



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj HGN

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Office Hours: 9 am – 5 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays || 9 am – 9 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays
2 pm – 6 pm on Saturdays || 8 am – 1 pm on Sundays

For Baptisms: Call the office *one month before desired date*

For Marriages: Call the office *6 months before desired date*

For RCIA: Call the office any time

Confessions: 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Saturdays @ St. Dunstan's. For any other time, call the office.

Aug 24th – Aug 30th 2025 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 66.18-21

Gospel: Luke 13.22-30

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12.5-7, 11-13

PRAYER FOR RAIN

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Church Drawing Competition – Calling All Artists!

We're excited to announce a special drawing competition open to all — with a strong encouragement for our students to join in! The winning artwork will receive a **cash prize**, generously provided by the church.

Guidelines:

- You may use AI tools for inspiration, but the final piece **must** be created by hand on paper or canvas.
- Absolutely no plagiarism — all work must be original.

What makes this exciting:

- The winning drawing will be used to create clothing items, sold to support church activities.
- The original artwork will also be auctioned, with proceeds going towards the church — and the winning artist will receive a share from that auction as part of their prize.
- Competition **begins on September 14th**, and the **deadline will be on October 12th**. Results to be announced on October 19th

If you or someone you know would like to **sponsor or add to the prize fund**, please contact the church office. Every contribution will go directly into increasing the winner's prize and supporting our mission. For further inquiries, please reach out to Ronnit Peter at 506-897-4186.

Let's make this an inspiring celebration of faith and creativity!

Readings for Aug 31st

1st Reading: Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29

Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7-14

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a

ST. DUNSTAN

Mass Schedules

Sat, Aug 23 4:00 PM
Sun, Aug 24 9:00 AM
 11:30 AM
Tue, Aug 26 6:30 PM
Wed, Aug 27 6:30 PM
Thu, Aug 28 12:05 PM
Fri, Aug 29 6:30 PM
Sat, Aug 30 4:00 PM
Sun, Aug 31 9:00 AM
 11:30 AM

Mass Intentions

Bishop James Hayes
Helen Janssens
Vi & Noel Murphy
Charline LeBlanc Beaupré
Lynn Justason
Kathleen Hogan
Laszlo Paul Magasi
Clayton Flores
Mrs. Woon Ho
Nestor Flores

Sponsored by

Fr. Brian Murphy
Dianne LePage
Fr. Brian Murphy
Nadine LeBlanc
Walter and Lucienne Keenan
Helen Janssens
Jamie Ryan
Alvarez Flores Family
Theresa Sleep
Alvarez Flores Family

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules

Sun, Aug 24 11:00 AM
Sun, Aug 31 11:00 AM

Mass Intentions

Jim Daley
DFM Boudreau & Parent

Sponsored by

Diane Flynn
Bernie Parent

ST. COLUMBA

Mass Schedules

Sun, Aug 24 9:00 AM
Sun, Aug 31 9:00 AM

Mass Intentions

Paul Sullivan
Thomas E Bray

Sponsored by

Laura Gordon
Carol & Rolston

Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate Mass for the departed souls on August 17th at 2pm at the Hermitage Catholic Cemetery.



Our Heartfelt **Condolences** to the families and friends of:

Marcia Anita Toulman

&

Germaine MacKinnon

VIGIL CANDLES: Those who like to light the vigil candles for their intentions are asked to get the candles from the office.

RCIA will resume in October. If interested, please call the office.

PARISH OFFICE UPDATES

- ❖ Hearty **WELCOME** to **Nadine LeBlanc** as she takes on the position of **Religious Education Co-ordinator**.
- ❖ Big **THANKS** to **Myra** for helping our parish office. As she returns to school in September, we would like to **WELCOME** our new Administrative Assistant, **Debbie Brook**, effective Sep 1st.
- ❖ Thanks for your continued prayers for **Father Peter Osborne**. He **will resume celebrating masses** as from Aug 30th.
- ❖ **Father Suresh Savariraj HGN will be on vacation** from Sep 2nd until Oct 9th. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

SUNDAY CATHECHISM: As we prepare for the beginning of the Faith Formation Program for children, we would like to put a call out to all who would like to volunteer as a "Catechist". This invitation is also for all current catechists who have been volunteering in the past. We will have an **initial meeting on Thursday, September 11th at 6:30pm in Mary Sullivan room at MBFC**. If you feel a call to help but are not sure how to go about it, please join us for a meet and greet.

PILGRIMAGE to the Cathedral / September 6, 2025: After consideration and looking at all options, it was decided that carpooling to Saint John is the most economical way, as a bus would be too expensive. A few parishioners already have plans to take their own vehicle. We would like to organize the number of vehicles available to help bring parishioners. We have the list of people registered, and we will be in contact with them to assign their drive to Saint John. If you want to help us and offer space in your vehicle, please contact the office at (506) 444-6001.

Updates from Couples for Christ (CFC): We would like to thank our brothers and sisters in Christ who participated in our fundraising event called **ANCOP (Answering the Cry of the Poor) Walk** this month. *The goal to raise \$8000 has been achieved! This will be used for the sponsorship of 10 seminarians in Africa. To God be the glory!*

🎵 Invitation to Join Our New Choir at St. Dunstan's!

We are reaching out to you with a heartfelt invitation to join our music ministries. *Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love praising God through music, we'd love to welcome you! And if you know any young adults or "young at heart" folks who might be interested, please feel free to pass this along.* Rehearsals are usually every Friday evening. If you're interested in joining this adventure, feel free to email the office or reach out to Marlene at 506-282-4331 or email at marlenerr@gmail.com.

St. Theresa's Catholic Women's League in Fredericton is hosting a Twilight Retreat on Monday, September 8, 2025 from 4:00-8:00 PM. Registration starts at 4:00 PM. It will be located in the Church Hall at St. Theresa's Church, 1 William Street. It will involve a potluck supper. We start the retreat at 4:30 PM for 45 minutes, then break for supper, then another 45 minutes after supper. We will be finished by 8:00 PM. Our Facilitator will be Father David Fulton, Spiritual Advisor for the Provincial Catholic Women's League. Topic is "Doors to the Sacred". All are welcome, Men and Women, as it is open to everyone.

St. Francis of Assisi Bingo - First Sunday of each month, next bingo Sept 7, 2025 at 1 pm



Join us 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 sale on a 50/50 draw, our Bingo Number Game and an additional chance to win with the Bonus Card Draw. We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your support. Please note this is a **CASH ONLY EVENT**.

FINANCE REPORT

Offertories Received – Week Ending August 17

	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>	<u>Total</u>
Regular offertories	\$577	\$1,629	\$5,768	\$7,974

Next Special Collection is September 7 for Building Fund

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

"The Church is poised for a big, big comeback."
Fr. Bob Bedard, CC (1929-2011)

PERMISSION

FR. BOB BEDARD'S VISION FOR THE CHURCH

SPACE IS LIMITED, PLEASE REGISTER USING THIS QR CODE TO GUARANTEE YOUR SPACE.



SCREENING DATE: Sunday, September 14, 2025
TIME: 3:00 pm (doors open at 2:00 pm)
LOCATION: Villa Madonna Retreat House
CONTACT: info@immaculateconception.ca

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ and fellow parishioners:



It has been a wonderful experience serving the Lord by working in our parish office. I am grateful for the trust and confidence that has been placed in me. I felt spiritually enriched in ways I believe I could not have gained otherwise. As I pursue my plans, I keep you all in my prayers, and I look forward to seeing you around the parish, especially during the Eucharist. May our Lord Jesus bless you and your families always.

*Sincerely,
Myra*