# St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj HGN Co. Pastor: Fr. Peter Osborne **Pastoral Council Chair: Facility Manager: Mike Minifie** 

Administrative Assistant: Myra Torralba Finance Council Chair: Brent Jamael

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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

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

# Aug 24th - Aug 30th 2025 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 66.18-21 Gospel: Luke 13.22-30 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Al 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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29 Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7-14 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a

#### ST. DUNSTAN

Mass Schedules		Mass Intentions	Sponsored by
Sat, Aug 23	4:00 PM	Bishop James Hayes	Fr. Brian Murphy
Sun, Aug 24	9:00 AM	Helen Janssens	Dianne LePage
	11:30 AM	Vi & Noel Murphy	Fr. Brian Murphy
Tue, Aug 26	6:30 PM	Charline LeBlanc Beaupré	Nadine LeBlanc
Wed, Aug 27	6:30 PM	Lynn Justason	Walter and Lucienne Keenan
Thu, Aug 28	12:05 PM	Kathleen Hogan	Helen Janssens
Fri, Aug 29	6:30 PM	Laszlo Paul Magasi	Jamie Ryan
Sat, Aug 30	4:00 PM	Clayton Flores	Alvarez Flores Family
Sun, Aug 31	9:00 AM	Mrs. Woon Ho	Theresa Sleep
	11:30 AM	Nestor Flores	Alvarez Flores Family

#### **STS. JOHN & PAUL**

Mass Schedules		Mass Intentions	Sponsored by
Sun, Aug 24	11:00 AM	Jim Daley	Diane Flynn
Sun, Aug 31	11:00 AM	DFM Boudreau & Parent	Bernie Parent

#### ST. COLUMBA

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored by
Sun, Aug 24 9:00 AM	Paul Sullivan	Laura Gordon
Sun, Aug 31 9:00 AM	Thomas E Bray	Carol & Rolston

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



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

Marcia Anita Toulman

&

**Germaine MacKinnon** 

<u>VIGIL CANDLES</u>: 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Thanks for your continued prayers for Father Peter Osborne. He will resume celebrating masses as from Aug 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Father Suresh Savariraj HGN will be on vacation from Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> until Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

<u>SUNDAY CATHECHISM</u>: 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 11**<sup>th</sup> 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.

<u>PILGRIMAGE to the Cathedral / September 6, 2025:</u> 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.

<u>Updates from Couples for Christ (CFC):</u> 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

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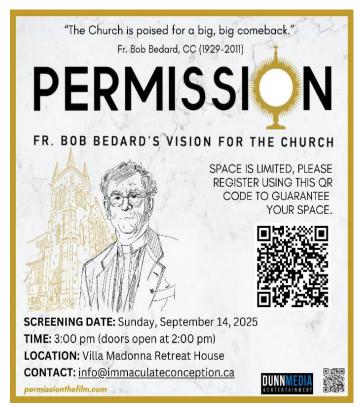
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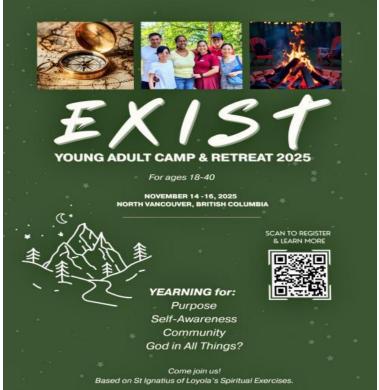
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Next Special Collection is September 7 for Building Fund

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.





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