

ST. BENEDICT’S PASTORAL UNIT
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 11, 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 Jesus gives a parable about a wedding feast where the king ordered the servants to invite the chosen guests. But they were all busy and they ignored the invitation and instead they went to their usual daily tasks.

The king represents God and He perpetually invites us all to be present in the wedding banquet that is the celebration of the Holy Mass. We oftentimes hear people urging us to be present in the Holy Mass, to read the bible, to pray and relate to God. They are the messengers or servants of God sent by Him for us to be closer to Him. For God desires our intimacy with Him. This is the primary reason why He always invites us to His feast.

But what is our reaction to His perpetual invitations? We often ignore it because we are so busy with the things of this temporary world. We ignore it until we become aware of our own mortality and we are forced to know and discover God because we are already in dire need of Him.

Why wait for that time when we are already sick or near death? Why not respond now to His invitation while we are still in the pink of health?

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 14, 9:30 a.m. Int. Angus & Mary Catherine MacPherson by Claire & Joe

McCarron& Family

All Saints, Thursday, October 15, 9:30 a.m. Int. Marilyn Callaghan by Louis Callaghan

St. James, Friday, October 16, 9:00 a.m. Int. Kenneth Campbell by Elizabeth Campbell

St. James, Saturday, October 17, 4:00 p.m. Int. Sally & Buddy McCullough by Karen VandenBroek

St. George’s, Sunday, October 18, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints, Sunday, October 18, 10:30 a.m. Int. Adrian & Geraldine Sullivan 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 December 18; All Saints is booked each Thursday until Dec. 10; St. George’s is booked each Wednesday until December 16. **All 4 Christmas Eve Masses are already booked.**

Catechism News! Classes will start with a family event on October 19.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for October 4 – 17 Envelopes - \$477.00; Loose - \$60.00; 4 On Going Maintenance Envelopes -- \$40.00; Donation to the St. James Parish from Brenda MacDonald - \$500.00; Donation to the St. James Cemetery Fund from Brenda MacDonald - \$500.00; Donation to the St. James Parish IMO Mary Lou Walsh - \$500.00 . E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for October 17: Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard; Altar Server – Chris MacMillan; Choir – Organ.

Congratulations to our September Lottery Winner – Linda MacKenzie. Remember to return your stubs and monies by October 17 for the October 24 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 October 4 – 27 Envelopes - \$790.00; Loose - \$75.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Building Fund - \$20.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for October 18 - Lector – Mary VandenBroek Grant; Eucharistic Minister – Mary Ann Donahoe; Gifts - Dan & Cindy Shepard; Ushers – Harry Nabuurs & Ron Blue. **Church Custodians** from October 12 to October 18 is Andrew Rice & from October 19 to October 25 is Harry

Nabuurs. **Church Cleaners for October** are Katherine MacDonald, Shirley Rice & Cindy Shepard.

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER - Sunday, November 1: Take out dinners can be picked up from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sit down seating is at 5:00 p.m. Both take out and sit down dinners must be preordered by Thursday, Oct. 29 by calling/texting Joanne Donahoe at [\(902\) 330-2641](tel:9023302641). Cost: \$25.00; pay at the door or e-transfer to allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com Limited number of meals available.

ROAST BEEF DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you can help out as a volunteer, please contact Jamie Rice at (902) 969-0076 or jamierice1@hotmail.com Vegetable prep is Saturday, Oct. 31 at 10:00 a.m.; cutting desserts/table set up is Sunday, Nov. 1 at 11:30 a.m.; kitchen help/servers are asked to be at the parish hall at 2:30 p.m. and onward. See the signup sheet at the back of the church for all tasks/times to volunteer for. Thank you for any and all help.

ROAST BEEF DINNER FOOD DONATIONS: We are in need of donations of pickles, rolls, biscuits, squares and desserts. There is a signup sheet at the back of the church. Please have donations to the Parish Centre by noon on Sunday, Nov. 1. ALL DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Card Plays: All Saints card plays every Monday evening. We are looking for a few more volunteers to provide lunch. Please contact Edwena at [902-583-2523](tel:9025832523) or [902-213-5631](tel:9022135631) if you can help out. Thank you.

ST. GEORGE’S PARISH

Collection for October 4– 23 Envelopes - \$1,460.00; Loose - \$130.00; Donations to the Cemetery Fund IMO Bobby MacDonald - \$415.00.

Ministries for October 18 - Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Jeannie Johnston & Doreen Acorn; Ushers – Paul & Sally Morrison.

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

St. George’s CWL General Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. Location: 12 Harbour Rd., Launching. All members are welcome.

Food Bank Collection: St. George’s CWL is coordinating a collection of non-perishable items for the Food Bank. Donation boxes will be set up at St. George’s & St. James churches. Everyone is invited to donate items. Items needed include: canned meats, stews, fruits & vegetables, peanut butter, chunky soups, &snacks for children’s school lunch boxes (must be nut-free). Cash donations are also welcome. Donation boxes will be available until Oct. 25. Thank you so much for your support.

GENERAL NOTICES

CWL East Fall Conference will be hosted by All Saints Council 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 on Intentional Accompaniment. Lunch will be a sharing table. All are welcome!

Do you have your affairs in order legally and financially upon your death to settle your affairs? Savio Dias, an insurance agent, will be making a presentation on this topic at St. Mary’s Church Hall in Montague, on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. All welcome! Lunch and fellowship to follow. Event sponsored by Fr. Pat Giddings Knights of Columbus. For more info contact Louis Callaghan [902-969-7230](tel:9029697230). Sign-up sheet will be at each church.

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.

Spirit of Assisi Service for Peace is a Diocesan Jubilee Celebration offered by different faiths with the common prayer for peace. It will be held at the St. Francis of Assisi Church in Cornwall on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

The 5th Presentation on Franciscan Legacy "Fraternity" will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at St. Mary’s church in Montague. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by this presentation at 6:30. It is hosted by Brother Leo Fraternity.

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 TO SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found the pure bread of God. I long after the Lord, the Son of the true God and Father, Jesus Christ. Him I seek, who died for us and rose again. I am eager to die for the sake of Christ. My love has been crucified, and there is no fire in me that loves anything. But there is living water springing up in me, and it says to me inwardly: "Come to the Father." 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.