



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba †
Fredericton Junction

Sts. John & Paul †
New Maryland

St. Dunstan's
Fredericton

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

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

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March 17th, 2024 – 5th Sunday of Lent

<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</i>	<i>Saturdays @ 3-3:30 pm, St. Dunstan's Before and after weekday Mass, and any other time by appointment</i>
<i>Rosary and Divine Mercy:</i>	<i>Tuesdays @ 2 pm, St Dunstan's (Contact Mary McMahan 457-0093)</i>
<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:</i>	<i>Thursdays @ 1-5 pm, Sts. John and Paul Wednesdays @ 6 pm (before Mass), St. Dunstan's FIRST Friday @ 7 pm, St. Dunstan's</i>
<i>Rosary before Mass:</i>	<i>Sundays @ 10:20 am, Sts. John and Paul</i>
<i>Prayers for Peace in the World:</i>	<i>First Monday of each Month, 7 pm – 7:45 pm, St. Dunstan's Everyone is welcome, enter Church on King Street side by Tim's</i>

Livestream link for Mass: <https://www.stmarymagdaleneparish.ca>

Preparation time for the Sacrament of Marriage is 6 months prior to the marriage date.

Preparation time for the Sacrament of Baptism is one month prior to the Baptism date.

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.

Invitation to INTRODUCTION to the SYNOD on SYNODALITY

In October 2023, Pope Francis opened the First Session of *The Synod on Synodality* with some 365 delegates from around the world in attendance. The Second Session will take place this coming October 2024.

Father John Jennings is offering an **introductory overview of what the synod is about and what it can mean for the whole Catholic community**. Join us this coming **Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00pm** in St Theresa's Church meeting rooms (behind the church). All are welcome. Please join us at the corner of Royal Rd and William St.

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1st Reading: Jeremiah 31. 31-34

Gospel: John 12. 20-33

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5. 7-9

MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES

St. Columba Church

Sun, Mar 17 9:00 AM Joan Reardon
 Tue, Mar 19 7:00 PM Special Intention
 Sun, Mar 24 9:00 AM Mary Caporelli

Sts. John & Paul Church

Sun, Mar 17 11:00 AM Camille Theriault
 Mon, Mar 18 9:00 AM Margery E Rattray
 Sun, Mar 24 11:00 AM Clair Gilmore

St. Dunstan's Church

Sat, Mar 16 4:00 PM Louie LeClerc
 Sun, Mar 17 9:00 AM Tina Christie
 11:30 AM James Clark

 Wed, Mar 20 6:30 PM Paul Sullivan
 Thu, Mar 21 12:05 PM Clarice Roxborough
 Fri, Mar 22 6:30 PM Souls in Purgatory
 Sat, Mar 23 4:00 PM Bette Miles
 Sun, Mar 24 9:00 AM Patricia Regan
 11:30 AM Rosemary Regan

Readings for March 24th

1st Reading: Isaiah 50. 4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2. 6-11

Gospel: Mark 14.1 – 15.47

Lent on FORMED ~ Parishioners are invited to discover the many Lent resources available on FORMED. There is something for everyone! Families with young children will enjoy "*Lent with Brother Francis*". Older children can explore Lent through art with "*Growing Closer to God*". Adults grow closer to God with "*RESTORE: Lent*". Registering for FORMED is EASY!

- Go to formed.org/signup
- Enter Postal Code – E3A 3N5.
- Register with your name and email address
- Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED



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NECROLOGY

Mar 17	Mrs. Mary Hurley	1958
	Minnie Thompson	1969
	James Lee MacAfee	1992
	King Hang Tang	1999
	Gertrude Wade	1999
	Lois Geraldine Ryan	2018
	Tim Joseph Swazey	2019
Mar 18	Frank Bourgeois	1958
	Frank Foster	1958
	Rev Henry Francis Gillen	1969
	Mary Ellen Ryan	1973
	Msgr Donald Duffie	1989
Mar 19	Helena Camilla Fitzpatrick	1989
	Mary Norma White	1991
	Denis Jean LaHaie	1993
	Alma Margaret Whalen	1999
	Baby Janak	2001
	Arthur O'Connor	2022
Mar 20	Marie Feeney	1964
	Lewis Blake Wilbur	1978
	Joseph King	1979
	Fred McGinnis	1982
	Beatrice Julia Mahoney	2013
Mar 21	Luke Brogan	1964
	Hugh O'Neil	1966
	John Leo McSorley	1989
	Giselle MacKillop	1992
	Isobel Mary Simcock	1994
	John Robert Bowles	2012
	Agnes "Aggie" LeBlanc	2022
Mar 22	James Bernard	1960
	Shelly Lynn Saunders	1968
	Rev Joseph Cyril Floyd	1977
	Cindy Lee Pickard	2003
	Dorothy Marie Walker	2008
	Patrick Barthe Coulombe	2010
	Armand Joseph Richard	2016
	Charles Arthur Sargeant	2021
	Margaret Forestell	2022
Mar 23	Mary Nellie Blank	1964
	Frederick Currie	1984
	Geza Charles Kuun	2007
	Margaret Forestell	2022

St. DUNSTAN:

- **Stations of the Cross every Tuesday at 2pm** in the church.
- **Development and Peace** will be doing Stations of the Cross on Monday, March 18th at 2pm.
- **Ministries Workshop:** There will be a workshop at St. Dunstan's on Saturday March 16th, 10:00 am to 12 noon. All Lectors, Offertory Collectors, Greeters, Communion Ministers, and Sacristans who are currently participating in these ministries, or who would like to become involved, are encouraged to attend.
- **Taizé (Contemplative Prayer):** During Lent, a prayer service will be held on Fridays after the 6:30pm Mass.
- **The CHOSEN (Season II)** will be shown on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre.
- **Holy Week Ministries:** There are sign-up sheets at the Regent St entrance for Holy Thursday (7pm), Good Friday (Noon and 3pm) and the Easter Vigil (8:30pm) at St Dunstan's. Please sign up if you are able to assist as Sacristan, Altar server, Greeter, Lector, Offertory Collector or Communion Minister.
- **Cleaning Bee at St Dunstan's:** Cleaning Volunteers needed. We are currently without a custodian at St Dunstan's, and in order to have the church looking its best for Holy Week and Easter, there will be a cleaning bee to tidy up all of St. Dunstan's on Saturday March 23rd beginning at 10:00am until 12:00pm. Please bring mops, pails, brooms, and cloths if you are able too. If you have questions, speak with Mary McMahon or email José Zerón at Jfzeron@gmail.com All are welcome - many hands make light work!

Sts. JOHN & PAUL:

- **Stations of the Cross** - Fridays during Lent, 7pm.
- **Renewal Charismatic Prayer Time** during Lent will be on Wednesdays from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Sts John and Paul basement. For questions and to confirm attendance, please send information to Neyda Long at long@stu.ca
- **Soup Sunday** - March 24th after Mass there is a spin on our regular Coffee Sunday. Along with sweet treats and coffee we will have a bowl of delicious soup and a roll to enjoy.
- **Subway gift cards for the homeless.** Sts. John and Paul Church will be collecting Subway gift cards to be distributed to the homeless. We will work with 12 Neighbours to ensure that those who truly need them will enjoy the meal that these cards will provide. With the average meal costing approximately \$15.00 to \$20.00, and for fair distribution, may we suggest that each card value be in increments of \$15.00 or \$20.00. There will be a basket to collect your kind donations located at the entrance of the church. Thank you.
- **Adoration on Holy Thursday** at Sts. John and Paul will be held from 8:00pm to midnight.

St. COLUMBA:

- **Stations of the Cross** - Mondays during Lent, 7pm.
- **Mass on Tuesdays** at 7pm (Lent only).

Donations for Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones: Envelopes are available *at the back of each church.* Write your name, env# and name of loved one(s) on envelope and place envelope and donation in collection basket. A list of those being remembered to be displayed at Easter.

Holy Communion to the Sick and Shut in: All those who bring the Holy Communion to the Sick and Shut in are invited to come to MBFC on March 23 at 2 pm for a meet and greet.

Regular Meetings for March:

Pastoral Council - March 14 @ 530pm, MBFC
Finance Council - March 21 @ 3pm, MBFC
Truth and Reconciliation- March 11 @ 630pm, MBFC
Buildings and Grounds - March 7 @ 630pm, MBFC
Cemetery Committee - March 14 @ 3pm, MBFC

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: When a person prays on behalf of others, it's a way of inviting God to intervene on those persons behalf. Intercessory prayers are offered to God on behalf of others; for people who are facing challenges, such as illnesses, difficult circumstances, or personal problems. Intercessory prayers are a way of offering support and showing compassion to others when we pray to God for His intervention. An intercessory prayer is a powerful force for good, and it can bring about positive change in the lives of those being prayed for. Thereby, **we encourage all those who are interested to team up to pray for others, or to know more, to call the office and leave your name and number.**

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: This Lent, please give generously.



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Reaping our Rights** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

“Development and Peace — Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**” — Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia.elp create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. **Thank you for your solidarity!**

Summary of Offertories Received for day-to-day Operations
Please call the Parish Office at 444-6001 if you have any questions

	<u>Total</u>	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>
Year to Date Dec 31/2023:				
Offertories received	\$533,587	\$27,215	\$94,635	\$411,737
Operating expenses	\$700,151	\$79,963	\$136,289	\$483,899
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$166,564)	(\$52,748)	(\$41,654)	(\$72,162)
Week ending Mar 03:				
Offertories received	\$8,257	\$520	\$1,451	\$6,286
Oper. expenses (Estimated)	\$10,320	\$542	\$1,803	\$7,975
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,063)	(\$22)	(\$352)	(\$1,689)
Vigil candles	\$67			

**YOUR 2023 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP AT THE PARISH OFFICE. IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR RECEIPT MAILED, PLEASE CALL AND LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW. PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!**

Coffee Hour Ministry: The next Coffee Hour will take place next Sunday, **March 24th, from 10-11am, in the Mary Sullivan Room.** Join us for a coffee and fellowship! Upcoming dates for Coffee Hour are March 24, April 14, April 28, May 12, May 19, June 2 and June 16. If you would like to sign up to volunteer for the Coffee Hour, please email vivien.zelazny@gmail.com.

Men of Faith Retreat: A Call to Prayer and Discernment

Saturday, March 23, 2024, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm; \$75.00 includes lunch, supper, and an evening social. For travelers or anyone wishing to extend their retreat experience, overnight accommodations are available for Friday and/or Saturday evenings for an additional \$75/night. **Villa Madonna Retreat House, 115 Villa Madonna Road, Rothesay, NB.** Open to all men in the Diocese of Saint John ages 19+ yrs. Register on-line (Deadline for registration is Sunday, March 17): <https://forms.office.com/r/eRYCgL2pWv?origin=lpLink>
For more information, contact Jim Anderson: janderson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org

New Brunswick Rite to Life: The Knights of Columbus Council 1942 is holding Acadian Night at 6:00pm on Sunday, **March 16, 2024, at the Knight's Hall,** 170 Regent Street, Fredericton. Everyone is encouraged to attend and all proceeds from this terrific event will support the work of the Women's Care Center.

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference: Are you a high school youth (entering grade 9 in fall of 2024 up to 2024 graduates) looking for a unique faith experience this summer? The Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference may be for you! At the conference teens experience three days of amazing speakers, have the opportunity for worship, get empowered to live on mission after the conference and enjoy the fellowship of hundreds of teens who share the same Catholic faith. The Conference takes place July 5th to 7th on the campus of St. Mary's University in Halifax. If you are interested in attending the conference, please contact Patty at faithformation@stmarymagdalene-parish.ca for more information.

Greener Village Food Bank:

Donations such as toothbrushes, toothpastes, hand soaps, and laundry soaps are most welcome! Thank you.

Holy Week Schedule

Please note there will be no Confession or 4pm Mass on Saturday, March 30th

St. Dunstan's

Holy Thursday Mass: 7pm
Good Friday: 12pm & 3pm
Blessing Easter Food: 1pm
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:30pm

St. Columba's

Good Friday: 12pm

Sts. John & Paul

Good Friday: 3pm