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Baptism: Call the office one month before desired date

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RCIA: Call the office any time

April 20th – April 26th , 2025 – Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43

Gospel: John 20.1-18

2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-4

Easter Vigil: 8:30pm at St Dunstan's - please bring your bells for ringing during the Gloria

Holy Saturday (April 19): there will be a blessing of Easter food at St Dunstan's at 1:00pm.

Please note that on Holy Saturday there are **no confessions** and **no 4:00 pm Mass** at St Dunstan's.

Easter blessings and prayers from Fr. Suresh, Fr. Peter, Fr. Babu, and Fr. Brian to you and your Beloved ones. May the Resurrection of the Lord bring us hope, protect and guard us, guide us through our Baptismal promises.

Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday ending on Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Novena

Unlike other novenas, where people ask for something from God through the intercession of His Holy Saints, the Divine Mercy Novena is intended to be prayed for graces and/or salvation to be given to other people. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina that this novena be prayed prior to the Feast of Divine Mercy (the Sunday after Easter), beginning on Good Friday. He gave Sr. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said: "These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."

In her diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul, Sr. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy. . . On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls." Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena from home as we await the Celebration of God's Great Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday.

| Day | Date | Prayer Intention |
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| 1 | Good Friday April 18 | We pray for all mankind, especially all sinners |
| 2 | Holy Saturday April 19 | We pray for souls of priests and religious |
| 3 | Easter Sunday April 20 | We pray for all devout and faithful souls |
| 4 | Easter Monday April 21 | We pray for those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know God |
| 5 | Easter Tuesday April 22 | We pray for souls of those who have separated themselves from the Church |
| 6 | Easter Wednesday April 23 | We pray for the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children |
| 7 | Easter Thursday April 24 | We pray for souls who especially venerate and glorify God's mercy |
| 8 | Easter Friday April 25 | We pray for souls who are detained in purgatory |
| 9 | Easter Saturday April 26 | We pray for souls who have become lukewarm |

Readings for April 27th

1st R: Acts 5.12-16

2nd R: Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20.19-31

ST. DUNSTAN'S

Mass Intentions:

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| Sun, Apr 20 | 9:00 AM | Alicia Relador |
| | 11:30 AM | Margaret Gorman |
| | | David and Margaret Kileel |
| Tue, Apr 22 | 6:30 PM | Marie Steever |
| Wed, Apr 23 | 6:30 PM | Joan Daley |
| Thu, Apr 24 | 12:05 NN | Aldric & Doreen Hachey |
| Fri, Apr 25 | 6:30 PM | Robert Poore |
| Sat, Apr 26 | 4:00 PM | George and Mary-Jane McGraw |
| | | Charlene Leblanc |
| | | Leo and Suzanne Losier |
| Sun, Apr 27 | 9:00 AM | Wally Brooks |
| | 11:30 AM | Clarice Roxborough |

Mass Times:

6:30pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays
12:05pm, Thursdays
4:00pm, Saturdays
9:00am, 11:30am, Sundays
9:00am, First Saturdays

Divine Mercy / Rosary: 2pm, Tuesdays
9:30am, First Saturdays

Rosary to St. Joseph: 6pm, Wednesdays

Adoration: 6pm, Fridays
7pm, 1st Fridays

Confessions: 2:30pm-3:30pm, Saturdays
May call the office for other times

Divine Mercy Sunday with exposition will be held on
April 27 St Dunstan's Church commencing at 2:45 pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Was only in 2000 that this feast was created by Pope John Paul II

Jesus told St Faustina (Diary 699): "on that day (Divine Mercy Sunday)...the soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment". Here are recommendations:

- Go to Confession, and if you can't, do an Act of Contrition, just telling God you're sorry.
- Go to Holy Communion. If you can't, make a Spiritual Communion just telling God that "I am uniting with you."
- "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a poor sinner."

Collection for Holy Land: The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of diocese and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. There will also be collections on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil.

Collection on Holy Thursday will be sent to formation of seminarians and religious.

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Intentions:

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| Sun, Apr 20 | 11:00 AM | Marie Carr |
| Sun, Apr 27 | 11:00 AM | Rosalind Neufeld |

Mass Times: 11:00 AM Sundays

Rosary / Divine Mercy: 10:10 AM Sundays

Adoration: 1 – 5 PM Thursdays

ST. COLUMBA

Mass Intentions:

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| Sun, Apr 20 | 9:00 AM | Bette Miles |
| Sun, Apr 27 | 9:00 AM | Tina Christie |

Mass Time: 9:00 AM Sundays

You're Invited – Journey for a Kidney: Concert for a Cause 🎵

Following the success of our Brunch for a Cause, we're back with another heartfelt event to continue supporting Joan's journey toward a second kidney transplant. Join us for an inspiring evening with live music, stories of hope, and community filled generosity at the Journey for a Kidney: Concert for a Cause!

📅 Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025

🕒 Time: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

📍 Location: Monsignor Boyd Family Centre - Gym

This event is proudly hosted with the support of Knights of Columbus – Council 1942, and aims to raise critical funds and awareness for kidney health and transplant care.

🌟 Come enjoy an evening of entertainment, unity, and giving back. Together, we can help give Joan and others like her—a second chance at life

🔪 For tickets or more information, please contact: Evert Garcia 📧 journeyforakidney@gmail.com

Let's make this night count. ❤️

Offertories Received – Week Ending April 13

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> |
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| Regular offertories | \$612 | \$1,487 | \$7,201 | \$9,300 |

Next Special Collection is Good Friday (Upkeep of the Holy Land)

Easter Message 2025

“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.” (John 20:1)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia!

This is the radiant proclamation of Easter morning, the triumphant cry that echoes across the centuries, resounding in every Christian heart: Jesus Christ has conquered death, and in him, hope is born anew. As Pope Francis reminds us, “It is the Lord, the God of the impossible, who rolled away the stone forever. Even now, he opens our hearts, so that hope may be born ever anew. We too, then, should ‘look up’ to him.” (Homily, Easter Vigil 2024)

What a beautiful and necessary exhortation—look up! In a world burdened by sorrow, division, and the weight of human frailty, we are not alone. Jesus walks with us. His resurrection is not distant or abstract. It is a present reality for us, in every circumstance of our lives. It is the very source of our hope - the hope the world so desperately needs in this Jubilee year. “He is the One who brings us from darkness into light, who is bound to us forever, who rescues us from the abyss of sin and death and draws us into the radiant realm of forgiveness and eternal life.” (Pope Francis, Homily, Easter Vigil, 2024)


We know the reality of sin and darkness. We experience suffering in our lives, in our families, in the Church and in the world. We are not immune to the pain of dashed hopes, the weariness of carrying burdens, the sting of rejection, and the ache of things left unresolved. Like the apostles in the garden of Gethsemane, we are tempted to fall asleep, to let sorrow numb our hearts.

But what makes today different? We know the rest of the story. We know that the stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty. And that changes everything. The power of the resurrection breaks into the darkest places of our lives, again and again, offering a hope that “does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” (Romans 5:5) How can we despair, when Jesus has already conquered? His victory is ours,

and he invites us to claim it—to trust him, and to live in the promise that he is “making all things new.” (Revelation 21:5)

Take a step towards Jesus your redeemer and accept his offer of new life. Renewed in his promise let us go forth as an Easter people—firm in faith, anchored in hope, unwavering in love, and fearless in the joy of the resurrection.

Christ is truly risen, let us rejoice! Alleluia! Alleluia!



✠ Christian Riesbeck, CC
Bishop of Saint John

April 15, 2025

Jubilee of Hope for Teenagers and Canonization of Carlo Acutis: An Invitation to Youth!



Did you know that the church around the world will be celebrating teenagers April 25th to 27th as part of the Jubilee of Hope 2025? This is a time for the church to celebrate young people and their faith. A time to honor, pray for and give a blessing to the young people of our church. During this jubilee celebration the first millennial Saint, Carlo Acutis, will be canonized on Sunday, April 27th.

All youth 12 to 18 are invited to come and celebrate! Join youth from around Fredericton for an evening of celebration and fellowship. Sunday, April 27th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, followed by activities and ending with Adoration and praise and worship. Be sure to invite a friend! Help us plan by letting us know if you can attend by emailing

faithformation@stmarymagdalene-parish.ca

Invitation to All Parents and Catechists

Transform Your Life as a Disciple of Christ. Join us for a four-week personal retreat on Zoom to deepen your friendship with Jesus and grow as missionary disciples. This retreat is open to all parents and catechists committed to parish renewal and ministry.

Retreat Details:

- Book Study: "Into His Likeness" by Dr. Edward Sri
- Facilitator: Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Host: Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis
- Dates: April 24 to May 15, 2025
- Meeting Times: Weekly sessions from 9:30 – 11:30 AM or 7:00 – 9:00 PM

To register, please email catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or text 506-623-8130 with your name and preferred time to attend. The book can be ordered online through Amazon.ca or Sunrise Marian. We look forward to your participation!



Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2025!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign with your Share Lent donation. These funds will aid the work of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

Please consider adding your name to the Turn Debt into Hope signature sheets at each church entrance as further support to Pope Francis' plea during this Jubilee Year.

Welcome to The Catholic Parent!

~ We are excited to invite parents with children of all ages to join us for "The Catholic Parent", a video series created by Catholic Parents for Catholic Parents! This lighthearted six-episode series encourages moms and dads as they embrace their God-given role to form their kids in the Catholic faith. It features real parents telling real stories: Sunday Mass, praying as a family, Confession, sacrifice, generosity and more. This series is perfect for all parents and reflects the rich diversity of families in the church: small and large families, families with youth children and older children, and single parent families. Join Fr. Peter and Patty on Tuesday May 6th, May 13th and May 20th at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Each session will include two short videos, discussions, and time to connect with other parents to gain support for your unique faith journey. To register please call or email Patty at faithformation@stmarymagdalene-parish.ca or (506) 444-6018 to register and receive the Zoom link.

Happy Easter!!!

