

# Christmas Wishes 2025

*Luke 1:35:*

*"And the angel answered her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.'"*



Every Christmas reminds us of God's presence among us—His willingness to be part of our lives. He feels comfortable being with us. Every Christmas invites us to be comfortable with His presence in our lives.

Joseph and Mary were comfortable allowing God to be with them. Their willingness to walk with God led them through struggles and life-threatening moments. Still, they said yes, because they knew who Jesus is.

During this Christmas, let us ask Mary and Joseph to give us the confidence and courage to be comfortable in the presence of Jesus in our lives. May our lives help others feel comfortable in the presence of God in their own lives. Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

— Fr. Suresh Savariraj & Fr. Peter Osborne

"As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, I extend to each of you my heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas and prayers for a blessed New Year. "

— Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC



"May your Christmas be filled with love, joy, peace, and time spent with those you cherish. Merry Christmas from the Catholic Women's League." -Judy Ingram, CWL

"Merry Christmas to our priests. May the beauty of Christmas and the Christ child bring peace and happiness to all parishioners that we know, and many more friends and families.

Keep the spirit of Christmas alive in our church and community. Peace for 2026" - Mary McMahon, Legion of Mary

"As we celebrate the joy of Christmas and look forward to a blessed New Year, I want to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who makes our Sunday Faith Formation classes such a vibrant and faith-filled experience. To our amazing children and their parents—thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment to growing in faith together. To our dedicated catechists and the many volunteers who serve in countless ways—whether through music, preparing coffee, assisting with washroom duties, or offering a helping hand wherever needed—you are truly the heart of our community. Your generosity of time and spirit reflects the love of Christ and brings life to our parish family.

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."*  
- Luke 2:14

May this Christmas fill your homes with peace and joy, and may the New Year bring abundant blessings to you and your loved ones."  
- Nadine LeBlanc - Faith Formation Coordinator

"To all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ the Redeemer, at this time of year, the Jesus Child, our Savior, is born in our hearts with words of hope and redemption. Let us always remember when He tells us: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" [John 14:6]. May this fill our hearts with hope. Jesus comes to bring us this message of joy from God our Lord. With these words, I pray that the divine Child Jesus may be reborn in us this Christmas. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026." - José Zerón, CLO

"On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, we would like to greet all our parishioners a Merry Christmas! Wishing all of you love, joy, and hope this season with your families. Happy Birthday Jesus!" - Evert Garcia, Chair, Pastoral Council

*"The facilitators of The Eucharistic Adoration Ministry of Sts John & Paul send prayers to all for a Blessed Christmas Season. May you experience the loving embrace of the Christ Child surround you and all your families."* - Lorraine, Gerry, & Neyda

"The J.O.Y. Community of Christian Life Community (CLC) wish you all a Blessed Christmas filled with joy and peace and a New Year of health and prosperity. We are grateful for the opportunity to have had our tree planted to celebrate the Season of Creation and in memory of Pope Francis this past September at Sts' John & Paul Church, a special memory for all! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!"

- Pat, Karen, Jane, Chris, Lorraine & Graydon, J.O.Y. CLC



*"I would like to wish all the parishioners of  
St Mary Magdalene a Blessed and  
Joyful Christmas.*

*It's a time to celebrate God's gift of love for each of  
us. Jesus is God's gift of love.*

*Thank you for your love and support for me in  
2025." - Fr. Brian Murphy*

"Wishing all parishioners the  
peace and joy of the Christmas  
season and many blessings for  
2026." - From the members of  
the Truth and Reconciliation  
Committee (TRC)

*"Dear Parishioners, as we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior, the Finance Council extends  
heartfelt greetings of peace, joy, and hope to each of you and your families.  
Your prayers, stewardship, and support throughout the year have allowed our parish to continue its  
mission of worship, service, and outreach.*

*Together, we have not only maintained the life of our parish but also strengthened the bonds of faith  
and fellowship that unite us.*

*On behalf of the Finance Council, I thank you for your trust and commitment. May this holy season  
bring you renewed faith, lasting joy, and the blessings of Christ's peace.*

*Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year."*

*- Brent Jamael, Chair, Finance Council*

*"Dear parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Parish,*

*May the dazzling sight of Christmas trees and the endearing sound of  
Christmas carols fill our hearts with peace and joy during this holy and  
festive season. May the gift of this season, Love Incarnate, and the joy and  
peace that He brings, remain with us and everyone throughout the world, as  
we rejoice in God's greatest gift to all humankind-Emmanuel, God with us-  
during this blessed Christmas season. Merry Christmas blessings to all."*

*Angel Tang, St. Dunstan's Choir, 9:00am Sunday Mass*

*"May the riches of the Christmas season  
liturgies embrace your spirit with  
joy and peace.*

*- Margaret Gavidge, The Liturgy Committee*

"This Christmas season, the Bishop Dollard Council 1942  
of the Knights of Columbus would like to extend our  
gratitude to St. Mary Magdalene Parish and we hope to  
continue to serve you and the greater Fredericton  
community in 2026 through our three tenets of Charity,  
Unity, and Fraternity. Merry Christmas! Vivat Jesus!" -  
Rob O'Kane, Grand Knight

*"We invite you to sing joyfully, as  
we celebrate this glorious season  
in Word and Song. From the  
words of one of our Choir songs,  
let the Christmas Season bring us  
hope, bring us love, and bring us  
peace and joy from above!" -  
Helen Chenier, St. Dunstan's  
Choir, 11:30am Sunday Mass*

"St. Columba church  
parishioners would like to  
wish everyone in the St. Mary  
Magdalene Parish a most  
blessed and joyous Christmas  
as we again celebrate the  
birth of our Lord Jesus. Let  
us pray for peace, kindness  
and love for one another at  
this special time of year.  
Wishing everyone a happy  
and healthy 2026!" - Lynn  
Butler, St. Columba



# 2025 Parish Activities

## JANUARY:

- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Fr. Suresh Birthday
- Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
- Feast of the Holy Child Jesus
- Week of Christian Unity Service



## FEBRUARY:

- Prayers for Peace in the World
- Candlemass
- Blessing of the Throat - Memorial of St. Blaise
- 33 Days Consecration to St. Joseph
- Little Rock Scripture Study
- Epiphany Chalk Blessing for Protection of our Homes



## MARCH:

- Brunch For A Cause
- Shrove Tuesday
- Holy Rosary for the Healing of Pope Francis
- Lent Activities
- Soup Sunday
- Solemnity of St. Joseph



## APRIL:

- Lent Regional Reconciliation
- "What Do You Seek?" Adult Faith Formation
- Parish Mission-3 Day Event
- Palm Sunday Mass
- Easter Triduum
- Easter Season Activities
- Divine Mercy Sunday
- Special Mass for Pope Francis



## MAY:

- A Mass of Remembrance for Pope Francis & Prayer for the Upcoming Conclave
- National Day of Awareness and Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- 2025 Annual General Meeting
- Special Mass for New Pope Leo XIV
- Feast of St. Dunstan's
- Communion Minister Workshop
- Fr. Peter Priesthood Anniversary
- Liturgy Ministry Appreciation Party
- Celebration For Our Lady of Fatima



## JUNE:

- Fredericton Regional Jubilee Mission
- 2025 1st Eucharist and Confirmation
- Pentecost Day

## JUNE:

- Parish International Potluck for Steubenville
- Feast of St. Columba
- Reader's Workshop
- Filipino-Canadian Heritage Month Thanksgiving Mass
- Feast of Sts. John & Paul
- Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus



## JULY:

- Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
- Eucharist Procession
- Parish Picnic
- Altar Server Training
- World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly



## AUGUST:

- Parish Pastoral Council Election
- Hermitage Cemetery Mass Celebration



## SEPTEMBER:

- Pilgrimage in Diocese of Saint John
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

## OCTOBER:

- Public Square Rosary Rally
- Little Rock Scripture Study
- Start of Faith Formation
- St. Columba Turkey Supper
- Start of RCIA



## NOVEMBER:

- All Soul's Day Commemoration Service
- Memorial Mass for Remembrance Day
- Special Mass - Red Wednesday
- Wedding Anniversary Mass
- Community Breakfast Fundraiser for Feast of Holy Child Jesus
- St. Dunstan's Art Competition
- Lectio Divina for Advent



## DECEMBER:

- Advent Regional Reconciliation
- Sts. John & Paul Kids' Christmas Party
- Blessing of Miraculous Medals
- Community Kitchen Appreciation Lunch
- Christmas Exchange Program
- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous People
- Christmas Novena Masses
- Faith Formation Christmas Party



Number of Sacrament of Baptisms celebrated – 22  
 Number of couples united through Sacrament of Matrimony - 11  
 Number of souls honored through Funeral Ceremony – 13