

# ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

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Monday to Friday – 9 AM - 5PM  
Saturdays 2 PM – 6 PM  
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## May 17<sup>th</sup> 2026 – May 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Acts 1.1-11*

Gospel: *Matthew 28.16-20*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *Ephesians 1.17-23*

### Mass Times St. Dunstan's Church

Sundays at 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Tuesdays at 12:05 PM

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Thursdays at 12:05 PM

Fridays – ROSARY TO ST. JOSEPH at 6 PM, then Mass at 6:30 PM

Saturdays at 4:00 PM – **CONFESSION from 2:30-3:30PM**

### Mass Times Sts. John & Paul Church

Sundays at 11:00 AM

ROSARY: Before Mass at 10:10 AM

Thursdays – Adoration 1PM-5PM

### Mass Times St. Columba Church

Sundays at 9:00 AM

ROSARY: Mondays at 7:00 PM

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 Passamaquoddy and Mi'kmaq Tribes/Nations, signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700's

### CONGRATULATIONS

🎉 **Fr. Peter G. Osborne!** 🎉

Today, we joyfully celebrate Fr. Peter on his 27th Anniversary of his Ordination! Thank you for your faithful service, compassionate leadership, and unwavering dedication to our parish community and to the Lord. Your guidance, kindness, and devotion continue to inspire so many. May God continue to bless you with good health, peace, joy, and fulfillment in your ministry for many years to come. Please join us in wishing Fr. Peter a very happy anniversary and keeping him in your prayers today! 🙏

### Novena Prayer to St. Dunstan

"O God, whose grace has guided your servant, St. Dunstan, to a life of holiness and service, we humbly beseech you to hear our prayers. Through the intercession of St. Dunstan, grant us your blessings in our lives. [*Here, you can insert your specific intention or prayer.*] Bless our families and give them strength and guidance.

St. Dunstan, patron of our church, we turn to you for help. Lead us to a deeper understanding of your faith and guide us on our path to holiness. We place our trust in your intercession and your powerful prayers.

St. Dunstan, intercede for us before the throne of God. Grant us the grace to live lives that are pleasing to Him and that reflect the joy of the Gospel. Amen"

Note: You can repeat this prayer for nine consecutive days, praying it daily, preferably with the addition of a few Hail Marys and Our Fathers.

VIGIL CANDLES FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE \$5.00 EACH ~ VOTIVE CANDLES FOR SALE IN EACH CHAPEL \$2.00 EACH

PLEASE TURN YOUR CELLS PHONE OFF OR TO SILENT DURING MASS

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**St. Dunstan's Mass Intentions May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Mass Schedules		Mass Intention	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. May 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	Edmond & Rachel Losier	Hector & Elaine Losier	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. May 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	Mary Ryan	The Daigle Family	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. May 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 AM	Mary Ryan	Patricia Earle	Fr. Peter Osborne
Tues. May 19 <sup>th</sup>	12:05 PM	Mary Ryan	Oliver Nieces & Nephews	Fr. Peter Osborne
Wed. May 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Jim & Amanda Kuefler	Patricia Roussy	Fr. Peter Osborne
Thurs. May 21 <sup>st</sup>	12:05 PM	James & Elaine Lawyer	Mark Lawyer	Fr. Peter Osborne
Fri. May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 PM	Ronald LeBreton	Charles & Sue Ferris	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sat. May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4:00 PM	Donald Losier	Hector & Elaine Losier	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. May 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	Special Intention	Richard Lourdes & Marie Empaynado and Family	Fr. Joseph Devereaux
Sun. May 24 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 AM	Savariraj Soosai	Rod & Margaret Savidge	Fr. Joseph Devereaux

**STS. JOHN & PAUL**

Mass Schedules		Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. May 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	Marriage Blessings for Anna & Anna & Alex/Tessa & Taylor	Margaret Campbell	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. May 24 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	Rose Mae Richards	Lorraine Bird	Fr. Peter Osborne

**ST. COLUMBA**

Mass Schedules		Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. May 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	Visitacion Samonte	Alyssa Jannisen Saljay	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. May 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	Jones & Harnish Family	Francine Jones-Harnish	Fr. Peter Osborne

 **FEAST OF ST. DUNSTAN - May 24th, 2026** 

Join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of one of our patron saints in our parish, St. Dunstan. The 11:30am will be a special mass and then a fellowship after with light snacks in Monsignor Boyd Family Centre Gym. We will also kick-off the preparation for the 200th Anniversary of St. Dunstan's Church with a short fundraising event - 50/50 BINGO! \$5 per card per game.

**NEXT CWL MEETING: SUNDAY MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1PM TO 4PM IN THE MARY SULLIVAN ROOM**

When planning a practice or a meeting with your parish group and want to book a space in the MBFC - **ALWAYS** check with the office **FIRST** for availability **AT LEAST ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE**. This is to ensure we have sufficient staff to assist you and to lock up afterwards. Please be aware that when leaving the facility in the evening after 5PM, you are to exit either through the church doors (as they will be automatically locked) OR through the **back doors of the MBFC** to the parking lot. This will help us guarantee the safety of everyone and confirm that the front doors will be locked after everyone leaves.

**TV Mass sponsored by our Parish will be shown at 9am and 1:00 pm on Vision TV. May 18th.**

The winner of the CWL Spring Basket was Gabriel Artegea. Thank you to all who supported CWL in this fundraiser.



**THE CHURCH DEDICATES THE MONTH OF MAY TO MARY**

The Mother of God and our Mother . Mary intercedes for is in love, to Jesus, her Son, Who is the source of all grace. She waits for us to go to Her in our needs and suffering. Her intercession is powerful, as when she asked Jesus to perform His first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Though He told Her it was not yet His time to perform miracles, He heard and answered His Mother’s compassionate plea to save the wedding hosts at Cana from the embarrassment of running out of wine for their guests. At this compassionate request of His Mother, Jesus altered the appointed time for His miracles to begin, He turned water into wine. Not only that, the Bible tells us the wine was the best wine of the evening, normally served at the beginning of wedding celebrations, not at the end as it was at Cana. How powerful and kind was the answer of Jesus to the intercession of His beloved Mother. How can we doubt the great works of Mary’s intercession to Her Son when we ask for Her help. This May, pick up the “consecration to Mary” prayer, or the memorare prayer, found on the table across from St Joseph’s altar (front left of St Dunstan’s Church). Use the memorare prayer as a short prayer through the day, as a 9-day novena, or as Mother Theresa of Calcutta did when there was not enough time to say a 9-day novena- instead, for urgent matters, she recited the memorare to Mary 10 times in a row when there was not enough time for a 9 day novena. Or, to honour Mary, say the rosary with greater reverence and attention. And for extra powerful prayers to Mary, accompany them with an act of sacrifice for someone else, like no salt on your meal, or skipping dessert. MAY IS A TIME OF GREAT FAVOUR FROM MARY, A TIME TO SEEK DIVINE GRACE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. Go to Mary in May.

**Celebrating Mary this May!**

Sts. John and Paul Church will be celebrating Mary throughout the month of May by saying *One Decade of The Rosary* just before Mass starting at 11:00 AM. We invite everyone to join us on this beautiful, guided experience.



**FOLLOWING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS BY PROVIDING DIGNITY TO THE VULNERABLE**

Sts. John and Paul Church will be exercising compassion and stewardship: Starting this Sunday, we will have a collection for the following items: Non-perishable food items for people and pets Hygiene products, especially for women Gift cards to places like Sobeys, No Frills, Wal-Mart, Costco, Kent, Shur-gain, REN’s Pets, etc. Each week moving forward, we will have theme weeks, or a month which will be posted in the bulletin.

**PARISHIONERS GATHERING FOR MASS**

Mass Schedule	6th Week of Easter May 9th-10th
<b>ST. COLUMBA</b>	
Sunday, 9:00am	54
<b>ST. DUNSTAN'S</b>	
Saturday, 4:00pm	206
Sunday, 9:00am	240
Sunday, 11:30am	369
<b>STS. JOHN &amp; PAUL</b>	
Sunday, 11:00am	101
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>970</b>

**Pew Care Reminder:** Some of the pews in the church are currently **peeling**. To help preserve the condition of the seating, we kindly ask parents to please ensure that their children **DO NOT PULL** on the peeling pieces of vinyl covering. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and assistance in caring for our church.

**Community Support Update**

**We are still collecting food, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, as well as financial donations to support a family of five.**

We are deeply grateful for the generosity already shown—thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone who has contributed so far. Your kindness has truly made a difference, and we thank you as well for the generosity still to come. Please know how much your support is appreciated.

# Call for Board Members

Do you want to help make in impact in our community?

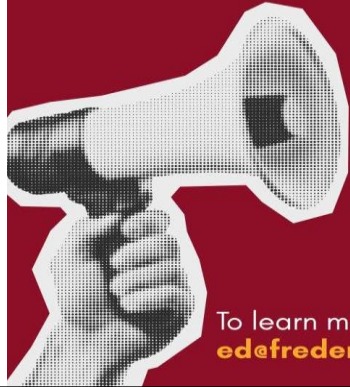
Join the Fredericton Community Kitchens Board today!

Do you have a background in:

- Fundraising/Philanthropy
- Law
- Education
- Legal/Governance
- Public Safety
- First Responders
- Real Estate
- Human Resources
- Project Management

All nominations welcome!

To learn more, email Marco at [edefrederictoncommunitykitchens.com](mailto:edefrederictoncommunitykitchens.com)



“Taste and See” June 2026 Retreats invite adults to step away from the busyness of life and deepen their relationship with God through the Ignatian spirituality of finding God in all things. From **June 10–17, 2026**, participants may choose either a 7-day directed retreat that begins with four days online and concludes with three days in silence at Villa Madonna, or a fully in-person silent 3-day directed retreat at Villa Madonna (**June 15–17**). Both retreats include daily accompaniment by a spiritual director and opportunities for prayer, Scripture, nature, and worship. For details and application, visit [aaseasaintjohn.ca](http://aaseasaintjohn.ca) or contact Bob McDermott at 506-696-4772 or [mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca).

**FYI: Taxi Voucher Program with Checker Cab has been DISCONTINUED. Taxi vouchers will no longer be accepted.**

**Special ask of parishioners: Please be proactive and help us keep our church clean. When throwing out your garbage, please place it in the appropriate receptacle. Papers like old bulletins or memos (not paper plates or cups) go in “Paper & Card Recycle” bins. Coffee and drink cups are to be EMPTIED FIRST (dump the unused portion in the sink or toilet) then placed in “TRASH” or “GENERAL WASTE”. Pop cans and plastic water bottles are to be EMPTIED FIRST, then placed in the “RECYCLE BOTTLES AND CANS” bin. DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE put food containers, leftover food waste, drinking cups with liquids in them, paper coffee cups, plastic utensils in the large blue bin called “PAPER & CARD RECYCLE”. Cleaning this bin out after it’s been used as a garbage can is extremely difficult for our staff to do. Thank you!**

## SPECIAL COLLECTION - PAPAL CHARITIES:

On the 6th Sunday of Easter, May 17, a second collection will be taken up to support Papal charities. Two-thirds of the funds collected directly support the pastoral mission of the Holy Father in his service to the Universal Church by financing the various Secretariats, Dicasteries, Academies, and other institutions of the Holy See. The other third supports the fund known as Peter's Pence, which, in addition to supporting the needs of the Holy See, also devotes a portion of the money to charitable projects. Thank you for your generous support of this important work.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to assist parishioners across the busy cross walks at BRUNSWICK ST. AND REGENT for Saturday and Sunday Masses. If interested, please contact EVERT GARCIA at (506) 471-9065 or [esg\\_mit@yahoo.com](mailto:esg_mit@yahoo.com)

**Hey Teens! Only 3 youth spots remain** on the second bus for Steubenville Atlantic! (after our spots are filled - youth will be put on a waiting list) Registration is closing soon, for the July 10–12 conference in Halifax. If you’re entering Grade 9 through graduating Grade 12, this is your chance to experience an unforgettable weekend of faith, music, powerful speakers, and hundreds of teens from across the region. Register now so you won’t be disappointed. **Talk to your parish RE Coordinator or priest before registering.** <https://www.steubenville.ca/register-now>

### A Grateful Thank You to Our Church Cleaning Volunteers!

We are truly blessed to have a faithful group of volunteers who gather every **Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.** to clean our church 🧹. Their dedication and generosity of time help ensure that our church remains a beautiful and welcoming place for worship—**God’s house**, where parishioners come together to pray and encounter the Lord 🏛️❤️. We are deeply grateful for these devoted volunteers who serve so selflessly. **Thank you** for your continued commitment and love for our parish 🌟. If anyone else would like to lend a helping hand, you are most welcome to join this wonderful group 🤝😊. Your presence and assistance would be greatly appreciated!

### Offertories Received Week Ending May 10<sup>rd</sup> 2026

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

	St C	Sts J&P	St D	Total
Poor & Needy	10	65	275	350
Loose Collection	5	175	1357	1537
Envelope Collection	564	1115	3812	5491
Vigil Candle Sales	---	---	295	295
P.A.D.	---	---	---	642
Family in Need	---	---	20	20
Papal Charities	57	315	584	956
Cemetery Fund	---	45	15	60

**Next Diocesan Collection: BUILDING FUND - June 7th, 2026**