

**ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT**  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, September 27, 2026**

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

St. James: Sat. 4:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m.  
St. Francis deSales: Sat. 6:00 p.m. (closed until June 2027)  
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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Aside from Jesus and the man and his two sons, there are others who play an important role in the gospel reading. They are the following: Chief Priest, Elders of the people, Tax collectors, the prostitutes and John the Baptist. The **chief Priest and the elders** of the people represent the Son who said, Yes, sir, but did not go to work in the vineyard. They also did not listen to the call of John the Baptist to turn away from their sins and completely repent.

The **tax collectors and the prostitutes** were obviously the sinners who humbly repented. They represent the Son who said: “I will not go to the vineyard” but afterwards changed his mind and went and did his father’s will. They listened to the call of John the Baptist: “Repent and change your ways for the kingdom of God is forthcoming.”

What is the relevance of the gospel to our lives? We are all sinners like the tax collectors, prostitutes and the son who initially said: “I will not go to the vineyard.” but afterwards changed his mind and went. We are being called by Jesus to repent from our sinful ways. It’s not John, anymore, who calls us out to repentance, but Jesus Himself.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Earl Powers, Stacy McMullin Jenkins, Gary 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**

**Week Day Masses**

St. George’s, Wednesday Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m. Int. Matt & Jacqueline Thijseen by Tony Thijseen & Chris MacMillan  
All Saints, Thursday, October 1, 9:30 a.m. Int. Harold & Gladys MacLean by Marion Delaney  
St. James, Friday, October 2, 9:00 a.m. Int. Brian Curley by Veronica Curley & Ty Curley  
St. James, Saturday, October 3, 4:00 p.m. Int. Rita MacPhee by Joey MacPhee  
St. George’s, Sunday, October 4, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit  
All Saints, Sunday, October 4, 10:30 a.m. Int. Phillip McGuigan 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 SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER.**

**Weekday Masses:** St. James is booked each Friday until November 20; All Saints is booked each Thursday until Nov. 26; St. George’s is booked each Wednesday until December 2. **All 4 Christmas Eve Masses are already booked.**

**Catechism News!** Registration for the 2026-2027 catechism year is now open. To register new children attending, please email [sbpucatechism@gmail.com](mailto:sbpucatechism@gmail.com). Families will be contacted via email to confirm returning students. Parent’s information meeting will be held on **Monday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. at St. James** in Georgetown. Classes will start with a family event on October 19.

**NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET):** This National Evangelization Team is a dynamic group of young people who bring their message of Christ through personal witness, skits, games and songs. It is open to all youth Confirmation and older! Our Confirmation Candidates are asked to reserve the date for this is our first class - kick off for our Confirmation year! The \$20 fee for the day will be taken care of by the Unit as it was in other years. **It will be held at Our Lady of Assumption Church Hall in Stratford on October 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**ST. JAMES PARISH**

**Collection for September 20** – 18 Envelopes - \$629.00; Loose - \$97.00; Donation to the St. James Parish Fund IMO Wilfred McQuillan - \$1,695.00;; Donations to the St. James Cemetery Fund IMO Mary Lou Walsh - \$150.00. E-transfers can be made to [stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com)

**Ministries for October 3:** Lector – Chris MacMillan; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Organ.

**September Lottery Draw** – Due to unforeseen circumstances, our September 26 monthly draw will take place on Saturday, October 3.

**ALL SAINTS PARISH**

**Collection for September 20** – 29 Envelopes - \$845.00; Loose - \$153.55; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Building Fund - \$20.00; 12 Special Envelopes - \$220.00. E-transfers can be made to [Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com](mailto:Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com)

**Ministries for October 4** - Lector – Bernice Curran Brothers; Eucharistic Minister – Katie Perry; Gifts - Norbert & Eileen Rice; Ushers – Benny Nabuurs & Reggie Conohan. **Church Custodians** from September 28 to October 4 is Ron Blue & from October 5 to October 11 is Joey Cain. **Church Cleaners for October** are Katherine MacDonald, Shirley Rice & Cindy Shepard.

**Muffin Sunday:** Everyone is invited to join us at All Saints after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 4, for Muffin Sunday. Come and enjoy muffins, coffee, tea and juice—and a chance to visit with friends from across our pastoral unit. Contributions to the sharing table would be most welcome! We will also be hosting a Town Hall meeting to discuss and update everyone in All Saints on what is happening with Property and Finance, CWL and Parish Council. We welcome input and ideas from everyone as we discuss some important matters.

**ST. GEORGE’S PARISH**

**Collection for September 20** – 16 Envelopes - \$455.00; Loose - \$75.00; 4 Envelopes for the Needs of the Canadian Church - \$55.00.

**Ministries for October 4** - Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts – Tony Thijseen & Chris MacMillan; Ushers – Jeannie Johnston & Doreen Acorn.

**Church cleaners for October are:** Sharon MacEachern, Paula Fay Matheson & Micheline Downe.

**GENERAL NOTICES**

**Hymn Books:** St Pius X Parish has 27 copies of the old CBW II hymnals in good condition to donate if any parishes may be interested. Would anyone want to claim them before they are tossed? Also, they are looking for a few copies of the CBWIII or Glory & Praise - Classic edition in good condition that any parishes might want to sell or donate. Both of these are out of print and they have been getting critically low on availability while awaiting a new Canadian hymnal. Please phone or email Jerry McCabe at [902-894-8380](tel:902-894-8380) or [admin@stpiusxpei.com](mailto:admin@stpiusxpei.com)

**Jubilee Celebration for the Diocese:** Susan Hartley will share about building hope and community through every day actions of peace from her book "Global Voices for Peace" (100 peace builders across 50 nations.) at St. Francis of Assisi Church, in Cornwall on Saturday, October 3 at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 4:00 p.m.

**Franciscan Friar Speaker:** On Tuesday, September 29 (at noon Mass) Franciscan Friar, Fr. Pierre Ducharme, (from Quebec) will speak on "Renewing Our Relationship with Our Creator and All Creation".

**Blessing of the Animals** will take place at St. Mary's church in Montague on Sunday, October 4, (the Feast Day of St. Francis) at 2:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to sing in this year’s **Christmas Concert at St. Dunstan's Basilica** is invited to attend choir practices starting Wednesday, October 21 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the SDU building next door to the church. This year will feature Vivaldi’s Gloria, Ralph Vaughan Williams’ Fantasia on Christmas Carols and Fantasia Noel 2, the sequel to the popular cantata which lends a contemporary spin on well-known carols. The concert itself will take place on Tuesday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m. For further information, please contact music director Leo Marchildon. [leomarchildon88@gmail.com](mailto:leomarchildon88@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:hannahmstiff@gmail.com) or my phone #: [\(902\) 916-8235](tel:902-916-8235).

**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](mailto:ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org).

**PRAYER for the WEEK A PRAYER TO SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life. Amen.

Please send items for the Bulletin to Edith MacDonald at - [elmacdonald56@gmail.com](mailto:elmacdonald56@gmail.com) or phone 583-2541 by **Noon**, the Wednesday prior to the weekend.