



ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

St. Columba † Sts. John & Paul † St. Dunstan's

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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Pastoral Council Chair: Evert Garcia
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Parish Office Hours:
Monday to Friday – 9 AM - 5PM
Saturdays 2 PM – 6 PM
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Co. Pastor: Fr. Peter Osborne
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March 15th 2026 – March 22nd 2026

1st Reading: *Exodus 13.21-22*

Gospel: *John 9.1-41*

2nd Reading: *Ephesians 5.8-14*

Mass Times St. Dunstan's Church

Sundays at 9 AM & 11:30 AM

Tuesdays at 12:05 PM and ROSARY at 2PM

Wednesdays – BENEDICTION at 6 PM, followed by 6:30 Mass
Lectio Divina after mass.

Thursdays at 12:05 PM

Fridays-ROSARY TO ST. JOSEPH at 6 PM • Mass at 6:30 PM

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

1st Fridays Mass at 6:30 PM, followed by
Adoration at 7:00 PM

Saturdays – Confession: 2:30 – 3:30 PM followed by Mass at 4PM

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 4TH): 9:00 AM MASS –

NO confessions or 4:00 pm Mass

Mass Times Sts. John & Paul Church

Sundays at 11:00 AM

ROSARY: Before Mass at 10:10 AM

Thursdays: Adoration 1PM-5PM

Fridays: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

Mass Times St. Columba Church

Sundays at 9:00 AM

ROSARY: Mondays at 7:00 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

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



👤 March Prayer Intentions with Sleeping St. Joseph 🙏🙏

During the month of March, in honour of St. Joseph, the protector of the Church and all parishioners, we invite everyone to place their personal prayer intentions into the special Prayer Request Box 📦 located in front of St. Joseph Altar. A statue of the Sleeping St. Joseph 🙏 is safely placed on top of the box, watching over your intentions with a father's gentle protection. As St. Joseph received God's messages in his dreams, we entrust him with your prayers, confident in his loving intercession ✨.

Each Friday, during the St. Joseph Rosary 🙏, the Prayer Box will be brought to the front of the church. Those in attendance will pray especially over all the intentions, and Father will give a final blessing 👤 over them.

Please be assured that all prayer requests remain confidential 🙏 and will be reverently disposed of at the end of the month.

Take advantage of this beautiful opportunity during the Month of St. Joseph—the protector of the Church and of all parishioners 🙏🙏.

MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. DUNSTAN'S

Mass Schedules	Mass Intention	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. March 14 th 4:00 PM	Noella & The Corbin Family	Fernande Corbin	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. March 15 th 9:00 AM	Lorenzo Collette	Gloria Logue	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. March 15 th 11:30 AM	Thanksgiving: Erino-Gemino Family	Ingrid Gemino	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Tues. March 17 th 12:05 PM	Special Intention- Birthday Adaobi Oneyor	Adaobi Oneyor	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Wed. March 18 th 6:30 PM	Special Intention	Michael Davidson	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Thurs. March 19 th 12:05 PM	Emile & Melita Roy	Paulette & Mark Lawyer	Fr. Peter Osborne
Fri. March 20 th 6:30 PM	Michael Wren	Gerard McAlister	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sat. March 21 st 4:00 PM	Mary Joanne Manore	Gina Forest, Patti White & Family	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. March 22 nd 9:00 AM	Frank & Margaret Forestell	The Forestell Family	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. March 22 nd 11:30 AM	Mary Joanne Manore	Gina Forest, Patti White & Family	Fr. Peter Osborne

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. March 15 th 11:00 AM	Savariraj Soosai	Fr. Suresh Savariraj	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. March 22 nd 11:00 AM	Christopher O'Kane	Rob & Tracy O'Kane	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

ST. COLOMBA

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. March 15 th 9:00 AM	For the Parishioners	Fr. Suresh Savariraj	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. March 22 nd 9:00 AM	Fr. Kenneth Weir	Fr. Suresh Savariraj	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

**CWL Meeting - Sunday, March 15th, 1:00 p.m. in the Mary Sullivan Room.
Please don't forget your donation for our Spring Basket Fundraiser!**

Triduum at St Mary Magdalene Parish

April 2nd Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper:
6:30 pm at St Dunstan's
Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of the Lord:
April 3rd - 12 noon at Sts. John and Paul
3:00 pm at St Columba's
3:00 pm at St Dunstan's
April 5th Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm at St Dunstan's



Easter Flowers

St. Columba • Sts John and Paul • St Dunstan
Easter Flower envelopes are available at the entry ways at each church. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please write their name on the envelope & indicate which church the flowers are intended.

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference & LEAD Registration is now open. Calling all high schoolers! Jesus meets our deepest longing for meaning, joy, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville Atlantic in Halifax, July 10-12, 2026, and encounter the transforming love of Christ. Rising grade 9s through graduating grade 12s are welcome to attend with our group. Register today by completing these two easy steps: 1 – Contact your Parish Priest or Religious Education Coordinator to let them know you want to register. 2 – visit <https://www.steubenville.ca/register-now> to register. For more information contact Patricia at catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or visit steubenville.ca.



St Columba – Donations for Loaves and Fishes, our local Food Bank, will be collected the first Sunday of each month on an ongoing basis

Regional Reconciliation for Lent

Commences **Sunday March 15th** at 3PM at St. Dunstan's. There will be several priests available for the **sacrament of Reconciliation.**

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR GREENER VILLAGE

During the season of Lent, we are asking parishioners to find it in their hearts to give to **GREENER VILLAGE.** On **March 21ST & 22ND** weekend, St. Dunstan's will be collecting the following: **LUNCH BOX ITEMS:** Example / **protein bars, nut butters, non-perishable items, jam, tuna, drink boxes, etc.** Kindly leave your donations in the collection boxes provided at each entry way to the church. Thank you!



MARCH is the month of **ST JOSEPH** and **March 19** is the **Feast Day of St Joseph.**

This pure, humble man was a Prince of the House of David, the royal family from which sprang the Hope of the Nations. He is husband of Mary, the Mother of God, and the earthly father of the Saviour of the world. He was entrusted by God the Father with His greatest treasures, Mary and Baby Jesus, to fulfil His Holy will and help bring the Saviour into the world. Around the world, Catholics follow a devotion to “the sleeping St Joseph”, placing their intentions under a statue of a sleeping St Joseph, trusting him to bring their intentions in intercession to Jesus, who will answer all their needs and intentions. This devotion is related to when the Angel appeared to St. Joseph in a dream, as he was contemplating divorcing Our Lady quietly, after learning she was pregnant. The angel told him however not to fear, that Mary was to give birth to the Saviour of the world. St Joseph surrendered fully to God's will, and the Saviour came into the world. May we let St. Joseph take care of our problems and intentions while we sleep. Join us in this devotion at St Mary Magdalene Parish throughout the rest of March by placing your prayer intentions, any time in March, in the Prayer Box to the Sleeping St Joseph (placed before the St Joseph side altar at the left front of the Church; pencils and paper provided). If possible, join us Friday nights in March before evening Mass - the prayer box will be moved to the front of the church during this time and a rosary to St Joseph prayed over the box of intentions by all of us in attendance. Then see your intentions answered according to the will of God, through the powerful intercession of St Joseph and our faith. Every prayer is answered by God to our highest good, as we submit like the gentle St Joseph to the will of God. All intentions in the prayer box will be burned once prayed over. 🙏



Movie Night and Volley Ball at Monsignor Boyd Family Centre: Tuesday Evenings starting at 6PM. Enjoy a night out with the family during Lent and see a movie with us in the Mary Sullivan Room.

*Tuesday March 17th <Movie for the Evening> **“St. Patrick - The Irish Legend”***

Want to do something active? Join us for Volleyball in the Monsignor Boyd Gym.

Middle School aged children – court time is from 5:30 – 7PM. Adults/Parents court time is from 7PM-9PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LAWN CARE:

We are currently needing a person/people for:

LAWN CARE SERVICES around the church property.

If interested, please contact the office at 506-444-6001 or

email: office@stmarymagdalene-parish.ca

& leave your details.

If you are interested in working at our parish office during evening and weekend hours, please fill out a **JOB APPLICATION FORM**, located at the Regent Street entrance. Hours are from 5PM - 9PM during the week; Saturdays 2PM - 6PM and Sundays 8AM – 1PM.

Drop your completed application at the office or email it to:

office@stmarymagdalene-parish.ca.



Development and Peace (D & P) at our parish level is in a period of transition. We trust in the always ongoing and creative work of the Holy Spirit, to inspire and bring forth new energy for all parish ministries, which among many, includes the essential call to Social Justice outreach. D&P in our parish seeks those who have a desire to actively respond to the social justice imperatives of the Gospel beyond our parish boundaries. We seek

first to educate ourselves {our Global South & elsewhere, sisters & brothers are our primary teachers}, about the many privileges we enjoy in the North, as part of a developed nation, and to advocate for and support the rights and countless gifts of our vulnerable sisters and brothers in the Global South and elsewhere, who face numerous challenges to development. D & P seeks to both provide real support and on the ground partnership, while also shedding light as needed. Prayer, reflection, and action are one. Jesus' words continue to ring out to us today: *"Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... I was a stranger and you welcomed me...naked and you gave me clothing..."* (Matt. 25: 34 - 36).

D & P has been most gifted and blessed in our parish for many years, with first, you, our faithful parishioners, who have prayerfully and financially supported its ongoing educational work, advocacy, petition campaigns, and the annual Share Lent collection... its primary source of funding. We also in our parish have been deeply blessed with the many gifts of parishioners, who have generously stepped forward for years to actively promote D & P at our parish level... too many to name... but we express our most sincere gratitude to each and every one. Parish volunteers for D & P across our nation are absolutely core to enabling its essential work. But we are now, as mentioned, in a transition, and in need of new parish volunteers. Our annual Share Lent campaign for 2025 was most fortunate to have a long-serving D & P volunteer member help promote the campaign, and in particular, the Solidarity Sunday collection. But our parish now needs someone, or ideally a few people, to continue to ensure the promotion of D & P within our parish. Some parish materials have been ordered, and we hope to have them soon in order for you to pray with, reflect, and support as you can. The Share Lent campaign for 2026 is: **On Track For Justice**. Please read about it at devp.org. Thank you kindly, as always, for your prayer and ongoing vital support. Please take it to prayer and discern if the Holy Spirit may be calling you to pick up the torch for D & P in our parish. Thanks once again.



Seniors Mass at Pine Grove:

Thurs. March 26th at 2pm.
All are welcome!



Our **Faith Formation** community is growing beautifully, now welcoming **132 children** as they journey in faith together. Our Grade 2 students have joyfully celebrated their **First Reconciliation** and are preparing for **First Communion on June 6 at 4 PM**—all are warmly invited to share this special celebration. **Grades 8–9 raised \$1,567.45** during the **Coldest Night of the Year**, and **18 students are preparing for Confirmation on May 3rd**. **Grade 10-11-12** recently brought smiles and companionship to the residents of **Pine Grove Nursing Home**. Our **Parent Faith Formation** group continues to gather for prayer and reflection, and we are blessed to accompany **8 RCIA** catechumen preparing to join our Church. Thank you for helping nurture a vibrant, joyful faith community at St. Dunstan.

Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly **"Touched by Cancer"** Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at **St. Anthony's Church on Friday, March 20 at 7:00 pm**.

Ste. Anne de Beaupre – June 2026.

For anyone that had expressed interest in the Annual trip to **Ste. Anne de Beaupre for June 2026** with Rick Bourgeois, please give Rick a call to secure your seat and deposit. Phone 506-327-6777

May 13– 24, 2026: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Hector Caissie. Cost of \$2795 (plus taxes) includes airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) **Payment by e-transfer, bank transfer or cheque gets a REBATE of \$250.00** INFO: Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or 506-857-2295

2025 Tax Receipts are ready for pick up at the parish office. 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.

Offertories Received Week Ending March 8th 2026

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>
Poor & Needy	---	60	455	515
Loose Collection	10	58	1263	1331
Envelope Collection	430	370	2500	3300
Vigil Candle Sales	---	---	213	213
Building Fund	---	50	140	190
P.A.D.	---	---	---	3575
Development & Peace	---	---	20	20

Next Diocesan Collection:

Upkeep of the Holy Land (Good Friday)- April 3rd, 2026