

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 6, 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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Today’s gospel and first reading are at odds with the commonly held view that we should mind our own business and let other people mind theirs. We are only responsible for our own behaviour. It is true, of course, that each of us is responsible for his or her own behaviour but the Scripture readings today remind us that we have a responsibility for others, one that may, at times, include correction.

The words of Jesus in the Gospel reading are clear and unambiguous: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves’ (Mt 18:15). It is important to note the context in which Jesus is speaking. He is instructing his disciples as a community called to proclaim and witness to God’s reign on earth on how they should behave towards one another. So, when they see that a member of the community is not living in accordance with their Christian calling, they should not speak of that person’s failings behind his back – which is what we all tend to do. Rather, they should go directly to the person in question and try to put him on the right path. And they should correct that person with love and not with self-righteous anger – which will most likely have the opposite effect to the one intended.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Earl Powers, Wilf McQuillan, Patricia Brousseau, Francie Clory, 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, September 9, 9:30 a.m. Int. David Morrison by Peggy & Geoffrey Crutchfield

All Saints, Thursday, September 10, 9:30 a.m. Int. For Those Addicted to Alcohol & Drugs by a Parishioner

St. James, Friday, September 11, 9:00 a.m. Int. Brian Curley by Veronica Curley

St. James, Saturday, September 12, 4:00 p.m. Int. Babe & Kimbal Gotell by Cindy & Family

St. Francis de Sales, Saturday, September 12, 4:00 p.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit (**NOTE THE LAST MASS FOR THIS SUMMER AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES IS SEPTEMBER 12.)**

St. George’s, Sunday, September 13, 9:00 a.m. Int. David Morrison by Lorraine & Family

All Saints, Sunday, September 13, 10:30 a.m. Int. Bennett Campbell by Shirley & Children

Booking Masses: Please include your phone number when submitting a Mass request in case you need to be contacted. **Weekend Masses are booked for 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 August 30 – 19 Envelopes - \$570.00; Loose - \$118.00; Donation to the St. James Parish IMO Marie Martell by her family- \$250.00; Donation to the St. James Cemetery Fund IMO Marie Martell by Kelly Publicover - \$20.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for September 12: Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Chris MacMillan; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Guitar.

Congratulations to our August Lottery Winner – Samantha Gallant. Remember to return your stubs and monies by September 19 for the September 26 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 30– 27 Envelopes - \$745.00; Loose - \$251.00 + \$30.00 U.S. funds; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Building Fund - \$10.00; August Children’s Collection -

\$48.70; E-transfer Parish - \$700.00; E-Transfer Building Fund - \$25.00; E-Transfer Cemetery Fund - \$75.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for September 13 - Lector – Martina MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson; Gifts - Jennifer & Jason Pitre; Ushers – George VandenBroek & Louis Callaghan. **Church Custodians** from September 7 to September 13 is Harry Nabuurs & from September 14 to September 20 is Jimmy Quinn. **Church Cleaners for September** are Edwena Campbell, Joanne McGuigan & Debbie Quinn.

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

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for August 30 – 22 Envelopes - \$755.00; Loose - \$56.00; Furnace Oil Fund - \$100.00.

Ministries for September 13 - Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Joe & Claire McCarron; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison.

ST. GEORGE’S CWL SUMMER 50/50 DRAW WINNER: Congratulations to Lorraine Morrison. Lorraine won \$415.00. Thank you to CWL members, St. George’s parishioners and all others for your wonderful support in making our fund raiser such a wonderful success.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

Ministries for September 12– Lector – Carmel MacKenzie; Eucharistic Minister – Marita Gallant; Gifts – Ellie MacDonald & Family; Ushers – Greg Madison & Bernard Gillis.

GENERAL NOTICES

Jubilee Celebration Mass for the Birth of Mary, Advocate and Protectress: Mass will be on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's church in Montague followed by food and fellowship. All welcome!

Healing Mass: A healing Mass has been organized by the PEI Provincial Catholic Women's League: Fr. Danny Wilson, CWL Provincial Spiritual Advisor, will offer prayers of healing for the sick at a Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Stratford, on Wednesday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend to share in praying for your own personal health and/or for family and friends. Simple refreshments and time for socializing will follow.

A Pilgrimage for Life to the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs will be held at St. Peter's Church, Seven Mile Bay, on Saturday, September 26. A scriptural rosary will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by Mass and refreshments. A collection will be donated to Summerside's Hope House which provides supportive housing for vulnerable mothers and babies. This is a co-operative event planned by Provincial Catholic Women's League and PEI State Knights of

Columbus. Please provide a food donation for the sharing table. Everyone is welcome and urged to participate to pray for respect and protection of life at all its natural stages.

Verso L'Alto Catholic Young Adult Group: After a short summer break, Verso L'Alto is kicking off a brand new season. We will be diving deeper into prayer, scripture, saints, and opportunities to serve. We meet every Tuesday at St. Pius X church, starting with Adoration at 6:00 p.m. and Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by time for prayer and discussion. Feel free to join for any portion of the night that fits your schedule. We will be kicking off this season with a Pizza and Prayer night on September 8. Check out our website for more information: <https://sites.google.com/view/verso-lalto-pei>. Come meet other Catholic young adults as we reach Verso L’Alto, To the Heights!

The second annual Life Chain event in Hunter River takes place on Sunday, September 27 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the intersection of Malpeque and Hopedale Road. You can park at the Pharmacy where we will meet for quick instructions and prayer. If there are any questions you have, you can reach out to Hannah Stiff via my email hannahmstiff@gmail.com or my phone #: [\(902\) 916-8235](tel:9029168235).

Farewell Open House at Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre, Summerside: You are warmly invited to join us on Sunday, September 13, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. as we bid a heartfelt farewell to the Centre. This will be a time to gather, reminisce, and celebrate the many memories, friendships, and moments of community that have filled these walls.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Our marriage enrichment weekend gives couples the opportunity to pause, pray, listen, share and rediscover the blessing of their life together. The next weekend will be held from October 16–18, 2026 at Between The Hearts Renewal Centre, Amherst, NS. Contact Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Ron & Joanne Arsenault at 506-451-8489 or ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org.

PRAYER for the WEEK A PRAYER THAT SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PRAYED EVERY DAY

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. 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.