." They were to baptize and teach. Their mission was to share with peoples of all nations what Jesus had taught them.

And for most of us that is true. We do have responsibilities to our families and our community. However, for most of us our call is to preach the Gospel every day, right where we are. We can preach the Gospel every day: by what we say, how we say it, what we do and how we do it! The familiar saying: "Actions speak louder than words" is very true! Every day we have the ability to "preach the Gospel" without saying a word. We can "preach the Gospel" simply by who we are, what we do and how we do it!

Words are simple and sometimes distracting. To preach how we live is a full-time commitment. The gift is: if we choose to preach the Gospel, we simply need to live our lives in a loving and generous way. However, we must make this choice! No one else can do it for us. So: what will we choose?

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

No Mass on Wednesday or Thursday This Week

St. James, Friday, May 22, , 9:00 a.m. Int. John & Bessie Myers & Daughter Anna by Myers family

St. James, Saturday, May 23, 4:00 p.m. Int. Sally & Buddy McCullough by Karen VandenBroek

St. George's, Sunday, May 24, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints, Sunday, May 24, 10:30 a.m. Int. Mary Redmond by Edwena Campbell

*** Saturday Mass at St. Francis de Sales will begin on Saturday, June 6 at 6:00 p.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 MAY, JUNE, JULY & AUGUST** There are still openings for week day Masses.

Priest's Retreat: Fr. Kishore will be away for the annual priest's retreat from Sunday evening of May 17 to Thursday, May 21. There will be no weekday Masses that week on Wednesday or Thursday. There will be Mass on Friday morning.

The second Jubilee Theme Prayer will be shared on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints Church in the parish center. Please disregard a previous notice that themes would be the last Tuesday of the month. Everyone welcome!

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for May 10 – 15 Envelopes - \$435.00; Loose - \$140.00; 5 On-Going Maintenance Envelopes - \$55.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for May 23: Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Organ.

Congratulations to our April Lottery Winner – Kevin Walsh. Remember to return your stubs and monies by **May 16 for the May 23 draw**. You can turn them in to Kevin Gotell, Mark Gotell, or Sid McMullin or place them in the collection basket.

Rosemary's Potluck will be held on Saturday, May 30 after Mass (5:00 p.m.) at St. James. All are welcome to come for food and fellowship.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for May 10 - 32 Envelopes - \$995.00; Loose - \$103.10; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for May 24 - Lector – Shanna Farrell MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson; Gifts – Eric Grant & Mary VandenBroek Grant; Ushers – George VandenBroek & Louis Callaghan; **Church Custodians** from May 18 to May 24 is Christian & Amy Ohlandt & from May 25 to May 31 is Ron Blue. **Church Cleaners for May** are Amy Ohlandt, Beverley Gordon & Frances MacDonald.

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.

All Saints Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the All Saints Parish Center. All are welcome.

All Saints CWL is suggesting that since Red is the color of vestment worn by the Priest for the Feast of Pentecost that people, if they wish, have the option of wearing red also.

Muffin Sunday – June 7: Please join us after Mass at All Saints for "Muffin Sunday" for our Unit on June 7. Coffee, Tea and Juice will be on and contributions to a sharing table would be most welcome. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST MUFFIN SUNDAY** until October.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for May 10 – 24 Envelopes - \$660.00; Loose - \$75.00; 1 Envelope for the Pope's Pastoral Works - \$20.00.

Ministries for May 24– Lector – Terry Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley; Gifts – Lorraine & Sally Morrison; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron.

CWL News: St. George's CWL is having a Bake Sale at the Dundas Plowing Match Yard Sale on Saturday, May 23, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Bakers can drop off their baked goods at either church (St. James or St. George's) between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening (May 22). If you need your baked goods picked up, please call Edith or Carol directly to make arrangements. For members who prefer to make a cash donation instead of participating, you are welcome to give your donation to any executive member (Carol, Edith, Joanie, Dolores or Claudia). We hope to see many of you at the Yard Sale on Saturday to support this local event.

GENERAL NOTICES

Hannah Pitre, 18 year old from All Saints Parish, has been accepted to serve for one year as a missionary with NET Canada. Missionaries receive training in Ottawa before travelling throughout Canada putting on retreats for grades 6-12, encouraging youth to trust in God's love for them and to follow Jesus in the Church. Each missionary must fundraise \$10,000. Please pray for Hannah during this year and consider donating to:

<https://www.netcanada.ca/missionaries/hannah-pitre/>. Contact Hannah with any questions at HannahPitre5555@gmail.com. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20.

Thank you to J.D. Somers who made the cross and stand for the San Damiano Crucifix that will be used in our Mass processions and activities over this Jubilee Year of St. Francis. Parishes in St. Benedict's Unit will be taking monthly turns using it. Before this crucifix St. Francis prayed for Jesus to show him how to do His will. May we make that our prayer this Jubilee Year.

You are invited to a Jubilee Year of St. Francis Celebratory Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, in Stratford on Friday, May 29, at 6:00 p.m. It will be hosted by Brother Leo Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. Presider will be Fr. Jim Willick, Parish Pastor and Diocesan Administrator. Guest Homilist is Fr. Bruce Ansems whose homily will be on "Mary and Francis: Models of Faith for Us All". Everyone is most welcome to come and celebrate! There will be food and fellowship following in the parish center. If you are unable to attend, please pray for the spiritual well-being of the participants as we also hold you up in prayer. Mary and Francis, pray for us.

PEI 2026 March Life is taking place on Sunday, June 7 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.

Information Regarding Chalice will be presented to St. Benedict Pastoral Unit at the June 6 and June 7 Masses. Chalice is Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization.

To The Heights Young Adult Retreat from July 31-August 2 at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre. The Diocese of Charlottetown is partnering with the Verso L'Alto Young Adult Group and SDU to host a weekend retreat for young adults aged 18 through their 30s. This retreat allows young adults to reach to the heights of their faith life through sacraments, guest speakers, and opportunities for fellowship. The cost is \$160/person for single occupancy and \$115/person for double occupancy. Register online at sites.google.com/view/totheheights2026.

PRAYER for the WEEK FOR SAINT MATTHIAS:

O glorious St. Matthias ... you were selected by the twofold sign of the uprightness of your life and the call of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for us the grace to practice the same uprightness of life and to be called by that same Spirit to wholehearted service of the Church. 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.