



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba †
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Sts. John & Paul †
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St. Dunstons
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Diocesan Newsletter: <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/email-newsletter-sign-up>

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Mass Times

St. Columba: 9am on Sundays

Sts. John and Paul: 11am on Sundays

St. Dunstons: Tues, Wed, Fri – 6:30pm, Thurs – 12:05pm

Sat – 4pm, Sundays – 9am and 11:30am. First Sat – 9am

Rosary/ Divine Mercy

Sts. John and Paul: Sundays 10:10am

St. Dunstons: Tue 2pm, Wed 6pm: Rosary to St. Joseph,
Friday during adoration 6pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sts. John and Paul: Thursdays 1-5pm

St. Dunstons: Friday 6pm, First Friday 7pm

Reconciliation – St. Dunstons: Saturdays 2:30-3:30pm. For other times please call the office.

Baptism: Call the office one month before desired date **Marriage:** Call the office 6 months before desired date.

RCIA: Call the office any time.

March 9th, 2025 – 15th 1st Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26.4-10

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

2nd Reading: Romans 10.8-13

Norms for Lenten Observance 2025 - The liturgical season of Lent begins this year on March 5, 2025. The following are guidelines of Lenten observance for the faithful of the Diocese of Saint John.

- Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.
- Fasting binds all persons from 18 to 59 years, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's own needs. There should be no eating between meals although fluids may be taken.
- Abstinence from meat binds all persons who are 14 and older, unless prevented by poor health. There should be no consumption of meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- The Universal Law of the Church mandates these observances for the spiritual well-being of the faithful.
- Lent is a penitential season and, as such, religious practices such as daily Mass, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church

Sun, Mar 9 9:00 AM Donald Harnish
Sun, Mar 16 9:00 AM Greg Shannon

Sts. John & Paul Church

Sun, Mar 9 11:00 AM Gary Osborne
Sun, Mar 16 11:00 AM Albert Khoury

St. Dunstan's Church

Sat, Mar 8 4:00 PM Nathaniel Burchat
Sun, Mar 9 9:00 AM Frank and Margaret Forestell
Helen and Simplicio Acevedo
11:30 AM Carmen Jacinto Punzalan
Tue, Mar 11 6:30 PM Marilynn Jennings
Wed, Mar 12 6:30 PM Martene Michaud
Thu, Mar 13 12:05 PM Guy and Karen Carroll
Fri, Mar 14 6:30 PM David Shaw
Sat, Mar 15 4:00 PM Marilyn Frances Jennings
Sun, Mar 16 9:00 AM Vincent Reinsborough
11:30 AM Alfonso Simeon

Readings for Mar 16th

1st R: Genesis 15.5-2, 17-18 **2nd R:** Philippians 3.17-4.1
Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36

St. Dunstan's:

- **Tax Receipts** – now available for pick at the office.
- **Lenten Reflection Books** – Lent Reflection Books for adults and families are available at each of the churches. Please be sure to pick one up to enrich your Lent experience this year.
- The organizers of the **Pancake Supper** held last March 4th would like thank all who helped in anyway, be it by donating food or by volunteering their time. All the help was much appreciated. The activity was a success. God bless our parish and our community at large.
- **Catholic Women's League** – The March CWL Meeting will be held on March 16th in the Mary Sullivan Room at 1:00pm. New members are welcome.

Sts John and Paul:

- For the **Greener Village (Foodbank)** we will collect: Dry pasta, Kid's snacks (peanut-free please) such as apple sauce cups, fruit cups, Bear Paw type snacks, canned proteins, beans (black, white, baked), lentils, chickpeas, canned tuna, meats, etc.
- **Soup Sunday is back!** Our 2nd annual! Please register so we have lots of soup to share! Email reledstsjohnandpaul@gmail.com with

Soup Sunday in the subject line or sign up at the office. **Sunday March 23rd, 12:00 - 1:00 pm.** A variety of soups, sweets, tea/coffee, juice, and great company! A good will offering will be taken as well. Everyone is welcome!

- **Collections for the Transition House this second Sunday of Lent, March 16th.**
 - o Light pyjamas (women & children, all sizes)
 - o Floor cleaner (Mr Clean or Lysol. No Pine Sol, please, due to allergies)
 - o Garbage bags (regular & kitchen sizes)
 - o Paper towel

Donations For Greener Village Food Bank for March 15 & 16 Masses: School Lunch Items: Fruit Cups, Yogurt Cups, Food Bars, Cookies, Juice Boxes, apples Oranges, etc.



Attention High School Students! Steubenville Atlantic Conference – July 11th to 13th

The Lord tells us, "Be not afraid," and these words resonate with us today. Join Catholic teens at Steubenville Atlantic at Dalhousie University, Halifax, from July 11-13, 2025. This conference is designed to evangelize, equip, and empower those aged 14-18 (grades 9-12). **Registration fee:** \$350.00 (including transportation) with a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Other Opportunities:

- **Peer Leader for Young Adults (18-20):** Attend with a group and take on leadership roles at the discretion of group leaders.
- **Franciscan LEAD:** From July 7-11, 2025. A five-day Christ-centered immersion in leadership, evangelization, and discipleship inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. Teens first grow closer to Jesus, then learn servant leadership and evangelization.

Steubenville Atlantic Information Meeting ~ There will be an online meeting for everyone interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference on Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference as a participant or a peer leader or attending Franciscan LEAD please contact Patty Cameron at faithformation@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca or (506) 444-6018 to have your name added to the list and receive the link to the meeting.



Development & Peace, Share Lent 2025 – This Lent, Turn Debt into Hope

2025 is a Jubilee year. A year in which Pope Francis invites us to “Forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them.” Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to this call through the global Turn Debt into Hope campaign. Here are a few ways you can join us:

1. Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 6, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 79 projects in 34 countries around the world!
2. Pick up the Mini-magazine and follow the Solidarity Calendar with your family. Discover all these resources at devp.org/lent/resources, limited copies available at church entrances

Knights of Columbus Saint Patrick Breakfast will be held on March 9th from 10am to 1pm at the Knicol Hall (170 Regent Street). Adults \$10, Children \$5 and Families \$30. Proceeds for this event will be used to support Ryan Tapley of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish. Everyone is welcome.

2025 A JUBILEE YEAR - What is a Jubilee? Celebrated every 25 years in the Catholic Church, a Jubilee is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation in which people are invited to come back into right relationships with God, with one another and with all Creation. The tradition is inspired by the biblical year of jubilee, a time when debts were cancelled, slaves were set free and the land was allowed to rest (Lev. 25, Deut. 15). This year, under the theme “Pilgrims of Hope,” Pope Francis invites Catholics to renew their hope and adopt a vision that can “restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone.” Find out how Development and Peace — Caritas Canada will be living the Jubilee at devp.org/lent.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP - *Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!* Our Lady of Peace Parish, in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency, is pleased to announce that a tax preparation clinic will be provided (**Free of Charge**) to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation. The tax preparation service will commence **March, 2025**. Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony’s Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment, drop-off or virtual** to prepare your income tax and benefit returns. The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex situations** such as: returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business rental income or expenses. Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton** for further information at 506-261-7600 or email lintons21@outlook.com.

Mission Statement for the Month of March – From Pope Francis for families in crisis:
Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Offertories Received - Week Ending Mar 02				
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>
Regular offertories	\$836	\$1,869	\$7,055	\$9,760
Building fund	\$127	\$125	\$615	\$867
Next Special Collection is April 6 for Development & Peace				

Land Acknowledgement for St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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 Mi’kmaq and Passamaquoddy Tribes / Nations signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700

ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH
Churches & Rectories

Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss
As of December 31, 2024

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	2023 Actual
Income			
Donations	542,328	541,688	533,587
Sales	11,578	8,518	11,261
Advertising	30	360	120
Rental Income	19,550	22,728	40,553
Interest Income	7,200	7,008	5,825
Recoveries	32,338	22,352	35,081
Total Income	613,024	602,654	626,427
Cost of Goods Sold	8,188	5,664	6,920
	604,836	596,990	619,507
Expense			
Salaries & Benefits	303,530	335,585	325,773
Administration	24,346	32,052	27,905
Chancery Assessment	80,657	80,652	93,478
Insurance	33,175	27,939	25,274
Priest Related Expenses (1)	65,174	67,937	67,517
General Expenses	29,560	11,463	12,491
Buildings & Grounds	130,569	138,862	121,750
Rectory, Sts. John & Paul	10,324	11,302	11,166
Ministries	13,083	19,065	16,890
Total Expense	690,418	724,857	702,244
Operating Income/(Loss)	(85,582)	(127,867)	(82,737)
Other Income/(Expenses)			
Realized Gains/(Losses) on Investments	171,208	10,392	84,838
Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Investments	165,936	144,000	165,451
Fundraising	2,282	0	50
Bequests/Extraordinary Donations	9,191	0	0
Insurance proceeds	22,500	22,500	0
Major Capital Expenditures	(7,475)	0	(15,684)
Investment Management Fees	(16,180)	(14,400)	(13,808)
Total Other Income/(Expenses)	347,462	162,492	220,847
Net Profit/(Loss)	261,880	34,625	138,110

(1) Excludes salaries & benefits; includes St. Dunstan's rectory, mileage and household costs.