

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 23, 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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The question Jesus asks Peter specifically says, “Who do YOU say I am?” This question becomes quite personal, and it gives us pause. And it will give us pause at different times and for different reasons and seasons in our lives. We can tell a person who Jesus was, historically, biblically, and what he has done, including the roles he has held in our lives. But when this question is asked, and God looks us in the eyes and says, “Who do you say that I am?”; this is what gives us pause. And it should. It should cause us to examine and discern what God has done in our lives so we can answer accurately.

Peter responded to His question, based on his experience with Jesus, that “You are the Christ the son of the living God.” If Jesus repeats the same question to us today, what is our answer? What kind of relationship do we have with Jesus? What else do we call Jesus? A shepherd, a teacher/Rabbi, close friend, confidant, a justice of peace, a son, a brother? Because Jesus holds a different kind of relationship with people, in different phases of their lives, he holds many titles, and we identify him in many ways.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Stacy McMullin Jenkins, Earl Powers, Patricia Brousseau, Greg Drysdale, & Danny Webster. 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 26, 9:30 a.m. Int. Glenn Campbell by Maggie & Greg Campbell

All Saints, Thursday, August 27, 9:30 a.m. Int. Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner

St. James, Friday, August 28, 9:00 a.m. Int. Tony VandenBroek by Karen VandenBroek

St. James, Saturday, August 29, 4:00 p.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

St. Francis de Sales, Saturday, August 29, 4:00 p.m. Int. Raymond & Lucetta 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 30, 9:00 a.m. Int. Gus, Margaret, George & Bal MacDonald & Mary Harris by Family

All Saints, Sunday, August 30, 10:30 a.m. Int. Noel & Helen Wilson by 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 – 18 Envelopes - \$475.00; Loose - \$70.00; Collection for Aug. 16 – 19 Envelopes - \$504.00; Loose - \$117.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for August 29: Lector – Kevin 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 16– 34 Envelopes - \$1,175.00; Loose - \$267.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for August 30 - Lector – Ron Blue; Eucharistic Minister – Mary Ann Donahoe; Gifts - Christian & Amy Ohlandt; Ushers – Harry Nabuurs & Ron Blue. Church Custodians from August 24 to August 30 is Joey Cain & from August 31 to September 6 is Andrew Rice. Church Cleaners for August are Jocelyn Brothers, Anne Sheperd, Chris Currie, & Dianne Nabuurs.

All Saints CWL Meeting on Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for August 16 – 26 Envelopes - \$1,075.00; Loose - \$61.00.

Ministries for August – 30 - Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts – Lorraine ^ Sally Morrison; Ushers – Jeannie Johnston & Doreen Acorn.

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 29– Lector – Claire Young; Eucharistic Minister – Cyril MacDonald; Gifts – Carol MacDonald & Clara Black; Ushers – Ray MacDonald & Bernard Gillis.

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

Jubilee Celebration: Join us for Mass at St. Mary's church in Montague on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m. followed by food and fellowship. It is the Feast of St. Louis IX, Patron of Secular Franciscans.

Franciscan Crown Rosary Pilgrimage: Thank you to all who prayed during the Franciscan Crown Rosary. There were 13 pilgrims who participated for the whole day and about 25-30 people journeyed, as best they could, to particular churches. Special thanks to the churches who hosted us as well as the organization team, readers, rosary leaders, church choirs, those who provided food for the meals and the speakers. The Sorrows of Mary Pilgrimage will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2027. Reserve the date!

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.

Colombian Earthquake Relief: A devastating earthquake struck western Colombia on August 10, causing serious damage in my hometown of Trujillo, where many families have lost or had their homes severely damaged. With the permission of the Diocese of Charlottetown, I am asking for your support for immediate relief efforts. Donations may be made through your parish collection, clearly marked “Colombian Relief – Fr. John Molina,” or by e-transfer to office@stpaulsparish.ca or frjohn@live.ca. Please keep the people of Colombia and all those affected in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity and solidarity, Fr. John Molina.

PRAYER for the WEEK FOR SAINT MONICA

For Mothers; Exemplary Mother of the great Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray. 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.