

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 9, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. James: Sat. 4:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m.
St. Francis deSales: Sat. 4:00 p.m.
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 our first reading the Lord God said to Elijah go outside the mountain for God will be passing by. There was a strong wind but God was not there. Then followed an earthquake but God was still not there. Subsequently, fire came but God was not in the fire. After these thundering false manifestations then came a tiny whispering sound of silence and it was God; He spoke to Elijah.

The gospel says there is a great storm, waves battered the boat, and the disciples fear for their lives while Jesus sleeps. Then amidst the disturbance came Jesus silently walking on the violent water. He is there to calm them and to assure them that everything would be all right for He is there to save them all.

We are oftentimes being tossed upside down by our worries and problems that generate fear and disturbance in our hearts. We are being tossed by fear of losing our job, we are being disturbed by fear of sickness and death. We are being tossed by fear of getting old and there are countless more fears that may come our way.

But in the middle of all these fears and disturbances in our lives Jesus silently comes into our hearts. To assure and calm us that everything will be alright, to say to us that we need not fear. And to say to us to remain strong in your faith, for I am here to save you.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Stacy McMullin Jenkins, Earl Powers, Patricia Brousseau, 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, August 12, 9:30 a.m. Int. Special Intention by a Parishioner

All Saints, Thursday, August 13, 9:30 a.m. Int. Curtis Rice by Julia & Sandy MacDougald

St. James, Friday, August 14, 9:00 a.m. Int. John & Bessie Myers & Daughter Anna by Myers Family **NO ADORATION AFTER MASS THIS WEEK ONLY.**

St. James, Saturday, August 15, 4:00 p.m. Int. Helen Smith by Family

St. Francis de Sales, Saturday, August 15, 6:00 p.m. Int. Frances MacDonald by Carol **NOTE CHANGE IN TIME FOR MASS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES IS NOW AT 4:00 P.M. AND NOT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER ONLY**

St. George’s, Sunday, August 16, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints, Sunday, August 16, 10:30 a.m. Int. Pat and Larry Doucette by Joanne & Eddie Donahoe

Booking Masses: Please include your phone number when submitting a Mass request in case you need to be contacted. **Weekend Masses are booked for JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER.** Weekday Masses: St. James is booked each Friday until November 20; All Saints is booked each Thursday until November 26; St. George’s is booked each Wednesday until October 28. **All 4 Christmas Eve Masses are already booked.**

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Aug. 2 – 15 Envelopes - \$530.00; Loose - \$125.00; 4 On-Going Maintenance Envelopes - \$40.00; Donation to the Cemetery Fund IMO Anne Martell - \$240.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for August 15: Lector – Molly Gotell; Eucharistic Minister – Allan Gallant; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Guitar.

Congratulations to our July Lottery Winner – Nancy Murphy. Remember to return your stubs and monies by August 15 for the August 22 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 August 2 –24 Envelopes - \$675.00; Loose - \$176.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for August 16 - Lector – Pauline Kelly; Eucharistic Minister – Katie Perry; Gifts - Harry Nabuurs; Ushers – Dan Shepard & Joe Brothers. **Church Custodians** from August 10 to August 16 is Christian & Amy Ohlandt & from August 17 to August 23 is Ron Blue. **Church Cleaners for August** are Jocelyn Brothers, Anne Sheperd, Chris Currie, & Dianne Nabuurs.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary: To celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, on August 16, All Saints Parish children are invited to join the Offertory Procession. They will each be given a potted plant to place at Mary’s statue, and following mass they can take a plant home to begin a "Mary Garden". Instructions for this will be provided and if there are any questions please contact an All Saints CWL member.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for August 2 – 21 Envelopes - \$620.00; Loose - \$60.00.

Ministries for August – 16 - Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Carol Caverley; Gifts – Joe & Claire McCarron; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison.

ST. GEORGE’S CWL SUMMER 50/50 DRAW: Tickets for the second St. George’s 50/50 Draw will be on sale before and after Mass for the month of August. Tickets are \$10. You are welcome to offer tickets to friends and family outside of our parish and purchase them on Sundays at the 9:00 Mass. Our second draw is Sunday, August 30. Good luck!

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

Ministries for August 15– Lector – Lynn MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Cyril MacDonald; Gifts – Clara Black & Helen Pierce; Ushers – Ray MacDonald & Bernard Gillis.

GENERAL NOTICES

The Jubilee Year Franciscan Crown Rosary Pilgrimage which will be held in the St. Benedict’s and Bishop Angus Bernard MacEachern Units, on Saturday, August 15, the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Assumption. The Pilgrimage will begin at **9:30 a.m.at St. Francis de Sales church.** The next stop is at 11:00 a.m. at St. George’s church. The 1:00 p.m. stop is at St. Mary’s church in Montague and it ends at 3:15 p.m. at St. James church in Georgetown. The Pilgrimage closes with 4:00 p.m. Mass at St James. It will be a day of presentation, community prayer for intentions, personal prayer, and fellowship. Lunch will be provided by the planning team and supper is a potluck. We ask all to register by Monday, August 10 with Claudia at 902-969-0266. Everyone is most welcome.

The Owen Connolly Estate Bursary: The Owen Connolly Estate provides annual bursaries, worth approximately \$2,500, to Roman Catholic residents of PEI who can demonstrate their Irish heritage and have material financial need. Applicants must be full-time students enrolled in an

undergraduate program at an accredited university in Canada. College students who are completing a joint program / degree must be enrolled in the university portion of their studies to be eligible. Bursaries are awarded in January 2027. Applications may be **submitted from July 1st to end of day on August 31.** Apply at www.OwenConnollyestate.com.

Heart-of-The-Matter marriage prep course will be offered on August 14 & 15 at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Stratford. The course goes from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday and 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. There are a few spaces available. Registration required. Please contact Pat at patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com or call 902-393-6047 for more information and how to register.

Jubilee Year Celebration: The Feast of St. Clare of Assisi will be celebrated Tuesday, August 11 at 5:45 p.m. at St. Mary’s Church in Montague. The celebration begins with the sharing of her life as a follower of St. Francis of Assisi with the Litany of St. Clare, followed by Mass and closing with "Franciscan Taizé"-Adoration and Meditative hymns. Stay for food and fellowship before heading home! All are welcome!

Mr. Samuel Vail will be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate at St. Dunstan’s Basilica on Monday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m., the Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr. His Excellency, Christian Riesbeck, Bishop of the Diocese of Saint John, New Brunswick, will preside over this sacred ceremony. All are welcome!

The 6th Annual Bike For Christ is happening from August 22-23, 2026! The Bike For Christ is a two-day bike retreat/pilgrimage for youth grades 8-12. This 75-kilometer journey through Eastern PEI aims to spread Christ by exposing youth to his Church’s Sacraments and Sacramentals, while immersing them in an authentically Catholic community. For more information and to register, call Nate at 902-916-8914 or visit our website, bikeforchrist.wordpress.com.

PRAYER for the WEEK FOR SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage and strength to serve You. Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me. I do not see very far ahead, but when I have arrived where the horizon now closes down, a new prospect will open before me and I shall meet with peace. How wondrous are the marvels of Your love, we are amazed, we stammer and grow dumb, for word and spirit fail us. 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.