

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 4, 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.

Pastor: Fr. Kishore Kumar Gundabathini, cell 902-314-9174
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In our gospel for this Sunday Jesus gives us the Parable of the tenants. The landlord sent two batches of servants, but the tenants refused the demand of the landlord by killing some of the servants that he sent them. Finally, the landlord sent his only son thinking that the tenants would now listen to him but they killed him as well.

The greedy tenants in the gospel are the chief priest and the elders; the landlord is God. The servants that God sent were the prophets and the only son is Jesus whom they have killed as well. The reason they did this to the prophets and Jesus is they disliked their call of renewal and repentance.

In some ways we also take the role of the greedy tenants because we continue to greedily love this world more than Jesus. Many of us may have already fallen in love with what this temporal world offers us that we refuse Jesus demand of repentance. We continue to refuse to listen to His voice that asks us that we let go of all of our sinfulness and worldliness.

Nevertheless, Jesus is still persistently knocking at our hearts. Patiently waiting for us to open it so that He can come in, cleanse all our sins and take control of our lives.

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, October 7, 9:30 a.m. Int. Alan & Bee MacMillan by Tony Thijseen & Chris MacMillan

All Saints, Thursday, October 8, 9:30 a.m. Int. Marilyn Callaghan by Louis Callaghan

St. James, Friday, October 9, 9:00 a.m. Int. Michael & Mikie MacDonald by Florence & Family

St. James, Saturday, October 10, 4:00 p.m. Int. Malcolm MacPhee by Joey MacPhee

St. George’s, Sunday, October 11, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints, Sunday, October 11, 10:30 a.m. Int. Tony VandenBroek by Mary VandenBroek Grant

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. 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 27 – 17 Envelopes - \$560.00; Loose - \$85.00; Donation to the St. James Parish Fund IMO Wilfred McQuillan - \$40.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for October 10: Lector – Claranne Lavandier; Eucharistic Minister – Chris MacMillan; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Guitar.

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 27 – 26 Envelopes - \$915.00; Loose - \$92.05; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; September Children’s Collection - \$54.30; E-Transfer Parish – \$700.00; E-Transfer – Cemetery Fund - \$75.00; E-Transfer Building Fund - \$25.00. E-transfers can be made to allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for October 11 - Lector – Pauline Kelly; Eucharistic Minister – Jenny VandenBroek; Gifts - Andrew & Denise Rowe; Ushers – Billy O’Brien & Mark Wilson. **Church Custodians** from October 5 to October 11 is Joey Cain & from October 12 to October 18 is Andrew Rice. **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.

All Saints CWL Meeting on Sunday, October 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall.

OCTOBER 4 - SAVE THE DATE: All Saints Annual Roast Beef dinner will be held on Sunday, NOVEMBER 1. There will be both take-out and sit in dining. Details regarding times, cost, payment options, etc., will be posted in the bulletin soon.

Card Plays will resume at All Saints on October 5. We are looking for a few more folks to volunteer to provide lunch. Please contact Edwena at [902-583-2523](tel:902-583-2523) or [902-213-5631](tel:902-213-5631) if you can help out. Thank you.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for September 27– 23 Envelopes - \$850.00; Loose - \$20.00; Furnace Oil Fund - \$100.00.

Ministries for October 11 - Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Raymond & Joanie Morrison; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson.

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

GENERAL NOTICES

CWL East and West Fall Conferences: Fall Conference For The West Area will be Hosted by Sacred Heart Council,

Alberton on Saturday, October 10, starting with Mass at 9:00 a.m. Fall Conference For The East Area will be Hosted by All Saints Council, Cardigan on Saturday, October 24, starting with Mass at 9:00 a.m. Guest speaker, David Riel, Director of Mission and Pastoral Services for the Diocese of Charlottetown, will be speaking at both Conferences on Intentional Accompaniment. Lunch will be a sharing table. All are welcome!

Saint Dunstan’s University Foundation Award of Merit: Are you a Holland College Catholic Student in the second year of a two-year program? Saint Dunstan’s board of Directors offers five awards of merit valued at \$3,000. Visit www.saintdunstansuniversity.ca for information and the application form.

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. 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@stpiousxpei.com

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

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 YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. 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.