

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
Sundays 8 AM – 1 PM

Co. Pastor: Fr. Peter Osborne
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March 8th 2026 – March 15th 2026

1st Reading: *Exodus 17.3-7*

Gospel: *John 4.5-42*

2nd Reading: *Romans 5.1-2, 5-8*

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
1st Saturdays – Mass at 9:00 AM

Mass Times Sts. John & Paul Church

Sundays at 11:00 AM

ROSARY: Before Mass at 10:20 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

PLEASE TURN YOUR CELLS PHONE OFF OR TO SILENT DURING MASS

Vigil Candles available for purchase at the office - \$5

Votive Candles for sale in each chapel - \$2

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

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 3rd Sunday of Lent. Today we reflect upon the act of “repenting”.

Repentance first requires that we put our faith and trust in God. It can be very easy to feel disheartened when one is believing ourselves unworthy of God's forgiveness.

God's forgiveness releases us from guilt and provides peace of mind and clarity. It relieves us from stress and leaves room for gratitude in our hearts. In accepting this, we forgive others as God has forgiven us because “all is forgiven” - words everyone wants to hear and need to feel.

This week, commit to preparing for the sacrament of reconciliation by doing a reflection of one's actions. Ask the Lord to illuminate the areas of sin or darkness in your life, especially those that you might not be aware of.

Repentance is a conscious, humble return to God, involving deep reflection on one's actions, sincere remorse, and a firm commitment to change direction. It requires honest acknowledgment of sin, abandoning destructive ways, and turning towards spiritual growth and divine mercy, leading to healing and renewal. True repentance is not just sorrow, but a behavioral change to live in alignment with spiritual principles.



MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. DUNSTAN'S

Mass Schedules		Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. March 7 th	4:00 PM	Sandra MacMillan Murray	The Hitchcock Family	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. March 8 th	9:00 AM	Savariraj Soosai	Linda Giudice	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. March 8 th	11:30 AM	Noreen Porter Family D.M. Marshall	Madonna & Robert Clarke Bill & Susan Marshall	Fr. Peter Osborne
Tues. March 10 th	12:05 PM	Special Intention: Miyanwi Joyden Niba – 1 st Birthday	Jocelyn Lum	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Wed. March 11 th	6:30 PM	Savariraj Soosai	Norm & Mary Beaulieu	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Thurs. March 12 th	12:05 PM	Alyre & Muriel Richard	Paulette & Mark Lawyer	Fr. Peter Osborne
Fri. March 13 th	6:30 PM	Thomas "Tim" Arthur Gilbert	Michelle Brzak	Fr. Peter Osborne
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

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules		Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. March 8 th	11:00 AM	For the Parishioners	The Parish Priests	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. March 15 th	11:00 AM	Savariraj Soosai	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN	Fr. Peter Osborne

ST. COLOMBA

Mass Schedules		Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. March 8 th	9:00 AM	Gertrude Maynard	Theresa Harnish	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. March 15 th	9:00 AM	For the Parishioners	----	Fr. Peter Osborne

**EVENTS DURING LENT ST. DUNSTAN'S
MOVIE NIGHT**

in the **Mary Sullivan Room, Tuesday evenings starting at 6PM.** Parishioners and friends are welcome to join us for a Lenten movie. Featuring on **March 10th:**
"PADRE PIO"



**LENTEN EVENTS AT ST. DUNSTAN'S
VOLLEYBALL**

in the **Monsignor Boyd Family Centre every Tuesday evening starting at 6PM** Parishioners and friends are welcome to join in a fun-filled competitive game of volleyball!



*We invite you to offer prayers for the departed soul of **Ken Ramey Sr.**
May the Lord grant eternal peace to him/her and console their family and friends*





St. Columba Church: Anyone wanting to donate funds towards the purchase of **flowers for Easter** in memory of a loved one, there will be envelopes on the table at the back of the church.



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



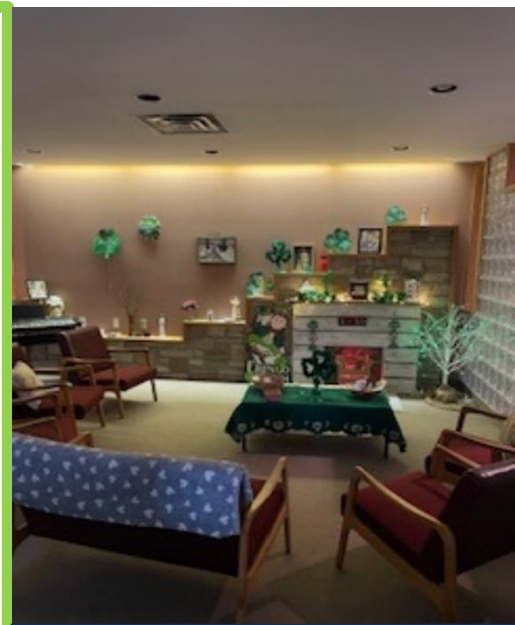
DONATIONS NEEDED FOR GREENER VILLAGE

During the season of Lent, we are asking parishioners to find it in their hearts to give to **GREENER VILLAGE**. On **March 14th & 15th weekend**, St. Dunstan's will be collecting the following: **BREAKFAST CEREALS- boxed or to cook**
Kindly leave your donation in the collection boxes at each of the entry ways to the church. Thank you!

🌈❤️ Invitation to Prayer in Honour of Saint Patrick 🌈❤️

During the 🌿 month of March 🍀, parishioners are warmly invited to spend time in our beautifully prepared *Prayer Room* dedicated to Saint Patrick. The space has been thoughtfully arranged to welcome individuals, families, and prayer groups seeking a quiet place for reflection, rest, and prayer. 🙏🕊️ We encourage everyone to make use of this peaceful environment throughout the month as we honour the life, mission, and holiness of Saint Patrick. 🕊️ 🍀

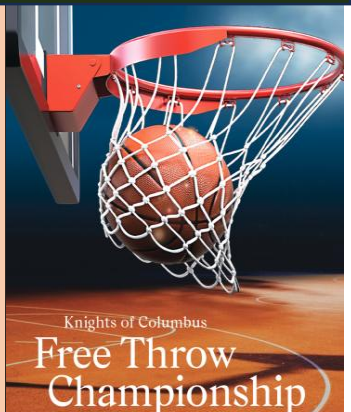
One of the most famous prayers attributed to Saint Patrick is the "*Breastplate Prayer*," which invokes God's protection and guidance: [...] Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me. I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity.



Regional Reconciliation for Lent

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

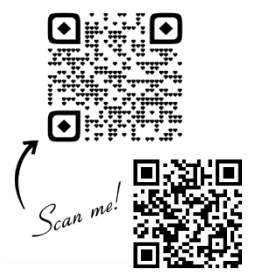
MARCH 14TH, 2026
Monsignor Boyd Family Centre
120 Regent Street,
Fredericton
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Boys & Girls Ages 9-12
Registration and participation completely free! For more information, contact: nb.kofc.freethrow@gmail.com.



If you are interested in working at our parish office during evening and weekend hours, please fill out a **JOB APPLICATION FORM**, located at each entrance of the church. 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@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca



A Lenten Recommendation: We warmly recommend "The Saints" by The Merry Beggars — a beautifully produced audio drama series that brings the lives of the saints to life in a faithful and engaging way. The full **Saints** series, adventures of Faith and Courage can be found here: <https://www.themerrybeggars.com/saints>. For Lent, they have also created "Lent with the Saints" - 40 short daily episodes (under 10 minutes each), along with a free downloadable companion booklet: <https://www.themerrybeggars.com/shows/lent-with-the-saints>



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.



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.

❄️ Coldest Night of the Year – Goal Surpassed! 🌈

We are delighted to share that we have surpassed our fundraising goal of \$800 for the Coldest Night of the Year campaign! Thanks to the immense generosity of our parishioners—through the collection on February 14th & 15th ❤️ and the Pancake Supper fundraiser 🥞—we raised a total of \$930.45. 🙏 The Confirmation candidates have contributed an additional \$637, thereby increasing the St. Mary Magdalene Parish's grand total to **\$1,567.45**. Your kind hearts and compassion will directly support those most in need within our community. ❤️ The Coldest Night of the Year walk took place on February 28th ❄️ 🚶 🚶, and your contributions helped make a meaningful difference. Thank you for your continued kindness and support! 🌟

Nadine LeBlanc, Coordinator - Faith Formation

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LAWN CARE: For those who like to volunteer or be paid for your time to mow the lawn, please contact the office at 506-444-6001 or email: office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca and leave your details.

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

Offertories Received Week Ending March 1st 2026

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

	St C	Sts J&P	St D	Total
Poor & Needy	---	20	308	328
Loose Collection	---	76	1242	1318
Envelope Collection	425	705	3138	4268
Vigil Candle Sales	---	---	45	45
Building Fund	105	289	741	1135
P.A.D.	---	---	---	4888
Coldest Night of the Year	---	---	---	880

Next Diocesan Collection:

Development & Peace (5th Sunday of Lent)- March 22nd, 2026

CALL TO BE MARCH 20-22, 2026

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APOSTLES IN ACTION

ON FIRE WITH THE SPIRIT SENT WITH PURPOSE
IGNITING HEROIC FAITH.

MEN'S RETREAT

VILLA MADONNA RETREAT HOUSE

Full weekend: \$295 Commuter: \$165 For Registration Details Scan QR