



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba †
118 Wilsey Rd FJ

Sts. John & Paul †
729 New Maryland Hwy

St. Dunstan's
120 Regent St

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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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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stmarymagdaleneparishfredericton/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stmarymagdaleneparishfreddy/>

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 1st, 2024 – 1st Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Rosary and Divine Mercy:

Rosary before Mass:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

FIRST Friday:

FIRST Saturday:

Prayers for Peace in the World:

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

Tuesday, December 3rd, 7 pm – 7:45 pm, St. Dunstan's

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 1 9:00 AM Rick MacDonald
Sun, Dec 8 9:00 AM Edward Ackerson

Sts. John & Paul Church

Sun, Dec 1 11:00 AM Lorette LeBlanc
Mon, Dec 2 9:00 AM Georgina Jones
Sun, Dec 8 11:00 AM Stanley Wadden

St. Dunstan's Church

Sat, Nov 30 4:00 PM Joseph Ing
Sun, Dec 1 9:00 AM Richard Nicki
11:30 AM Jefril John Gonzales
Wed, Dec 4 6:30 PM Laura Carroll(Anniversary Mass)
Patricia Davidson
Thu, Dec 5 12:05PM Roberto Marulanda
Fri, Dec 6 6:30 PM Richard Nicki
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

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 8th

1st R: Jeremiah 33.14-16 **2nd R:** 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2
Gospel: Luke 21.25 -28, 34-36

***Sanctuary Lamp - Week of Dec 1st**
In loving memory of Graham and Patrick
Boudreau*

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.

The Disciple Maker Index

As a follow up to the survey from the Diocese regarding the Disciple Maker Index, we have printed a copy of the results available for pick up at the office. A PDF copy is also available on the Parish Website.

The Fredericton Homeless Shelters Annual Mail Out

Due to the Canada Post strike, the Fredericton Homeless Shelters is unable to mail out their letter requesting monetary donations to support this important service. This fundraising is a big part of their budget and they are unable to reach out to the community via mail. If you are interested in helping, please contact the shelters via an online contribution at theshelthers.ca, by calling them at 506.450.5294 or by email at info@theshelthers.ca

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.

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.

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

- 1st week - Jesse Tree and Prayer cards
- 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

Last weekend at Family Faith Formation! ~ *"What's the Word?"* Coming to Mass each Sunday is like gathering in a huddle to review how we are doing on our mission. We admit that we have failed, and we remember that we are forgiven, and we give glory to God. Then we are sent out to try again! What better way than God's Word to prepare us! At Family Faith Formation we explored the Liturgy of the Word at Mass and got familiar with sacred Scripture: where it came from, how to navigate it, and how it is used throughout the year. Everything we do in Mass is meant to help us complete an important mission that happens when you leave. Listening to God's Word can help us on our mission! This year families are exploring all the parts of the Mass during Family Faith Formation, and we will be sharing highlights with the parish. These sessions are perfect for families with children in kindergarten to grade 7. If you would like to know more about our sessions or our take home resources, please contact Patty Cameron at faithformation@stmarymagdalene-parish.ca or (506) 444-6018.

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.

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH
Churches & Rectories**

**Quarterly Consolidated Profit & Loss Statement
As of September 30, 2024**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income		
Donations	384,076	359,120
Sales	7,533	6,201
Advertising	30	270
Rental Income	11,280	17,046
Interest Income	5,732	5,256
Recoveries	29,578	16,721
Total Income	438,229	404,614
Cost of Goods Sold	5,985	4,248
	432,244	400,366
Expense		
Salaries & Benefits	222,729	250,991
Administration	17,667	23,408
Chancery Assessment	61,158	61,155
Insurance	23,574	20,949
Priest Related Expenses (1)	45,914	51,033
General Expenses	17,421	8,560
Buildings & Grounds	98,133	103,204
Rectory, Sts. John & Paul	7,538	9,739
Ministries	9,609	13,743
Total Expense	503,743	542,782
Operating Income/(Loss)	(71,499)	(142,416)
Other Income/(Expenses)		
Realized Gains/(Losses) on Investments	56,446	7,794
Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Investments	220,004	108,000
Insurance proceeds	22,500	22,500
Fundraising	1,741	0
Gain/(loss) on Foreign Exchange	17	0
Major Capital Expenditures	(7,475)	0
Investment Management Fees	(11,922)	(10,800)
Other Income/(Expenses)	281,311	127,494
Net Income/(Loss)	209,812	(14,922)

(1) Excludes salaries & benefits; includes St. Dunstan's rectory, mileage and household costs.

32nd Advent Carol Festival - December 4, 7:30 p.m., Brunswick St. Baptist Church Come and be inspired by beautiful music as Saint Dunstan's Choir joins with other choirs in the City for this Advent interfaith celebration. Money collected during the donation will go to the Fredericton Food Bank.

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.

All children, and their families, are invited to participate in an Advent work of mercy by lending a hand with the Advent bake sale on Dec 1st at both Masses. The money will go to helping children touched by war. Kids can bring their labelled baked goods and stand at the exits to collect donations. Parishioners can enjoy their treats during Coffee Hour in the Mary Sullivan Room or bring them home. Please send questions to Alfred Morrison alfmor68289@outlook.com

STILL is a creative non-fiction novel that portrays the consequences suffered by children when adults make poor decisions, but it's also a story about love and even hope. How much hope is up to Matty and Henry Frank. Will they succumb to their misfortunes, or will they have faith enough to believe that better days still lie ahead? Emotional and humorous, this story will captivate readers. Written and illustrated by Cheryl Ford of Fredericton, NB for audiences aged 15 and older. Some violence and strong language. Available in three versions (STILL, STILL ebook, and STILL in Paintings and Words) on Amazon.

We will be having a Men's Advent Retreat Saturday November 30, 10 am - 5 pm, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Lincoln. We will be using the writings and meditations of St. Alphonsus Ligouri to prepare ourselves for the season of Advent. All are welcome and encouraged to join us. There will be no cost for the event, if interested please email sacredheart3n1@gmail.com

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."

Office of the Bishop Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, All social goods flow from a culture that rightly has as its source the respect for the sanctity of human life. This is why I, along with many others, was disheartened to hear about recent decisions to expand abortion services in the province. Every civil right we enjoy is founded on the most fundamental right—the right to life from conception to natural death. In a 2018 letter, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops noted, “Canada today is one of the only countries in the world in which abortion continues to be permitted at every stage of pre-natal development, and for any motive.”¹ True investment in women would see an increase in services that help women safely carry their pregnancies to term, including proper medical care, psychological support, the basic necessities of life, access to education, assistance with childcare and job protection. Accompaniment and care for both mother and child will help to alleviate the crisis without any loss of life. This is how we truly love and support women – being pro-life means being pro-woman. We must be rooted in truth and never tire of proclaiming it, including the undeniable scientific data showing that human life does in fact begin at conception. Cardiac tissue starts to pulse at around 5-6 weeks of pregnancy, which can be registered as a heartbeat on an ultrasound. This is why we can say without hesitation that abortion stops a beating heart. It has never been more urgent to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves. I am so grateful for the good work of pro-life organizations in our diocese including New Brunswick Right to Life and Birthright that help continue the important work of education on the value of life from conception to natural death, keeping the public informed on these issues, and serving women in unexpected pregnancies. On the second Sunday of Advent, our annual Diocesan Pro-Life collection in support of these and other pro-life organizations will be taken up in the parishes. By educating and advocating on behalf of the most vulnerable members of our society these organizations play a vital role in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel of life. You can contribute to this special collection on the weekend of December 7-8 using envelopes marked, “PRO-LIFE OFFERING”. Your prayerful and financial support will help promote respect and protection of human life at all stages, from conception to natural death. I urge you in charity to respond generously. It has never been more important to pray for our elected officials, to support the work of pro-life organizations, and to make our voices heard. Let us pray unceasingly that the fundamental right to life will be protected, valued, and upheld. Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn – pray for us!

Yours in Jesus with Mary, ✠ Christian Riesbeck, CC Bishop of Saint John November 25, 2024