



# St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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Office Hours: 9 am – 5 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays || 9 am – 9 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays  
2 pm – 6 pm on Saturdays || 8 am – 1 pm on Sundays

For Baptisms: Call the office *one month before desired date*

For Marriages: Call the office *6 months before desired date*

For RCIA: Call the office any time

Confessions: 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Saturdays @ St. Dunstan's. For any other time, call the office.

## July 27<sup>th</sup> – Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 18.20-32

Gospel: Luke 11.1-13

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 2.12-14



### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (WDGE) 2025** will be celebrated on **Sunday, July 27, 2025**, close to the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The theme is “**Blessed are those who have not lost hope.**” (cf. Sirach 14:2). Let us take this opportunity to uplift grandparents and the elderly, cherishing them as blessings in our faith community!

### Novena to St. Anne and St. Joachim

(The Novena consist of 9 days of prayers)

Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus and parents of Mary, we seek your intercession.

We beg you to direct all our actions to the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Strengthen us when we are tempted, console us during our trials, help us when we are in need, be with us in life and in death.

O Divine Savior, we thank You for having chosen saints Joachim and Anne to be the parents of our Blessed Mother Mary and so to be your beloved grandparents.

We place ourselves under their patronage this day.

We recommend to them our families, our children, and our grandchildren.

Keep them from all spiritual and physical harm.

Grant that they may ever grow in greater love of God and others.

Saints Joachim and Anne, we have many great needs.

We beg you to intercede for us before the throne of your Divine Grandson.

All of us here have our special intentions, our own special needs, and we pray that through your intercession our prayers may be granted.

Amen.

- mention your intention/s here -

**HAPPIEST BIRTHDAY to FATHER PETER OSBORNE!!! Praise God for your life!**

## Readings for Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ecclesiastes 1.2; 2.21-23

Gospel: Luke 12.13-21

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3.1-5, 9-11

### ST. DUNSTAN

**Mass Intentions and Mass Times:**

Sat, Jul 26	4:00 PM	Charline LeBlanc Beaupre
Sun, Jul 27	9:00 AM	Joanne Hurley
	11:30 AM	Marguerite MacNeil
Tue, Jul 29	6:30 PM	Jini Nelson (Thanksgiving)
		Phaolo Bao Nguyen
Wed, Jul 30	6:30 PM	Maria Hoa Nguyen
Thu, Jul 31	12:05 PM	Giuse Dung Duong
Fri, Aug 1	6:30 PM	Ethel Parmigiani
Sat, Aug 2	4:00 PM	Gerard LaForest
Sun, Aug 3	9:00 AM	Edward Ackerson
	11:30 AM	Germaine Russell

### STS. JOHN & PAUL

**Mass Intentions and Mass Times:**

Sun, Jul 27	11:00 AM	Joseph Berube
Sun, Aug 3	11:00 AM	Sr. Charlotte Lockhart

### ST. COLUMBA

**Mass Intentions and Mass Times:**

Sun, Jul 27	9:00 AM	Fr. Peter Osborne
		Grant Crilley
Sun, Aug 3	9:00 AM	Greg & Bev Shannon

**CEMETERY MASS:** Mass will be held in the Hermitage Cemetery at 3 pm on August 17th, 2025. All are invited.

**VIGIL CANDLES:** Those who like to light the vigil candles for their intentions are asked to get the candles from the office.

**UPDATE on SUNDAY CATHECHISM:** Classes will be happening every Sunday between 10:15 am to 11:15 am at St. Dunstan's Church. Looking forward to having Sunday Catechism at three churches. If anyone is interested in teaching or helping, please reach out to Father Suresh. Keep looking in the bulletin for information on registering for the Sunday Catechism.

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE to the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception** in Saint John on September 6! Please call the office to sign up for the bus, ASAP.

### FINANCE REPORT

Offeratories Received – Week Ending July 20				
	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&amp;P</u>	<u>St D</u>	<u>Total</u>
Regular offeratories	\$592	\$1,247	\$7,293	\$9,132
<b>Next Special Collection is August 3 for Building Fund</b>				

### 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 Mi'kmaq and Passamaquoddy Tribes / Nations signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700s.

The **COUPLES FOR CHRIST (CFC)** community in New Brunswick is inviting everyone to join them in their charity event called – **ANCOP Walk 2025**. ANCOP stands for **Answering the Cry Of the Poor**. It is the charity arm of Couples for Christ, and it is a registered Canadian non-profit charitable organization. Its mission is to alleviate poverty in various poor countries in Asia and Africa through child education sponsorship, community development, humanitarian relief, as well as support for seminarians in Africa. This year, **the goal is to collect \$8000 to support seminarians in Africa**. Anyone can support this mission **by registering and joining the ANCOP Walk event in Blacks Harbour on August 16<sup>th</sup>**, or simply **by donating any amount** using this link: <https://ancopcanada.donordrive.com/2025awnbpei>. For more information, contact Godofredo Rosal at 506-2614068.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of St. Mary Magdalene Parish July 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

We would like to thank Mark Depow and the members of the *Knights of Columbus* who assisted in the guard of honor on July 19<sup>th</sup> during the procession on the street. On July 20<sup>th</sup>, they also helped prepare a successful picnic, cooking hotdogs and hamburgers.

Thanks to CfC (*Couples for Christ*) choir for singing in the Eucharistic Procession.  
Thanks to *Hospitality Ministry's* help to set up and clean up, led by Shannon Briand and team.  
Thanks to the *parishioners who came forward to entertain* us with their many talents.  
Thanks to *all who donated food and drinks*.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, *each church* was represented whether as a *greeter, altar servant, reader, communion minister or our three choirs* at a special mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

Thanks to *all other volunteers* and *Pastoral council members*.

We can't thank enough *all who participated in various ways* to make this Tridium a real success.

Thanks to the *organizing committee*, Nadine, Mark, and Jose. God bless you.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

The election of the new parish pastoral council members will be on August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be followed by the counting of votes on August 12<sup>th</sup>, and the announcement of the newly elected parish pastoral council members on August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. The following are the nominees. We asked all parishioners for prayers and discernment so that we can all be guided on the August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> election.



**My name is Viviane Yvette Bolanos Gramajo. I am originally from Guatemala and have been a member of St. Mary Magdalene Parish for three years.**

If elected to the Pastoral Council, I would bring:

- a) the gift of **Piety (reverence)** — loving God by serving joyfully in ministry;
- b) my **best effort in all ministry tasks**, offered with love;
- c) **prayer and responsible support** for our parish activities.

The **spiritual and pastoral needs** I currently see in our parish are:

- a) a **renewal of Sacramental Life** — deepening love for and participation in the sacraments;
- b) greater **pastoral presence** — praying for one another and supporting those with emotional and spiritual needs;
- c) the creation of **volunteer prayer groups** — fostering formation, service, and shared prayer life.

I envision our parish in five years as:

- a) a Church deeply in love with **God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**, with tender devotion to **our Blessed Mother Mary** and communion with the saints;
- b) a Church **enriched and nourished by the sacraments**;
- c) a Church with a growing love for **Eucharistic Adoration**;
- d) a Church **eager to learn, grow, and be formed** in the faith and doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church.



**My name is William Forrestall. I am originally from Nova Scotia and have been a member of St. Mary Magdalene Parish for 40 years.**

The gifts that I would bring to the Pastoral Council if elected are:

- an interest in education, and
- a catholic school.

These are the spiritual and pastoral needs I see in the parish:

- support for the young;
- a catholic school.

What I envision the Parish five years from now:

- a larger, more engaged community.



**My name is Cheryl Ford, and I am originally from Windsor, ON but have lived in Fredericton for the last six years. Married for 25 years with two adult children, I enjoy the full support of my family. I have been attending St. Mary Magdalene Parish for over a year—30 years a Christian but newly confirmed as Catholic at Easter 2025. Praise God!**

The gifts that I would bring to Pastoral Council if elected are:

- **Servant Leadership:** I possess a servant’s heart and am trained in leadership (both professionally as a teacher and academically having earned a Master of Arts in Leadership from Trinity Western University).
- **Highly Organized and Determined:** I am willing and able to identify needs and work towards goals.
- **Positive Disposition:** Despite imperfections, I manage to see how diamonds in the rough can be moulded into useful tools for the Lord.
- **Practical Experience:** Working with people, developing ideas, fiscally responsible, building management, arts, and sports. Having a wide range of interests and years of practical experience, I can contribute to a range of initiatives.
- **Teachable:** I possess exceptional willingness to listen and to learn.

I believe the one thing that Catholics do better than any other faith is to promote a unified message. Visit any Catholic Church around the world on any given Sunday and the readings, the celebration of the Eucharist, the liturgy professed should be the same as prescribed by the Church. So, although parishes may be multi-national, there is one culture: the Catholic culture. Regardless of skin colour, the food we eat, or the language we speak at our homes, our Catholic culture unites us. I would like to see our unified voices celebrating Jesus at every turn: through catechism and other classes, sporting events, and arts endeavours promoted and enjoyed by all of us together. I would like our unified church venture to become so robust that people feel if they have not attended, they have missed out.



**My name is Lino Ramirez, and I am originally from Venezuela. I lived in Alberta, Canada, for twenty years and spent the last seven years in California. I have been a member of St. Mary Magdalene Parish for nearly a month, and I feel truly blessed to be part of this vibrant faith community.**

If elected to the Pastoral Council, I would bring the gifts of servant leadership and a deep desire to help others grow in their relationship with Christ. Over the past 27 years, I have actively served the Church in several capacities, including:

- Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph College Council 10060 in Edmonton, Alberta
- Chairman of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Alberta
- Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council at St. Paul’s Parish in Airdrie, Alberta
- Steering Committee Member for Walking with Moms in Need, Concord, California

The spiritual and pastoral needs I see in our parish include a growing hunger for the Eucharist, more opportunities to learn and share the faith, and activities that help us live out the Church’s evangelizing mission in today’s world.

Looking ahead, I envision our parish in five years as a thriving community where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and inspired to serve. I hope to see:

- Ministries that actively engage families with children, as well as singles, youth, and seniors
- Weekday Masses that are well attended and Weekend Masses completely filled
- A parish culture rooted in Christ’s love—where every person knows they are cherished, never alone, and empowered to share their gifts both within and beyond our walls.



**My name is Adaobi (Pronounced Ah-doh-bee), I am originally from Nigeria and have been a member of St. Mary Magdalene Parish for seven years.** I am a proud, devout Roman Catholic woman, born into a deeply rooted Catholic family. My father served faithfully on the church council for over 55 years, and through his example, I learned the true meaning of service, humility, and devotion. From a young age, I was raised with unwavering faith in God and instilled with the belief that our lives find purpose through service to others.

Serving God’s people is not just something I do—it is who I am. Whether in my home, community, or professional life, I see every opportunity to help as a sacred duty. My faith has guided my choices, shaped my values, and remains the anchor of my daily walk. I carry this legacy with pride and responsibility, striving always to live out the Gospel through compassion, kindness, and a commitment to the well-being of others.

Within my parish, I see a pressing need to strengthen our evangelical ministry beyond the celebration of the Holy Mass. I believe we are called to build a more united faith community—one that encourages active youth participation in church life, nurtures spiritual growth across all generations, and provides opportunities for our experienced and professional members to mentor and guide the younger generation. I envision a parish where every demographic is embraced, empowered, and inspired to live the Gospel—not just in word, but in service. A thriving, intergenerational community centered on faith, fellowship, and mutual support, all to the glory of God.

**Bemi Aneyor – Bio to be provided soon.**