



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba †
Fredericton Junction

Sts. John & Paul †
New Maryland

St. Dunstan's
Fredericton

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May 21st, 2023 – Ascension of the Lord

Mass Times for St. Mary Magdalene Parish Church Sites

St. Columba
Saturday 6 PM

St. Dunstan's
Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 9 & 11 am
Wednesday 6:30 pm
Thursday 12:05 noon

Sts. John & Paul
Sunday 1 pm
Monday 9 am

Parish office hours: Mon – Fri 9 am – 4 pm. (Closed for lunch 12 – 1 pm)

OFFICE AND FAMILY CENTER CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 21ST – VICTORIA DAY

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday's 3-3:30 pm at St. Dunstan's. Before and after weekday Mass, and any other time by appointment, please call the office.

St. Dunstan's - Monday Rosary @ 2 pm followed by the Way of the Cross

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday's 1-5 pm at Sts. John and Paul

Rosary before Mass Sunday 12:25 at Sts. John and Paul

Livestream link for Mass: <https://www.stmarymagdaleneparish.ca>

PENTECOST MISSION: on May 29-31, Bishop Riesbeck will preach a three-day Pentecost Mission on the theme of, "The Great Commission." Diving into Jesus' call to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." This Mission will help equip people first to KNOW Jesus, to GROW with him as his disciples and in community with one another, and finally to GO to the peripheries, spreading the Good News to all we meet and inviting people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus and his Church. Evening missions will take place from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm at St. Dunstan's Church in Fredericton. Each session will begin with Mass, with a reconciliation service offered on Tuesday and Commissioning and Healing Prayer on Wednesday. Refreshments and fellowship will follow each session.

Steubenville Atlantic Conference ~ We are pleased to announce that we have several youth registered to attend the Steubenville Atlantic Conference in July! Please watch the bulletin to find out how you can support these youth.

You are Invited! ~ All parishioners are invited to celebrate and support the 32 young men and women of our parish as they receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, June 4th at 3:00 pm at St. Dunstan's Church.** Please keep these young people in your prayers.

National Catholic Broadcasting Council (NCBC) Daily TV Mass Sponsored by the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Parish is on May 26th at 9 am & 1 pm. Thank you to all who made donations to make this Mass possible.

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church

Saturday, May 20th 6:00 pm Janet Donovan

Saturday, May 27th 6:00 pm John Bourque

Sts. John & Paul Church

Sunday, May 21st 1:00 pm Mary Ramsay

Sunday, May 28th 1:00 pm Stan Wadden

St. Dunstan's Church

Sat. May 20th 4:00 pm DFM Page & Theriault

Sun. May 21st 9:00 am Harry Doyle

11:00 am John Regan

Wed. May 24th 6:30 pm Betsy Becigneul

Thur. May 25th 12:00 pm Special Intention

Sat. May 27th 4:00 pm Edmond & Rachel Losier

Sun. May 28th 9:00 am John Thompson

11:00 am Theresa & Bahjat Salem

Sanctuary Lamp week of May 21st

In Memory of Heide Anne (Park) Lafford

Readings for May 28th

1st Reading Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel John 20:19-23

March for Life Thursday, May 25, at 11:15 am

at the New Brunswick Legislature, 706 Queen Street, Fredericton. Prior to the March, Brunswick Street Baptist Church, 170 York Street, will hold a service beginning at 9:45 am. There will also be a mass at St. Dunstan's Catholic Church, 120 Regent Street from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Join us for refreshments after the March for Life at Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. Please contact the office below if you are interested in

making or bringing sweets/cookies for the

event. (Please no peanuts or nuts). Everyone is encouraged to attend and to invite a friend or two.

Please note that the March for Life is taking place outside so you may also want to bring a lawn chair and some water to the NB Legislature. We hope to see a large crowd of New Brunswickers supporting the right to life on May 25, 2023. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the March for Life!

NECROLOGY

May 23	Maurice Ryan	1988
	Rev David Charles Mitchell	1992
	Garnett Loomer Crosby	1995
May 24	Hubert J Dunbar	1982
	Thomas Francis Walton	1990
	Geraldine McInerney	1991
	Cyril Gerard Breau	1999
	Stephen Leslie Peppin	2001
	Antonie Romano Riva	2008
May 25	Amelia Levesque	1997
May 27	Ronald Joseph (Paddy) Ryan	1987
	Margaret Duke	2011
	Martine Rose Gallant	2018
May 28	Victoria Nafla Anderson	2018

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sts. John and Paul – LECTORS (Sunday 1:00 pm)

May 21st Rene Lewis / Regina Spencer

May 28th Judy Ingram / Mike Dionne

Sts. John and Paul – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

May 21st Gerald Mercer

May 28th Neyda Long

St. Columba – LECTORS (Saturday 6:00 pm)

May 20th Keith Muzzerall

May 27th Francine Jones-Harnish

St. Dunstan's – LECTORS

Saturday 4:00 pm

May 20th Bonnie Boudreau / Katherine Campbell
Sacristan – Linda Roach

May 27th Mark Tejares / Verna Shaw
Sacristan – Bonnie Boudreau

Sunday 9:00 am

May 21st Katie Crawford / Regina & Hannah Opo
Sacristan – Gus Mazzuca

May 28th Bob Scott / Esther Archibald
Sacristan – Jose Zeron

Sunday 11:00 am

May 21st John Brennan / TBD

May 28th Doreen Cormier / Robert Michaud

St. Dunstan's – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 4:00 pm

May 20th Michael McKeage / Patrick Tang

May 27th Chris Jose / Linda Roach

Sunday 9:00 am

May 21st Marg Denning / Richard Brennan
Bob Scott

May 28th Katie Crawford / Anne Doyle
Jeannine Cochrane

Sunday 11:00 am

May 21st Rose Anne DiGiacinto / Robert Michaud

May 28th Claire Leach / Michael McKeage

Office of the Bishop

May 15, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On June 23 and 26, 2023, the Diocese of Saint John will be moving its chancery offices from the current location at 1 Bayard Drive in Saint John NB, to the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay, NB. The chancery offices will be closed from June 20-27, re-opening in our new location at 115 Villa Madonna Road on June 28, 2023.

Diocesan leadership at all levels felt that now was an opportune time to right-size operations. For the last several years, the chancery building, and the Villa Madonna have both been operating below capacity. While the Villa Madonna has over 60 rooms, it has not used more than 40 for any given retreat the in many years. Because of this, the Diocese can use the surplus 20 rooms as office space.

This consolidation of resources will result in significant annual operational savings for both the chancery offices and the Villa Madonna, allowing us to continue raising up disciples who are joyfully living out the mission, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and making disciples of others. One way we are doing this is by increasing our pastoral presence at the mother church, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. A second priest has been assigned full-time, effective June 1. The Cathedral will continue to serve those most in need in uptown Saint John, as well as people from all over the diocese for significant liturgical celebrations. It is amazing to see how the Holy Spirit is moving through the spiritual and outreach ministries.

Holiness and mission are two sides of the same coin. To be effective missionary disciples we need to provide opportunities for people to encounter Jesus, grow in holiness, and be equipped for the mission. By investing in the Villa Madonna, we serve the people and parishes of the Diocese of Saint John, providing facilities and programs that aid the process of spiritual renewal, faith development and evangelization. I hope that in the coming months the Villa Madonna will become an even greater resource for parishes as a place of encounter with Jesus, fueling missionary activity for many years to come.

The chancery offices will occupy the west wing of the Villa Madonna, which is just above the kitchen and dining room and separate from the rest of the retreat house. This will allow the offices to be closed off for

minimal impact on retreatants. Diocesan and Villa Madonna staff are excited about the possibilities this partnership brings. We look forward to hosting an open house in the fall for people to come and see the new space, take a tour of the Villa Madonna, and maybe even make plans to come back for a retreat.

This move has come about quickly, but I believe providentially. I am grateful for the support of my Leadership Team, Council of Priests and College of Consultors, Diocesan Finance Council, and the Villa Madonna Board of Directors, who collaborated with me in prayer and discernment. And I would like to thank the staff of the Villa Madonna and the Diocese of Saint John who have been working diligently to prepare for this upcoming move.

Please join me in giving God permission, entrusting our diocese to the intercession of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception as we embark on this new and exciting journey.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

✠ Christian Riesbeck, CC
Bishop of Saint John

Note from Finance Council:

At the April 26th meeting the Finance Council approved the purchase of a camera and intercom system to address security concerns for the church and Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. This will allow office staff to control access and egress at both the Regent Street and King Street parking lot entrances to the MBFC. The cost is just under \$11,000 dollars and will be paid for out of the Building Fund.

The next Meeting of the Finance Council will be Wednesday, May 24th @ 7:15 pm in the MBFC. All are welcome!

Please note the old email address for the parish stdun@stdunstansparish.ca is NO LONGER a working email. Please use our new email for correspondence and etransfers office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca

<u>Year to Date Apr 30, 2023</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>
Offertories Received	\$175,009	\$8,859	\$31,093	\$135,057
Operating Expenses	\$256,735	\$26,943	\$48,167	\$181,625
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$81,726)	(\$18,084)	(\$17,074)	(\$46,568)

<u>14-May</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>
Weekly, at Mass	\$6,241	\$225	\$990	\$5,026
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,489	\$50	\$906	\$2,533
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$194,293	\$9,514	\$35,654	\$149,125
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$209,529			
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$15,236)			
Poor & Needy	\$305	\$0	\$0	\$305
Building Fund	\$240	\$0	\$0	\$240
Cemetery	\$760	\$5	\$0	\$755
Other	\$195	\$0	\$10	\$185
# PAD users	132	1	31	100

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



We are deeply grateful for any donation because it helps us help marginalized communities. But because of the way we operate, it is **monthly donations that make the biggest difference.**

When you **become a *Share Year-Round* donor**, your contribution becomes sustained and predictable and comes at a reduced administrative cost to us.

This Easter, continue to double the impact of your gift! Until May 28, those who become Share Year-Round donors (or increase their monthly donations) will have their annual contribution matched dollar for dollar.

Matching dollars are from benefactors and religious communities that support the work of D&P. To give monthly and to join our *Share Year-Round* program, simply fill in the form on the Development and Peace website (devp.org) or call us toll-free at 1 888 234-8533.

Start spreading the word! Do you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, cousin, friend who is between the ages of 14-18 who's faith you want to grow? Invite them to go to the conference! Steubenville Atlantic is held on the campus of Dalhousie University in Halifax for youth ages 14-18. Last year over 300 young people and youth leaders experienced a weekend like no other. It is a unique chance to encounter Christ in a way that changes lives.

This year's theme is ***Refuge*** based on Matthew 11.28: Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Between school, friends, family responsibilities, and maybe a part-time job - plus so many other things! - we think this year's theme will resonate with many young people. **COST PER YOUTH IS \$280.00. (TRANSPORTATION FROM VARIOUS PICKUP SPOTS IN OUR DIOCESE PROVIDED) REGISTRATION CLOSING ON JUNE 7, 2023.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT PATRICIA LEE AT CATECHESIS@DIOCESEOFSAINTJOHN.ORG OR CALL 506-627-6465.