ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 8, 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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What is the advantage of being prepared? Jesus said to his disciples: stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:13). Indeed, nobody knows the moment of the Lord's coming, that's why it is a must that we are always prepared by following The Lord's teachings.

It is very easy to say that we are always prepared for His coming but sometimes it is only lip service without real conviction to do so. We are easily tempted to sin again, to hurt people again, to ignore those who are in need again, most especially the poor.

Many of us are like that, we are only prepared for a short period of time and then we sin again. Why this is so and what must we do to avoid turning back to our sinful behaviors again?

In the gospel, we read about the ten virgins, five of them were foolish and five were wise. The five wise virgins were allowed entry to the wedding feast to witness the ceremony. What happened to the other five who were foolish? They were not allowed entry by the bridegroom. Why? Because they were not prepared.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Sue McMullin, Earl Powers, & 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

All Saints, Wednesday, November 11, 9:30 a.m. Int. All Living and Deceased Veterans by a Parishioner

St. George's, Thursday, November 12, 9:30 a.m. Pat MacDonald by Maggie & Greg Campbell

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION THIS WEEK FOR THE WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY MASSES

St. James, Friday, November 13, 9:00 a.m. Int. Marvin & Leah Matheson by Claudia Batchilder

St. James, Saturday, November 14, 4:00 p.m. Int. Parishioners of the Unit

St. George's, Sunday, November 15, 9:00 a.m. Int. Ivan & David Morrison by Lorraine & Family

All Saints, Sunday, November 15, 10:30 a.m. Int. Gavin Quinn by Rose & Family

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.

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.

ADVENT

Faith Sharing: Faith Sharing sessions for Advent will begin on Monday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Edith MacDonald's home (4166 Launching Road). All are welcome. The first Sunday in Advent is November 29 and the readings for that Mass will be reviewed on Nov. 23 in preparation for the beginning of Advent.

Toy/Clothing Collection in Support of the Montague Lions Club: The St. George's Family Life Committee would appreciate your help with their Advent Project of collecting toys and new children's clothing for the Montague Lions Club. Please place items on the table in the church porch between November 22 and November 29. They will be gathered for delivery to the Lions Club on December 6.

Christmas Angel Tree — Remembering Our Loved Ones: This Advent, All Saints C.W.L. Council invites parishioners to remember family members & friends who have passed away through our Christmas Angel Tree. For a donation of $5.00, an angel bearing the name of your loved one will be placed on the Christmas tree in the church. Each angel is a beautiful reminder that those we love remain in our hearts and prayers, especially during the Christmas season.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for November 1 – 17 Envelopes - $945.00; Loose - $53.00; 7 On Going Maintenance Envelopes - $176.00. E-transfers can be made to stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com

Ministries for November 14: Lector – Sid McMullin; Eucharistic Minister – Chris MacMillan; Altar Server – Tony Thijseen; Choir – Guitar.

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 November 1 – 30 Envelopes - $1,150.00; Loose - $65.00; Cemetery Fund - $50.00; World Missions - $294.05; Roast Beef Dinner Proceeds - $6,800.00. Allsaintsparishpei@gmail.com

Ministries for November 15 - Lector – Cindy Shepard; Eucharistic Minister – Cindy Shepard; Gifts - Jenny & Peter VandenBroek; Ushers – Dan Shepard & Joe Brothers. Church Custodians from November 9 to November 15 is Ron Blue & from November 16 to November 22 is Joey Cain. Church Cleaners for November are Mary Ann Donahoe & Pauline Kelly.

THANK YOU: A huge thank you to everyone who supported our annual roast beef dinner. Whether it was volunteering in any way, donating food, or enjoying a meal; it all contributed to making the dinner a great success. Your support is appreciated.

Soft Enough for a King: All Saints Council of the Catholic Women's League will have kits available for families with young children on November 22. If you still have your kit from last year, refill straw will also be available. Each act of kindness adds a piece of straw to make Baby Jesus' manger soft and warm. On the Feast of the Epiphany, January 3, children are invited to bring back their straw and offer their gifts of loving kindness to Jesus. A beautiful way for families to prepare their hearts for Christmas!

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for November 1 – 25 Envelopes - $1,015.00; Loose - $35.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Bobby MacDonald - $50.00; Regular Cemetery Maintenance - $400.00.

Ministries for November 15 - Lector – Carol Caverley, Eucharistic Minister – Paul Morrison; Gifts – Morrison Family; Ushers – Morrison Family. Church cleaners for November are: Jeannie Johnston, Christa MacDonald & Doreen Acorn.

GENERAL NOTICES

Last Jubilee Session "Blessing" will be held on Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints Church in the Parish Center. Everyone welcome!

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be held at St. Mary's church in Montague on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. followed by Jubilee Presentation on "Mary & Francis & Christmas" at 6:30 by Brother Leo Fraternity. Come and prepare your hearts for this most holy season. Everyone is welcome.

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.

St. Dunstan's Basilica Gift Shop will be open weekdays from 11:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m. (closed Tuesdays & during Mass). There is a phone number posted on the shop doors if you would like to browse after 1:30 p.m. The store will also be open Saturdays 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. until Christmas and Sundays after the 10:00 a.m. mass. Stay tuned on Facebook, Instagram and St. Dunstan's parish bulletin for an update on their Christmas shopping event & sale! For any questions, feel free to email stdunstansgiftshop@gmail.com.

PRAYER for the WEEK TO FOR ALL DECEASED VETERANS

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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.