



ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

St. Columba **Sts. John & Paul** **St. Dunstan**
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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Pastoral Council Chair: Evert Garcia
Finance Council Chair: Brent Jamael
Administrative Assistant: Debbie Brooks

Parish Office Hours:
Mondays | Wednesdays | Fridays
9 am - 5 pm
Tuesdays | Thursdays
9 am - 9 pm
Saturdays - 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sundays - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Co. Pastor: Fr. Peter Osborne
Office & Facility Manager: Mike Minifie
Family Faith Formation: Nadine LeBlanc
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Weekend of November 29th and 30th, 2025 – 35th First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: *Isaiah 2.1-5*

Gospel: *Matthew 24.37-44*

2nd Reading: *Romans 13.11-14*

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES will be celebrated from December 15th to December 23rd at 6:30 PM at St. Dunstan Church

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

Mass Times – Weekdays at St. Dunstan	Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:05 PM • Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30 PM
Mass Times – Weekends at St. Dunstan	Saturdays at 4:00 PM • Sundays 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM
Mass Times – St. Columba	Sundays at 9:00 AM
Mass Times – Sts. John and Paul	Sundays at 11:00 AM
Confession at St. Dunstan Church:	Saturdays 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM • Tuesdays & First Fridays during Adoration. For any other time, please call or email the office.
Adoration at St. Dunstan	Tuesdays at 11:00 AM followed by Mass at 12:05 PM FIRST FRIDAYS – after 6:30 PM Mass until 8:00 PM
Adoration at Sts. John & Paul	Thursdays 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Benediction at St. Dunstan	Wednesdays at 6:00 PM followed by Mass at 6:30 PM
Rosary to Our Lady: St. Dunstan St. Columba Sts. John & Paul	Tuesdays at 2:00 PM • First Saturdays at St. Dunstan, after 9:00 AM Mass. Mondays at 7:00 PM Sundays at 10:20 AM
Rosary to St. Joseph at St. Dunstan	Fridays at 6:00 PM except on FIRST FRIDAYS
Divine Mercy Chaplet – St. Dunstan	Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
Baptisms:	Please call the office ONE MONTH before desired date
Marriages:	Please call the office SIX (6) MONTHS before desired date
Faith Formation	Every Sunday from 10:10 AM to 11:10 AM at Monsignor Boyd Family Centre

PLEASE ~ PUT YOUR CELL PHONES ON SILENT BEFORE MASS BEGINS

VIGIL CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE FOR \$5

Regional Reconciliation • Dec. 7th 2025 at 3 PM • St. Dunstan Church - Many priests will be available for individual confessions

THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSION IS WEDNESDAY BY 12:00 PM. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE PLACED IN THE BULLETIN FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

MASS INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 30TH TO DECEMBER 7TH, 2025

ST. DUNSTAN

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. November 29 th 4:00 PM	Edmund & Rachel Losier Special Intention Rick Camiel Roger Deman-Birthday	Hector & Elaine Losier Cristy Flores	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. November 30 th 9:00 AM	Father Grynvolski (Pastor of St. Benedict's)	David or Gail Wojcik	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. November 30 th 11:30 AM	Victoria & Andrew Horyczun Special Intention Cristy Lily Edelene Flores - Birthday	David or Gail Wojcik Cristy Lily Edelene Flores	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Tues. December 2 nd 12:05 PM	Ari & Nora Darrow	David or Gail Wojcik	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Wed. December 3 rd 6:30 PM	John & Ethel Nichols	David or Gail Wojcik	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Thurs. December 4 th 12:05 PM	Patricia Davidson	Mike Davidson	Fr. Peter Osborne
Fri. December 5 th 6:30 PM	Special Intention Cristian Ramirez Thanksgiving - Birthday	Lino & Marlene Ramirez	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sat. December 6 th 4:00 PM	Donald Losier Special Intention For the Children of the Parish to lead a prayerful life	Hector & Elaine Losier A Faithful Parishioner	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. December 7 th 9:00 AM	Terry & Ferne McBride Special Intention For the Children of the Parish to lead a prayerful life	Rob, Tina, Lily & Samuel A Faithful Parishioner	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. December 7 th 11:30 AM	Special Intention For the Children of the Parish to lead a prayerful life	A Faithful Parishioner	Fr. Peter Osborne

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. November 30 th 11:00 AM	Ernel Stanley Wadden	Angela Dela Cruz Cathy Wadden	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. December 7 th 11:00 AM	Special Intention For the Children of the Parish to lead a prayerful life	A Faithful Parishioner	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

ST. COLOMBA

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sunday November 30 th 9:00 AM	Charlie Burns	Mike & Jane Burns	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sunday December 7 th 9:00 AM	Special Intention For the Children of the Parish to lead a prayerful life	A Faithful Parishioner	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

Notice of Cancellation

We sincerely apologize for the cancellation of the Youth Adoration/Taizé that was scheduled for Friday, November 21st. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to hold the event. The Youth Adoration will be **rescheduled** for a later date, which will be announced in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Looking for volunteers to help with **RCIA** candidates (to act as their sponsors), **CATECHISTS** for Children's Faith Formation as well as **COMMUNION MINISTERS** to help with those recovering from a debility or sickness. If you are interested in helping with any of these ministries, please leave your contact information with the office reception.

APPRECIATION LUNCH FOR RECENT & FORMER COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

Fr. Suresh, Fr. Peter and the Parish Councils are inviting all recent and former Community Kitchen volunteers to an Appreciation Lunch, hosted by St. Mary Magdalene Parish, on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 12:45 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 170 Regent Street. The Knights of Bishop Dollard Council 1942 will be preparing their Sunday Brunch menu. **If you are able to attend please RSVP to Beth Nicholas at bethandgraydon1@gmail.com or 506-476-2009**

Prepare Your Heart This Advent

As we journey toward the celebration of the Lord's coming this Christmas, we invite all parishioners to take an **Advent Book of Reflections** to help deepen your prayer and preparation during this holy season. These books are available at the entrance of each church.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Dunstan's Church DECEMBER 12TH, 2025



Bishop Christian Riesbeck will preside at a special Mass on Friday, December 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm in St. Dunstan's Church -120 Regent Street, in celebration of the **Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.**

Graydon Nicholas will give a short talk on the miraculous appearance of Our Blessed Mother to St. Juan Diego in Mexico City on Dec. 9th, 10th & 12th of 1531. There will be an Indigenous presence with drumming and chanting and a special collection in support of GIGNOO Transition House.

A reception will follow in the gym of the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Lectio Divina for Advent

Join us for a **Lectio Divina** beginning Wednesday, November 26th, immediately following the 6:30 PM Mass.

Together, we will prayerfully reflect on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday, preparing our hearts for the coming of our Savior during this Holy Season of Advent. This will take place on Wednesday: December 3rd, December 10th and December 17th. Come and experience the beauty of God's Word as we journey toward Christmas in hope and expectation.

Faith Formation Update

Last Sunday, November 23rd, at the 11:30 AM Mass, our catechists signed their yearly commitment forms. During this meaningful moment, parishioners joined in prayer for them as they renewed their dedication to teaching the faith. Father Peter offered a special blessing and prayer, asking for God's grace to guide them in this beautiful ministry of forming the hearts and minds of our children—the future of our Church.

A heartfelt thank you to all who participated in this important step for our Faith Formation program. Your support and prayers strengthen our mission to share Christ's love with the next generation.

Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates

This year, our parish has a wonderful group of young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in **May 2026**. We invite you to journey with them in prayer!

How can you help?

Take a **Prayer Note** from the basket at the front of the church at the St. Joseph Altar. Each note has the name of a candidate. Keep this note and pray for that candidate regularly throughout the year as they grow in faith and prepare for this important step.

Your prayers are a powerful gift and a sign of our parish family's love and support. Thank you for accompanying them on this journey!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

In Christ,

Nadine LeBlanc, Coordinator, Faith Formation



Faith Formation

GIVING TUESDAY – CATHEDRAL RESTORATION: This Jubilee Year has been a time of grace at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, but much work remains to preserve this sacred space. On Giving Tuesday, please consider a generous gift toward restoration projects, including masonry repairs, accessibility improvements, and sound system upgrades. Donations are tax-deductible and can be made online at dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations or by cheque, e-transfer, or pledge. Every gift helps keep our Cathedral a beacon of hope for generations to come!



Are you passionate about walking with young people in their journey of faith? Do you feel called to help build vibrant parish youth groups and support diocesan youth events? We invite you to join us for an **online introduction to youth ministry on Monday, December 9, from 6:00–7:30 PM**. This session is designed to help you discern whether youth ministry might be your calling and to explore how you can be part of a growing movement to empower youth across our diocese. The session will be led by: **James Pereira**, Program Coordinator and **Margaret Raymond**, Campus Ministry Coordinator, Holy Cross Chaplaincy (Halifax). Whether you're a seasoned catechist, a young adult looking to serve, or simply curious about how to get involved, this is a great first step. We hope you'll join us and consider being part of this exciting mission. Please email Patricia Lee at catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or call 506-627-6465.



*Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of
November 30th to December 7th
is in honour of
BILL WOODS*

**STU Chapel – 7 PM
Nov. 28th, 2025**

Dylan Capstick, from the St. John Choir of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be sharing his testimonial, and members of the Cathedral Choir will be providing the music during Adoration. There will be time for fellowship and food afterwards.

God Bless
~ Claire Morrison



JOB POSTING



Please find a link to a job posting for Director, Newman Theological College: <https://caedm.ca/director-of-information-systems-and-online-learning-newman-theological-college/>



Kids Christmas Party December 14th at 12 PM
directly after Mass Sts. John & Paul Church Family Center. Join us for fun, crafts, sweet treats and there may be a surprise or two! You must RSVP before December 7th by contacting Debbie in the office to register your child so there is enough for all



Advent talks on “Finding the Light of Christ” in the darkness of December presented by Retired Bishop Bill Hockin at Christ Church (Parish Church) Westmorland Street from 12:10 to 1 pm. Talks on December 3rd with Greg Geldart; Dec 10th with Albert Snelgrove and Dec 17th with Bill Hockin. Donations are free will-

A limited number of **MIRACULOUS MEDALS** (“Medal of the Immaculate Conception”) will be available for parishioners at the Wednesday night Mass (December 3rd, 2025) at St. Dunstan. There will be a short investiture prayer and a blessing over the medals.

33rd Advent Carol Festival
Grace Memorial Baptist Church
536 Northumberland Street –
Wednesday December 3rd at 7:30pm.

All are invited to attend this yearly festive event featuring local church and community choirs with audience carol singing. St. Dunstan 11:30 Sunday Mass Choir will be participating. Free admission. A freewill offering will be received with proceeds going to the CBC Make the Season Kind campaign benefitting local Food Banks.



Fredericton Ladies Choir ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tuesday, December 9th, 2025
St. Dunstan Roman Catholic Church
Doors open at 6:15pm.
Featuring Special Guest: **ELM CITY STRING QUARTET**
Tickets are \$20/Adult or \$10 Under 18. Available at Westminster Bookmark, from choir members or at the door

Offertories Received Week Ending November 23, 2025

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	\$375	\$1176	\$5727	\$7277
Christ the King		\$360	\$775	\$1135

Next Special Collection is Dec 7 – PRO LIFE