



ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

St. Columba † Sts. John & Paul † St. Dunstan's
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Parish Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
9 am - 5 pm
Saturdays – 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
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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

February 15th 2026 – February 22nd 2026

1st Reading: *Sirach 15.15-20* Gospel: *Matthew 5.17-37* 2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 2.6-10*

Ash Wednesday – February 18th 2026

1st Reading: *Joel 2.12-18* Gospel: *Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18* 2nd Reading: *2 Corinthians 5.20-6.2*

Mass Times St. Dunstan's	Mass Times Sts. John & Paul	Mass Times St. Columba
Sundays at 9 AM & 11:30 AM Mondays – NO MASS Tuesdays at 12:05 PM and ROSARY at 2PM Wednesdays at 6:30 PM – BENEDICTION at 6 PM ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH at 6:30 PM Thursdays at 12:05 PM Fridays at 6:30 PM – ROSARY TO ST. JOSEPH at 6 PM Saturdays – Confession at 2:30 – 3:30 PM followed by Mass at 4PM	Sundays at 11:00 AM ROSARY: Before Mass at 10:20 AM Thursdays: Adoration 1PM-5PM ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH – 6:30 PM	Sundays at 9:00 AM ROSARY: Mondays at 7:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY FEB 18TH – 12:00 PM

Vigil Candles available for purchase at the office - \$5

Votive Candles for sale in each chapel - \$2

PLEASE TURN YOUR CELLS PHONE OFF OR TO SILENT DURING MASS



St. Mary Magdalene Parish
Community Pancake Dinner
Tuesday February 17th
from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM



at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre!

Adults: \$12 | Children: \$5 | Families: \$35 CASH ONLY!

All proceeds go toward the MBFC Roof Project.

We hope to see you there!

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION:

Please note that there will be *NO faith formation class on Sunday February 15th* due to the Family Day long weekend ❤️

Regular classes will resume

Sun. February 22. 🙏 Wishing all families

a safe and joyful long weekend! ☀️

MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. DUNSTAN'S

Mass Schedules		Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. February 14 th	4:00 PM	Richard Nicki	Jayne Nicki	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. February 15 th	9:00 AM	Special Intention: Empaynado Family	From the Family	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. February 15 th	11:30 AM	(Ray) Real Gauvin 1 st Death Anniversary	Nelly Gauvin	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Tues. February 17 th	12:05 PM	Marlene & Fred Saulnier	Paulette & Mark Lawyer	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Wed. February 18 th	6:30 PM	Gus Andries	The Hitchcock Family	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Thurs. February 19 th	12:05 PM	Vassula Ryden	Paulette Lawyer	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Fri. February 20 th	6:30 PM	Visitacion G., Samonte	Alyssa Jannisen Saljay	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sat. February 21 st	4:00 PM	Richard Nicki	Jayne Nicki	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. February 22 nd	9:00 AM	Lois Bolton	Patricia Roussy	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. February 22 nd	11:30 AM	James D. Burke	Gina Horvat & Jean Burke	Fr. Peter Osborne

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules		Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. February 15 th	11:00 AM	---	---	Fr. Peter Osborne
Wed. Feb 18 th	6:30 PM	---	---	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. February 22 nd	11:00 AM	Stan Wadden Lena Rioux	Cathy Wadden Gerald & Nora Mercer	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

ST. COLOMBA

Mass Schedules		Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. February 15 th	9:00 AM	The Gaudet Family	Leo & Juanita Gaudet	Fr. Peter Osborne
Wed. February 18 th	12:00 PM	Don Harnish	Theresa Harnish	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. February 22 nd	9:00 AM	The Mowry Family	Leo & Juanita Gaudet	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

FEBRUARY / MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY- FEAST DAY - DECEMBER 28

The Church recognizes the Holy Family as the model for family life, which becomes a mini church of love and faith. When we consecrate our families and homes to the Holy Family, we strive to live and emulate their virtues. St Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family, and "terror of demons"; Mary Immaculate, who became Mother of the Incarnate word upon humble submission to the will of God; Jesus, "the Merciful One" of forgiveness, who humbled Himself and came as a babe to save us all, out of love. When we consecrate our homes and families to the Holy Family, we create a sacred space, joy, goodness, and prayer within, entrusting our families to the protection and help of the Holy Family, in submission to, and trust in, the will of God, on all our difficulties. We draw down continuous, flowing graces in all our needs. Take a prayer card to consecrate your home and family, available throughout February on the table across from St Joseph altar at St Dunstan Church (front left side). Say the prayer together as a family & sprinkle holy water in the rooms of your home for blessings throughout 2026.

✨ **First Reconciliation & First Communion Program Update** 🙏 Last Saturday, February 7th, 22 children celebrated the beautiful Sacrament of **First Reconciliation** ✨. The morning began with a workshop where parents joined their children and witnessed the entire session 🙏. Afterward, the children were welcomed into the church to meet with our priests — **Father Brian Murphy, Father Maria Chinnappan, and Father Suresh** — who lovingly heard their confessions. On **February 8th**, the children began the next step in their faith journey with the start of the **Blessed First Communion** program 🙏, beautifully led by **Lizeth Serrano** and **Patricia Roussy**. We extend our heartfelt thanks to these wonderful catechists for their dedication and love for our children 🙏. Please continue to keep all our young parishioners in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time on June 7, 2026 🙏❤️

*We invite you to offer prayers for the departed soul of Swarnasiri Vipulatheja.
May the Lord grant eternal peace to him and console his family and friends*

2025 Tax Receipts, for those who offered cash or cheque, are ready for pick up at the parish office on **Tuesday February 17th**. Please stop in any time Monday to Friday: 9AM to 5PM, before or after Mass on the weekend, or call 506-444-6001 to make alternative arrangements.



The liturgical season of Lent begins this year on February 18, 2026. Penitential

time marked by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the Liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year. Lent prepares us for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to

God's word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes. It is important to know that the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God. We are encouraged to pray and do the external and social penitential practices such as, religious practices of daily Mass; the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation; the Stations of the Cross; works of charity and justice; and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.

The following are guidelines of Lenten observance for the faithful of the Diocese of Saint John:

- ✦ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fasting binds all persons from 18 to 59 years, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's own needs. There should be no eating between meals although fluids may be taken. Abstinence from meat binds all persons who are 14 and older, unless prevented by poor health.
- ✦ Removing Holy Water from fonts during the season of Lent is not permitted (CDF Prot. N. 569/00/L March 14, 2000).
- ✦ The covering of crosses and images from the Fifth Sunday of Lent may be observed. It is appropriate to use the Apostles' Creed during the Lenten and Easter seasons so as to be in solidarity with the catechumens.
- ✦ Please note that the Easter Vigil celebration this year should not begin before 8:00 p.m.



On **February 28, 2026**, St. Mary Magdalene Parish's Confirmation Class will take part in **Coldest Night of the Year** a family-friendly walk to raise funds for the **John Howard Society of Fredericton (JHSF)** supporting people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness.

JHSF Housing First provides supports for 58 individuals, operates affordable housing for 9 families fleeing violence, runs a 30-bed shelter, a 24/7 low-barrier resource centre, and operates an outreach team that serves people living outdoors.

Funds raised help JHSF provide housing and crisis supports for youth, respond to extreme weather, offer meals and warm beverages, operate peer support groups, and support the development of new facilities.

To donate, visit: cnoy.org and search for "St. Mary Magdalene Parish" to find the Confirmation Class team.

Everyone is welcome to attend **Coldest Night of the Year** at the **Monsignor Boyd Family Centre on February 28**. Doors open at 4 pm, the walk begins at 5 pm, and supper follows at 6 pm.

Register at cnoy.org.

Lenten Reflective Booklets Available

As we enter the holy season of Lent, all parishioners are invited to pick up a **Lenten Reflective Booklet** to support your prayer, reflection, and spiritual growth.

✦ ❤️ The booklets are available **on the tables at each entrance of every church.** 🌿 🏰

Please take **ONE** booklet per family so that all households may share in this Lenten resource.

🙏 May this season draw us closer to Christ and to one another. 🏰



LOST & FOUND ITEMS AND OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

There are still a number of **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** waiting to be picked up near the Regent Street entry, plus a plethora of **LOST & FOUND ITEMS**. Please have a look to see if any of these belong to you 😊

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP

Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? **Many Do Not!**

Our Lady of Peace Parish, in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency, is pleased to announce that a **tax preparation clinic** will be provided (**Free of Charge**) to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation. The tax preparation service will commence **March 1st** and will continue to **April 22nd 2026**.

Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment, drop-off or virtual** to prepare your income tax and benefit returns.

The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex situations** such as:

- returns for deceased persons
- individuals who file for bankruptcy
- self-employed individuals
- individuals who report capital gains or losses
- individuals who report employment expenses
- individuals who report business rental income or expenses.

Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton** for further information at **506-261-7600** or email lintons21@outlook.com

WOMEN AT THE WELL - *Friendship with the Saints:*

Most of the Saints did not walk their spiritual journey alone. They were supported by friends, mentors, and communities who helped them grow in holiness. Their examples remind us that authentic, faith-filled friendship is a gift from God — one that strengthens us, encourages us, and reflects His love.

The next ***Women at the Well*** session will be **February 28, 10:00 am-11:30 am at St. Pius Church (Holy Redeemer Parish) 316 Somerset Street, Saint John NB**. We will explore this beautiful theme with a special talk on Christian Friendship, presented by Elizabeth Harquail. All women are warmly invited to come, reflect, and be inspired as we consider the blessing of holy friendships and the role they play in our own walk with Christ.

Come join us and share in a morning of fellowship, prayer, and encouragement.

♥♥ We are pleased to share the wonderful **GIFT OF GENEROSITY** that a **couple of parishioners** have made a generous donation to support our **Faith Formation program**. They have gifted the parish a **television, a MacBook laptop**, and an **iPad**, all of which will significantly enhance our ability to deliver high-quality and engaging faith formation programming to our children, youth, and families. Their kindness strengthens our mission of forming disciples rooted in faith and ensures that our catechists and students have the tools they will need for a vibrant learning environment. Thank you from our hearts! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them for their thoughtful generosity. **Individuals like them truly are the pillars and heart of St. Mary Magdalene Parish!** ♥♥



Singers for St Dunstan's 9:00 AM Mass
If you are interested in joining a small group of singers to help lead the congregational singing at the 9:00AM Sunday Mass at St. Dunstan's on alternate weeks, please contact Margaret Savidge at 450-9343

Cancelled: Our Lady of Peace Parish's February "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer has been cancelled for this month. Please check back in March.



St. Francis of Assisi Bingo –Mar 1, 2026 at 1 pm

Join us **First Sunday of each month** at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall located at 2130 Route 102 Hwy in Lincoln. Cost is \$20 at the door with tea, coffee, and snacks available. There will be tickets

for a 50/50 draw, and chances to win with the Bingo Number Game and the Bonus Card Draw. Please note this is a **CASH ONLY EVENT**. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there!

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton Events:

World Day of Prayer Services in the Fredericton area:

Southside Service will be held on **Friday, March 6, 2026, at 2PM** at **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 2130 Route 102, Lincoln**.
Rain Date: Friday, March 13, 2026 at 2:00 PM.

Northside Service will be held on **Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 2PM** at **St. John's Anglican Church, 75 Main Street, Fredericton**.
Rain Date: Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 2:00 PM.

The World Day of Prayer is prepared by the Women of Nigeria. The theme is "I Will Give You Rest: Come". (Matthew 11:28-30)

All are welcome! Refreshment and fellowship to follow.
For more information, contact Deborah Heustis at djheustis@gmail.com or phone 506-472-2916.

Little Rock Scripture Study

will resume on **Tuesday, February 24 at 10 a.m.** and **Thursday, February 26 at 7 p.m.**, with the six -week program **"Encountering the God of Faith, Hope, and Love in the Bible."** For more information, contact Jayne Nicki 453-9899 or email: jaynenck@gmail.com

Offeratories Received Week Ending February 8th, 2025

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

	St C	Sts J&P	St D	Total
Loose Collection	---	130	1236	1366
Envelope Collection	1164	535	5978	7677
Vigil Candle Sales	TBD	TBD	89	89
Building Fund	127	20	95	242
P.A.D.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Next Diocesan Collection:
Development & Peace (5th Sunday of Lent)- March 22nd, 2026