

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
20th^h Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 16, 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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How do we define our faith in Jesus? It’s when we don’t give up on what we want from Jesus. We continuously harass Him until He gives in to our prayer to Him.

The Canaanite woman had this kind of faith; she never gave up on her prayer request for Jesus to heal her daughter tormented by a demon. There were many obstacles stacked against her, foremost of this was her not being a Jew but it did not matter to her. She persisted and she even argued with Jesus until she passed Jesus’ examination of her faith. After which her daughter was healed by Jesus.

This gospel also relates with our own journey of faith with Jesus. Anyone of us could be that Canaanite woman who begged Jesus to no end until she got the healing that she wanted for her daughter.

However, unlike the woman from Canaan who persisted until the very end we may not have the will to badger Jesus. We may have quit already and said to ourselves, “I give up on my prayer to Jesus because He seems to be deaf.” What we do not know is the delay is just part of the testing of our faith. Let us therefore not give up and let us continue to pray to the Lord for our safety for we will overcome this eventually with the help of the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Stacy McMullin Jenkins, Earl Powers, Patricia Brousseau, Greg Drysdale, 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 19, 9:30 a.m. Int. Tim Wartman by Audrey & Vernon Yoston

All Saints, Thursday, August 20, 9:30 a.m. Int. Marilyn Callaghan by Shirley Campbell

St. James, Friday, August 21, 9:00 a.m. Int. John & Bessie Myers & Daughter Anna by Myers Family

St. James, Saturday, August 22, 4:00 p.m. Int. Fred Myers by Patsy, Colin & Family

St. Francis de Sales, Saturday, August 22, 4:00 p.m. Int. Alex, Laura & Billy Fisher by Jane & Clara (**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 23, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints, Sunday, August 23, 10:30 a.m. Int. Eileen & Joe MacIntyre by Shirley Campbell & Family

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. 9 – Unavailable. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for August 22: Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Altar Server – Jim Garrity; Choir – Organ.

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 9 – 29 Envelopes - \$890.00; Loose - \$228.05; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Building Fund - \$200.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for August 23 - Lector – Mary VandenBroek Grant; Eucharistic Minister – Jenny VandenBroek; Gifts - Benny & Dianne Nabuurs; Ushers – Billy O’Brien & Mark Wilson. Church Custodians from August 17 to August 23 is Ron Blue & from August 24 to August 30 is Joey Cain. Church Cleaners for August are Jocelyn Brothers, Anne Sheperd, Chris Currie, & Dianne Nabuurs.

Thank You: To parishioners and visitors of All Saints please accept my deepest gratitude for last Sunday’s event. I was speechless! It has been my honor and privilege to lead the music here but I couldn’t do it without the singers and guitarists. Thank you for putting your faith in me and coming week after week! Thank you to Marjo (Nabuurs) Langille who led the charge and to all her helpers, including her three sisters and her cousins. I feel very blessed to know you and call you my friends!! Thank you, Marilyn

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 9 – 15 Envelopes - \$370.00; Loose - \$67.00.

Ministries for August – 23 - Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – David & Rosella MacDonald; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron.

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 22– Lector – Carmel MacKenzie; Eucharistic Minister – Marita Gallant; Gifts – Jane Fisher & Clara Fisher; Ushers – Jack Jans & Billy MacDonald.

Oyster Rockefeller Fundraiser: Come help us celebrate our 5th annual Oyster Rockefeller Fundraiser featuring our delicious White Linen Oysters on Sunday, August 30 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Little Pond. All are welcome!! Costs: Good will donation. Proceeds will go towards the renovations beginning in the fall at St. Francis de Sales church Little Pond.

GENERAL NOTICES

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.

The Catholic Funeral Liturgy seeks to have the community of faith pray for the deceased as well as to provide consolation to those grieving the loss of their loved ones. Music is an essential component of this Liturgy and must follow certain guidelines in order for it to remain sacred, meaningful, and appropriate. The Diocese has updated the pamphlet entitled “Music Guidelines for Catholic Funeral Liturgies”. When planning funerals, your Pastor and Music Ministers/organists will be making music recommendations based on these guidelines. If you would like a copy yourself, please speak to your pastor or parish office.

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 THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Holy Mary, help those in need, give strength to the weak, comfort the sorrowful, pray for God’s people, assist the clergy, intercede for religious. May all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection. 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.