

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 13, 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.

Pastor: Fr. Kishore Kumar Gundabathini, cell 902-314-9174
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In the gospel Peter asked Jesus, Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times? Jesus answered, I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times (Mt 18:21-22).

This is a very simple yet very effective teaching about forgiveness for us from Jesus. In other words, the Lord is saying to us that we should always be forgiving. What if we don’t forgive? We are only hurting ourselves if we don’t forgive and we only put ourselves in an invisible prison cell called unforgiveness. And then this unforgiveness will sooner or later bring us down until we self-destruct.

What if we follow Jesus’ teaching on forgiveness, how would we feel? We feel light and free and we have no burden in our hearts. Don’t we all want to feel light, to feel free and without any burdens and hurtful feelings in our hearts?

There are two options before us: To follow Jesus’ teaching on infinite forgiveness or we continue to punish and burden ourselves by unforgiveness. The wisdom filled choice is to follow Jesus’ teaching.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Earl Powers, Wilf McQuillan, Stacy McMullin Jenkins & 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 16, 9:30 a.m. Int. Allan & Bee MacMillan by Tony Thijseen & Chris MacMillan

All Saints, Thursday, September 17, **6:30 p.m.** Int. Irving & Ann Sampson by Marion Delaney **** NOTE CHANGE IN TIME FOR MASS ****

St. James, Friday, September 18, 9:00 a.m. Int. John & Bessie Myers & Daughter Anna by Myers Family

St. James, Saturday, September 19, 4:00 p.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

St. George’s, Sunday, September 20, 9:00 a.m. Int. Donald & Mary MacPherson by Family

All Saints, Sunday, September 20, 10:30 a.m. Int. Philip McGuigan by Joanne McGuigan

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.**

Fr. Kishore will be on vacation from September 19 to September 26. There will be no weekday masses on Sept. 23, 24 & 25.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for September 6 – 14 Envelopes - \$430.00; Loose - \$100.00; 3 Ongoing Maintenance Envelopes - \$35.00; Donation to the St. James Parish IMO Helen Smith by Lisa Wong (her daughter) - \$1,000.00; Donation to the St. James Cemetery Fund IMO Marie Martell - \$100.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Donated to St. James Cemetery for the Purchase of Memorial Benches - \$4,200.00 by the following: IMO Parents Arnold & Mary (Gotell) Murphy from Anne Cooper; IMO Anne Martell from Martell Family; IMO Parents Kimble & Elizabeth Gotell from Carter, Amy, Perry & Zoe Gotell; IMO Parents Wilfred & Theresa Gotell & Deceased Family Members of the Victor & Gotell Family from the Gotell Family; IMO Parents John Sr. & Mary Lou Walsh by Greg Walsh; IMO Corinne Crawford Myers From Vernon Myers & Family; IMO Brian Richard Curley From Veronica & Ty Curley.

Ministries for September 19: Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard; Altar Server – Jim

Garrity; Choir – Organ.

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 September 6 – 26 Envelopes - \$745.00; Loose - \$127.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Building Fund - \$5.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for September 20 - Lector – Cindy Shepard; Eucharistic Minister – Dianne Nabuurs; Gifts - Jimmy & Debbie Quinn; Ushers – Dakota & Kamryn Stacey. **Church Custodians** from September 14 to September 20 is Jimmy Quinn & from September 21 to September 27 are Christian & Amy Ohlandt . **Church Cleaners for September** are Edwena Campbell, Joanne McGuigan & Debbie Quinn.

All Saints Cemetery Cleanup and Maintenance Day: All are welcome to come out and help us take care of our cemetery all day on Saturday, September 19 starting at 9:00 a.m. Please bring rakes and shovels. Rain date will be Saturday, September 26.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for September 6 – 24 Envelopes - \$955.00; Loose - \$73.00.

Ministries for September 20 - Lector – Terry Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – David & Rosella MacDonald; Ushers – Joe & Claire McCarron.

GENERAL NOTICES

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: The annual Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be held on September 26 and 27, 2026. This annual Collection supports the shared mission of the Church in Canada and helps the Bishops carry out pastoral work that serves dioceses, eparchies and the faithful across the country.

Words of Gratitude: I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone. We raised \$26,219.85 to assist those affected by the earthquake in western Colombia. These funds have already been sent to help cover basic needs such as food, transportation of relief supplies, and construction materials. On my own behalf and on behalf of those who have suffered the consequences of this disaster, I offer my prayers of gratitude. Peace, Fr. John Molina.

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 TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our lady of Compassion, I turn to you with filial confidence. You shared fully in the work of our lord Jesus Christ, whose Death brought life to the world. Help me now to understand the truth about the divine compassion. Teach me to accept the sufferings that come into my life as you accepted obediently your own deep sorrows. Loving Mother of the Redeemer, you consecrated yourself by submitting to the divine plan. Obtain for me the grace to make my own submission to the same wise providence, now and at the hour of my death. 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.