ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 1, 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 (*if anyone outside of Canada is contacting Fr. Kishore they should do so via email or call his landline number & not use his cell phone.)* or 902-652-2401
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Today's gospel speaks about the Beatitudes. What were these Beatitudes all about? It is the secret of true disciples for Christ. Jesus closed Himself to the comforts of this world. He never embraced it. Let us all remember that the happiness of this world is extremely different from the heavenly happiness that Jesus offers us. He knew that what the world gives and dictates are nothing compared to what God the Father would give Him.

In effect, Jesus is telling us through these Beatitudes to be like Him, to follow Him, to always be with Him, for these are all His characteristics.

But isn't it hard to follow all these qualities of the Beatitudes? Isn't it hard to follow Jesus? Yes, it's hard for the simple reason that the life of Jesus in this world was full of hardship and persecution. However, the hardship that Jesus went through was nothing compared to what was waiting for Him in heaven. Thus, our focus should always be heavenward never minding the present hardship that we may encounter. For it has a purpose and that is to prepare us for our ascent to heaven someday.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Earl Powers, 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, November 4, 9:30 a.m. NO MASS

All Saints, Thursday, November 5, 9:30 a.m. No Mass

St. James, Friday, November 6, 9:00 a.m. Int. Brian Curley by Veronica & Ty Curley

St. James, Saturday, November 7, 4:00 p.m. Int. Mickey MacDonald by Family

St. George's, Sunday, November 8, 9:00 a.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

All Saints, Sunday, November 8, 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 OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER.

Weekday Masses: St. James, All Saints & St. George's are booked until the end of December. All 4 Christmas Eve Masses are already booked.

Fr. Kishore will be away from the office from November 3 to November 5 to attend Clergy Days.

Traditionally, November has been a month where the Church places special focus on the Communion of Saints, and in particular on praying for the soul of the deceased. Make a visit to a graveyard and pray for a soul in Purgatory. (A Plenary Indulgence is granted each day from Nov. 1 – 8 by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead along with that is the requirement of confession once during those days … receiving Communion each day you wish that indulgence be granted … and lastly, saying a prayer for the intentions of the Pope (which can consist of one Our Father, one Hail Mary). If not all requirements of the indulgence are met, it is only partial not plenary. Plus Note: For an indulgence to be plenary (complete remission of sins) one is not to have attachments to sin, otherwise one gains only a partial indulgence. For more information on indulgences see the Catechism of the Catholic Church ... Paragraphs 1471-79.

Remembrance Day Celebrations for November 11:
Celebrations will begin on Wednesday, November 11 with Mass at All Saints at 9:30 a.m. followed by Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cardigan cenotaph.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for October 25 – 17 Envelopes - $465.00; Loose - $73.00; Collection for World Missions - $110.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for November 7: Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell; Altar Server – Chris MacMillan; Choir – Organ.

Congratulations to our October Lottery Winner – Jackie MacDonald. Remember to return your stubs and monies by November 21 for the November 28 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 25 – 35 Envelopes - $1,240.00; Loose - $93.90; Cemetery Fund - $50.00; Children's Collection for October - $79.90; E-Transfer to the Parish - $700.00; E-Transfer to the Cemetery Fund - $75.00; E-Transfer to the Building Fund - $25.00; Cemetery Fund IMO – Michael Donahoe - $915.00; Building Fund IMO Michael Donahoe - $25.00. E-transfers can be made to Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for November 8 - Lector – Martina MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Dianne Nabuurs; Gifts - George & Julie VandenBroek; Ushers – Dakota & Kamryn Stacey. Church Custodians from November 2 to November 8 is Christian & Amy Ohlandt & from November 9 to November 15 is Ron Blue. Church Cleaners for November are Mary Ann Donahoe & Pauline Kelly.

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER is this Sunday!! A reminder that take-out pick up time is 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; sit in dining is at 5:00 p.m. only. If you haven't been contacted and wish to donate, please bring pickles, rolls, biscuits, squares or a dessert to the Parish Centre by noon on Sunday. If you can volunteer in any way, please contact Jamie Rice at 902-969-0076 or jamierice1@hotmail.com Thank you for any and all help.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for October 25 – 20 Envelopes - $625.00; Loose - $7.50; Collection for World Missions – $62.25; Furnace Oil Fund - $100.00.

Ministries for November 8 - Lector – Carol Caverley, Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Tony Thijseen & Chris MacMillan; Ushers – Jeannie Johnston & Doreen Acorn. Church cleaners for November are: Jeannie Johnston, Christa MacDonald & Doreen Acorn.

Food Bank Collection: The St. George's CWL Food Bank Collection was a wonderful success. Thank you to everyone who supported the food drive with food or cash donations. Thank you to Tony Thijseen who volunteered to deliver all the bags and boxes to the food bank for us!!

GENERAL NOTICES

World Week of the Poor Concert in aid of Southern Kings and Queens Food Bank will be held at St. Joachim's Church Hall, Vernon River on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2:00 p.m. Hosted by Brother Leo Secular Franciscan Fraternity. Admission $15.

In celebration of St. Elizabeth of Hungary (advocate of the poor) patroness of the Secular Franciscan Order, please join the World Day of our Secular Solidarity at St. Pius X Church on Tuesday, November 17. Adoration and Confessions begin at 6:00 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m. The evening will conclude with food and fellowship. This is a joint celebration of the Brother Leo and St. Francis of Assisi Fraternities.

St. Dunstan's Basilica is hosting a Mission from Sunday, November 22 to Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Franciscan Friar Abraham Joseph, O.F.M. will be speaking on "Faith, Hope & Love Bring us to the Eucharist"; "Life Experiences of the Saint with the Eucharist"; "The Mystic Encounter that Transforms Our Lives"; and "Mary, Mother of the Eucharist". All are welcome to attend.

Church Organ Available: Do you have an aspiring musician in your family? We have an electric organ with different features which we don't use. If someone else can use it please contact St. Augustine's Parish at 902 201 0790 to arrange a viewing. Thank you.

Local Catholic Gift Shop at St. Dunstan's Basilica is now open! Did you know there is a gift shop at St. Dunstan's Basilica? Somewhere local to buy your Catholic books, sacramental gifts, medals, crucifixes, art, jewelry, Bibles, locally made goods, beeswax candles, and more! We are currently open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come check it out! See us on our Facebook Page, https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61589283568187 and on Instagram @stdunstansgiftshop.

PRAYER for the WEEK TO FOR ALL SOULS

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and forever. 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.