

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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 Administrative Assistant: Debbie Brooks

Parish Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
 9 am - 5 pm
Saturdays – 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Sundays – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Co. Pastor: Fr. Peter Osborne
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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

January 18th 2026 to January 25th 2026

1st Reading: *Isaiah 49.3, 5-6*

Gospel: *John 1.29-34*

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 1.1-3*

| Mass Times St. Dunstan's | Mass Times Sts. John & Paul | Mass Times St. Columba |
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| Sundays at 9 AM & 11:30 AM Mondays – NO MASS Tuesdays – 12:05 PM Wednesdays – 6:30 PM – BENEDICTION at 6 PM Thursdays - 12:05 PM Fridays – 6:30 PM – ROSARY TO ST. JOSEPH at 6 PM Saturdays – 4PM | Sundays at 11:00 AM ROSARY: After Mass at 10:20 AM | Sundays at 9:00 AM ROSARY: Mondays at 7:00 PM |

FOR PARISHIONERS WANTING 2026 NUMBERED OFFERTORY ENVELOPES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 506-444-6001 OR EMAIL: OFFICE@STMARYMAGDALENEPARISH.CA

PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONES OFF DURING MASS

VIGIL CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE FOR \$5

NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

January 22nd at 6PM at Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. All Welcome

The Catholic Women's League of St Mary Magdalene Parish will be hosting their next **CWL Meeting** on **January 18th at 1:00 pm** in the Mary Sullivan Room, Monsignor Boyd Family Centre.
All women of the Parish are welcome to attend!

Blessed Palms: Please return your blessed palms to any of our three churches by Sunday February 15th. These palms will be used to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday (Feb 18).

MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. DUNSTAN

| Mass Schedules | Mass Intentions | Sponsored By | Priest |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sat. January 17 th 4:00 PM | For the repose of the soul of Myrna Aspejo | Ann Espino | Fr. Peter Osborne |
| Sun. January 18 th 9:00 AM | Tammy Strong Saad | Asma Saad | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Sun. January 18 th 11:30 AM | Sandra Riley | Dianne Lepage | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Tues. January 20 th 12:05 PM | Leona Hallihan | Ned Carroll | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Wed. January 21 st 6:30 PM | Mary Alice Daisley | Bruce & Regina Spencer | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Thurs. January 22 nd 12:05 PM | William Woods | Natasha Woods | Fr. Peter Osborne |
| Fri. January 23 rd 6:30 PM | Marvin Zaluski | Bruce & Regina Spencer | Fr. Peter Osborne |
| Sat. January 24 th 4:00 PM | Michael Pama | Hazel & Jerry | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Sun. January 25 th 9:00 AM | Riva Ornopia | Renwil Causing | Fr. Peter Osborne |
| Sun. January 25 th 11:30 AM | Sandra Riley | Dianne Lepage | Fr. Peter Osborne |

STS. JOHN & PAUL

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| Sun. January 18 th 11:00 AM | Gerald & Nora Mercer | Gerry Mercer | Fr. Peter Osborne |
| Sun. January 25 th 11:00 AM | Albert Murray | Margaret Murray | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |

ST. COLOMBA

| Mass Schedules | Mass Intentions | Sponsored By | Priest |
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| Sun. January 18 th 11:00 AM | TBD | TBD | Fr. Peter Osborne |
| Sun. January 25 th 11:00 AM | TBD | TBD | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |

The month of January is dedicated to THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

January 3 is the Feast of The Holy Name. Jesus' name was first announced at the Annunciation by Archangel Gabriel, telling the Virgin she would conceive and "you shall name him Jesus". In a dream, St. Joseph was told by an Angel, "You shall call his name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins". (Matthew 1:21). **THE NAME OF JESUS IS HOLY.** A name of divine power and healing, it was given by the Father to His Only Begotten Son Jesus, the Incarnation of God's Word, upon whom the Father Himself founded the Salvation of the World in the very name given Him. "**Jesus**" means "**Saviour**". From this name all evil flees - it cannot stand its light. From the beginning, this name was filled with power. Invoke it often, wherever you are, not in blasphemy without thinking, but in faith, seeking divine protection and help in every need. speak the name of Jesus when you are in fear or are troubled. His very name brings us close to His healing, light, joy, abundant graces and power. The Apostles recognized this and invoked the name of Jesus to help the lame, and even to give life to the dead. Jesus told us, "**Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full**".

*** Prayers available later this week on the table across from St. Joseph's altar (left front of St Mary Magdalene Church).

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| <p align="center">Our Lady of Peace Parish "Touched by Cancer" Mass Friday January 16th St. Anthony's Church 603 Union Street at 7:00PM for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer. All are welcome.</p> | <p align="center">Youth Invitation: Steubenville Atlantic 2026! All teens in Grades 8-12 are invited to join thousands of Catholic youth from across Atlantic Canada for Steubenville Atlantic, happening July 10-12, 2026 at Dalhousie University, Halifax. This high-energy Catholic youth conference features dynamic speakers, powerful worship, music, fellowship, and opportunities to grow deeper in faith. If you are interested in attending, please contact Nadine at faithformation@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca for details on cost, travel, and how to register. Visit the following website for more details: https://www.steubenville.ca/ Registration is now open! Let's encounter Christ together this summer!</p> |
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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Week of Christian unity – Jan 18- 25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18 – 25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has been long standing practice by a number of communities to celebrate the Week of Prayer on optional dates, in order to include two Sundays.

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

Sunday of the Word of God - January 25

In the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

“Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.” Pope Francis.

World Day of Consecrated Life February – 2 The Presentation of the Lord. (Candle Mass)

The Purpose of this day is to “help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord” John Paul II.

There is a special Feast Day mass at 6.30 pm at St Dunstan, please bring candles to bless them during the Mass.

Blessing Throat – February 3

The Blessing of the Throat is given individually on this day after the 12.05 pm Mass.

The Blessing of Throat to all is given on the weekend (Feb 7 and 8) Masses, with the prayer of Blessing.

“Through the intercession of Saint Blasé, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

World day of Sick February – 11

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourde) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

Please bring the names of your suffering friends and family. We will light a candle for them and pray.

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.

The Dicastery for Evangelization

Section for ***Fundamental Questions Regarding Evangelization in the World*** has published its handbook for **the Seventh Sunday of the Word of God**, which will be celebrated **on 25 January 2026**. The theme for this year is **“The Word of Christ Dwells Among You (Col 3.16)”**. The handbook provides theological orientations, pastoral proposals, suggestions for biblical adoration and an outline for the Eucharistic celebration.

**For a downloaded copy, go to: www.evangelizatio.va/
<https://www.evangelizatio.va/content/dam/pcpne/image/Domeni%20cadellaParola/2026/EN%20Sussidio%20DPD%2026.pdf>**

200th Anniversary of St. Dunstan's Church:

St. Dunstan's Church was established in the early years of 1827 based on historical records gathered by one of our parishioners, Frances McGinn. With this, the Parish Pastoral Council comprised a special committee to plan the celebration of the church's *200th Anniversary* on year 2027.

If you are interested to be part of this special committee, please contact:

Evert Garcia: ☎ 506-471-9065 / ✉ esg_mit@yahoo.com

Mark Depow: ☎ 506-260-9669 / ✉ mdepow@gmail.com

Once we have enough volunteers, we will have a kick-off meeting to plan on how we will celebrate this wonderful milestone of our church. Thank you and God bless!

Week of Christian Unity runs from a **January 18th to January 25th**. The theme is: ***“There is One Body and One Spirit, just as you were called to the One Hope of your calling”***. The week of prayer for Christian Unity extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christian’s worldwide. Our ecumenical service will be held **Wednesday January 21st at 2:00 PM at St. Margaret’s Anglican Church - 775 Forest Hill Road, Fredericton**. A small reception to follow. Come one and all. For more information contact Mary McMahon 506 478 4080.

The Fredericton Choral Society, under the dynamic direction of Greg Geldart, began its new term on Monday, January 12th. New members are welcome! We will be accepting registrations up to the end of January. Please join us! Our rehearsals are on Monday evenings, in Fredericton. We will be preparing for **two exciting concerts this spring**. On **April 14th**, we will present **Haydn’s “Missa in Tempore Belli”** with the **Fredericton Symphony Orchestra** at the Playhouse. Then on **May 9**, we will present our second annual, **“Spring Songs and Sweets” concert**, which will feature popular show tunes. For more information contact Jack Walsworth at jlwals@nbnet.nb.ca

Our Faith Formation program is **GROWING**, and we are in need of gently used TVs and/or laptops to support our classroom learning environment.

If you have a working TV or laptop that you no longer need, your donation would be greatly appreciated. Your generosity will help us create engaging, faith-filled learning experiences for our children and youth.

To arrange a donation, please contact the Faith Formation Office. Thank you for your kindness and continued support of our parish ministries!



Email: Faithformation@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca

Last Call for the Catechist Retreat!

From Spark to Flame

Registration **Deadline: January 27th**.

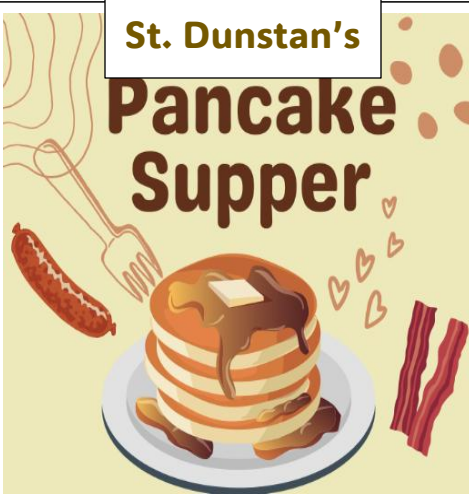
Don't miss this weekend of renewal, prayer, and fellowship at the

Villa Madonna Retreat House

from January 30–February 1, 2026

If you haven't registered yet, now is the time. See your RE coordinator for all the details or contact Patricia at:

catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org



St. Dunstan's

Pancake Supper

St Dunstan's will be hosting their Annual Pancake Supper February 17th at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. More details to follow!

Offeratories Received Week Ending January 11th, 2025

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

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| P.A.D | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Loose Collection | 65 | 101 | 1133 | 1299 |
| Envelope Collection | 430 | 775 | 2694 | 3899 |
| Total | 495 | 876 | 3827 | 5198 |
| Vigil Candle Sales | TBD | TBD | 166 | TBD |

January 25th, 2026
Indigenous Solidarity Fund