



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba †
118 Wilsey Rd FJ

Sts. John & Paul †
729 New Maryland Hwy

St. Dunstan's
120 Regent St

Father Suresh Savariraj, HGN

Father Peter Osborne

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am-5:30pm (Closed for lunch 12-1pm)

Weekends: Saturday 2 pm – 6 pm / Sunday 8 am – 1 pm

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Livestream link for Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmarymagdaleneparishmass1528/streams>

Diocesan Newsletter: <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/email-newsletter-sign-up>

Land Acknowledgement for St. Mary Magdalene Parish

This is to acknowledge that the land on which we gather to pray is the traditional territory of the Wolastoqiyik whose ancestors along with the Mi'kmaq and Passamaquoddy Tribes / Nations signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700s.

December 8th, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Baruch 5. 1-9

Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Rosary and Divine Mercy:

Rosary before Mass:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

FIRST Friday:

FIRST Saturday:

Saturdays @ 2:30-3:30 pm, St. Dunstan's. (For appt. call the office)

Tuesdays @ 2 pm, St Dunstan's

Sundays @ 10:10am – 10:40am, Sts. John and Paul

Thursdays @ 1-5 pm, Sts. John and Paul

Wednesdays @ 6 pm (before Mass), St. Dunstan's

Mass @ 6:30 pm, Adoration 7pm, Confessions 7:15pm

Mass @ 9am, St. Dunstan's, Rosary 9:30am, Confessions 2:30pm

Preparation for RCIA, Sacrament of Marriage and Baptism, please call the office at (506) 444-6001.

JPII and the Feminine Genius

Our guest speaker, Janice Charbonnet, started in New Brunswick and now hails from Louisiana. Join us as she shares her testimony about the church's teaching on the feminine genius. Sunday Dec. 8 at 1pm in room 120 of the Msgr Boyd Centre.

THE ADORATION EXPERIENCE – A WITNESS STORY

I have been praying in front of the blessed sacrament for a family member who has cancer for a few months. He has started treatments and only needs 4 treatments. Cancer has not spread so he is on the way to a good recovery. So, I feel my prayers are working and I will continue to pray in front of the blessed sacrament as often as I can. Also, I am putting a good word for the cancer mass once a month. It is very powerful and hope to see it continue in memory of Father Monte Peters. Prayer is so important, and it works.

– A faithful parishioner

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church

Sun, Dec 8 9:00 AM Edward Ackerson
Sun, Dec 15 9:00 AM Marg Gorman

Sts. John & Paul Church

Sun, Dec 8 11:00 AM Stanley Wadden
Mon, Dec 9 9:00 AM Stafford Chapman
Sun, Dec 15 11:00 AM Georgina Jones

St. Dunstan's Church

Sat, Dec 7 4:00 PM Margaret and Charles Burns
Georges and Mary Jane McGraw
Sun, Dec 8 9:00 AM Bill Woods
11:30 AM Bahjat Salem
Wed, Dec 11 6:30 PM Special Intention (Marlita Chase's family)
Thu, Dec 12 12:05PM Ron Moore
Fri, Dec 13 6:30 PM Steve Arsenault
Sat, Dec 14 4:00 PM Perlita Cabotaje Duldulao
Edmond and Rachel Losier
Sun, Dec 15 9:00 AM Prudencio Romano Sr.
11:30 AM Charline LeBlanc Beaupré

No Mass at 12:00PM on December 12th. Instead, there will be a special mass at 7:00PM.

Regional Reconciliation for Advent is at St. Francis Assisi Church in Lincoln on Dec 15th at 3:00PM.

Readings for Dec 15th

1st R: Zephaniah 3.14 – 18a **2nd R:** Philippians 4.4-7
Gospel: Luke 3.10 - 18

Sanctuary Lamp - Week of Dec 8th

In loving memory of Bill Woods

Our prayers are with you Father Peter Osborne. May God console you and your family and friends. May God grant kind admittance to your father into everlasting place of peace.

The late Gary Osborne will rest at Fundy Funeral Home on Sunday, December 8 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Funeral Mass on Monday, December 9 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, Grand Bay.

December 12, Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe Bishop Riesbeck will preside at a special Mass on December 12th at 7:00 pm in St Dunstan's Church in celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and to observe the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. There will be a special collection in support of the Kehkimin Wolastoqey Language Immersion School. A reception will follow in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre.

St. Mary Magdalene Parish is hosting a Catholic items sale Dec 7 from 1:30pm to 6:00 pm in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. There will be religious pictures, books, crucifixes, rosaries, medals and more. On site rosary repair will be available by donation, so make sure to bring your broken rosaries.

St Mary Magdalene CWL Fundraiser

CWL Members will begin selling tickets on a Gift Card Tree. There will only be 250 tickets sold for a prize of \$1000 in gift cards. Tickets are \$10 each. Please support this fundraiser which in turn will fund parish and community projects.

Donations for Christmas flowers in memory of your loved ones: Envelopes are available at the entrance to each church. Write your name, your envelope number (if any) and name of loved one(s) on the donation envelope and place it in the collection basket. A list of those being remembered will be displayed in each church at Christmas.

Chalice giving tree at St Dunstan's.

If you would like to make a Christmas gift to a family of a child being sponsored through Chalice Canada, there will be a giving tree in the Regent St. foyer at St Dunstan's. Cards hanging on the tree indicate needed items and their costs. If interested, please take a card(s) home and follow the instructions provided on the card's back label for donating directly to Chalice.

Everyone is welcome to attend the monthly meeting of our Parish Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC) to be held in the Mary Sullivan Room of the MBFC on Dec. 9 at 6:30 pm. We will be finalizing plans for the special Mass on Dec.12, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which is also the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, if you would like to help.

If you are interested in being initiated into the Roman Catholic Church, please consider attending Mass with us and contacting us at 506-444-6001 to enquire about the RCIA program.

It is the Advent collection for Sts. John and Paul community outreach:

- 2nd week - Hats, Mitts, Scarves, Socks for all ages, female and male
- 3rd week - Hygiene products for women, men and children/youth
- 4th week - Donations to Food Bank

Christmas Party at Sts. John and Paul Church on December 13th, 6:00 pm. Get a sitter and come enjoy a fun potluck, yankee swap gift exchange (\$20.00 limit on it), Christmas music and games! Punch, tea/coffee will be served, any other beverage will be BYOB. **Please RSVP no later than December 6th by emailing sjpchristmasparty2024@gmail.com.**

Kids Cocoa Party - Sts. John and Paul Church on December 15th following the 11:00 am Mass. There will be hot cocoa, cookies and a craft! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Items for the St. Columba "Jesse Tree"

First Sunday of Advent: Non-Perishable food items for the "Loaves & Fishes" and "Prayer Cards"

Second Sunday of Advent: Mitts, scarves, hats or socks

Third Sunday of Advent: Hygiene Kits for Fredericton Emergency Shelter

Family Faith Formation - Our next family faith formation will be December 15th at 10:00am in the gym. All families with children from kindergarten to grade 7 are welcome to attend.

NET Retreat Thank You! - On Sunday, November 17th youth in grades 8 to 12 from the Fredericton area gathered for an afternoon full of high energy activities, powerful teaching, testimonies and prayers lead by 8 young missionaries from NET (National Evangelization Teams) Canada. A big thank you to the Oneyor, Okwu and Morris families who opened their homes to welcome NET Team members while they were in Fredericton.

Sunday Missals for Young Catholics - This year all families registered in Family Faith Formation will receive a 2024/2025 Sunday Missal for Young Catholics. Additional copies are available for purchase at the parish office for \$10.00 for anyone who would like this valuable resource for their children.

Are you a young adult ages 18-35? The Catholic Young Adults of Fredericton (CYAF) welcomes you! Connect with us through our website (<https://www.cyafredericton.com/>) and on Facebook ("Catholic Young Adults of Fredericton") to sign-up for our weekly email newsletter.

LAST WEEK FOR SIGNING... as sheets will be collected by this Friday, Dec. 13th.

Please, if you haven't already, support the volunteer efforts of your Parish Development and Peace committee, by signing our new petition at the Church exits for our Fall Campaign: "REAPING OUR RIGHTS." Our previous petition during our last campaign resulted in the Honduran Ambassador paying an extremely important and overdue inspection visit to the mining areas causing major damage to the rivers, along with a work stoppage while the operation is looked at. These petitions, while only part of a larger effort, can and do make an important difference. Please consider doing your small but vital part by signing the paper petition (name/address only) now, or online at devp.org. Thank you kindly for supporting your parish Development and Peace committee. FYI please contact Chris at chris.er.mcaloon@gmail.com.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic school Christmas concert. 7:00 pm Thursday Dec 12th at Faith Baptist Church, 525 New Maryland Highway (opposite the Irving gas station). Performances of Christmas songs and Christmas plays. All are welcome. Tickets available at the door: adult \$10, family \$20. There will also be a bake sale and silent auction.

DIOCESAN FEAST DAY

Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC, cordially invites the faithful of the diocese to celebrate our patronal feast day, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, and gather for a concelebrated Eucharist on Monday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Saint John. A reception will follow in the Cathedral residence.

"In preparation for the commemoration of the birth of Christ, we are called to make his path straight level every mountains and fill all valleys in our hearts. The Fredericton Region will therefore, hold an Advent/Christmas Regional Reconciliation Service and Confessions at St. Francis of Assisi, Lincoln at 3.00 pm on Sunday, December 15 2024. There will be many priests available for Confessions. We all are invited."

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast

Sunday, December 8th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Proceeds from the December breakfast will be going to Fredericton Community Kitchens. Everyone welcome.

Offertories Received

Week Ending Nov 24

Please call the Parish Office at 444-6001 if you have any questions

	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>	<u>Total</u>
Regular offertories	\$497	\$1,686	\$7,031	\$9,214
Building Fund	\$0	\$0	\$95	\$95
Cemetery Fund	\$40	\$50	\$80	\$170

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples 12 December 2024

To mark the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (CCIC) recalls the profound sorrow expressed by Pope Francis, during his Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022, for the catastrophic effects of the residential school system on Indigenous communities, as well as the journey of reconciliation and healing we have embarked upon together. Two years later, the Pope's words still compel us to recognize this painful legacy and walk alongside the Indigenous Peoples in a spirit of repentance, solidarity, and hope.

We contemplate the Holy Father's words: "The Church is the house where we conciliate anew, where we meet to start over and to grow together". This vision of the Church as a "living body of reconciliation" has guided us in our ongoing commitment to justice and healing. In this spirit, we reaffirm our pledge to work for healing and reconciliation, and to reflect on our efforts since the Holy Father's visit to Canada in 2022.

Together we pray:

O God, Creator and Father of all, with humility and hope, we, your children, acknowledge the relationship in You of all living things. For this we thank You and praise You. We call on You, Great Mystery, our God who comes to us in Jesus Christ, Your Son – our Lord, teacher, prophet and brother – to open our minds and hearts as we continue to walk the difficult, yet critical journey of reconciliation and healing. In our world of such blessed diversity, we see so many struggles and obstacles to oneness and unity. We implore You to heal our brokenness and division. Show us in Jesus the way to unity among the multiplicity of Your peoples in our world. We also pray that You will guide and lead us in the Truth, and show us how to be a people who walk with You. May we be a people of Respect, Humility, Courage, Honesty, and Compassion - as we find Your Wisdom on the Spirit-led journey that supports deep healing and fosters renewed relationships. Lord, make us channels of Your Peace, Hope, and Love!

+Amen