



# St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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St. Columba  
118 Wilsey Rd FJ
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Sts. John & Paul  
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St. Dunstan's  
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Livestream link for Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmarymagdaleneparishmass1528/streams>

Diocesan Newsletter: <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/email-newsletter-sign-up>

## 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 1700s.

## **January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Epiphany of the Lord**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 60.1-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2.2

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

*Sacrament of Reconciliation:*

*Rosary and Divine Mercy:*

*Rosary before Mass:*

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:*

*Rosary to St. Joseph:*

*Saturdays @ 2:30-3:30 pm, St. Dunstan's. (For appt. call the office)*

*Tuesdays @ 2 pm, St Dunstan's*

*Sundays @ 10:10am – 10:40am, Sts. John and Paul*

*Thursdays @ 1-5 pm, Sts. John and Paul*

*Fridays @ 6 pm (before Mass), St. Dunstan's*

*Wednesdays @ 6pm (before Mass), St. Dunstan's*

*Preparation for RCIA, Sacrament of Marriage and Baptism, please call the office at (506) 444-6001.*

**Disciples Maker Index Survey** – The Pastoral Council met to go over the survey analytics and reporting results. We identified three areas which we should focus on during 2025. During the new year, we will invite you to keep an eye on the bulletin where we will advertise activities for the parishioners based on point of interest that came out from the survey and which need improvement. Below is a table of the key drivers identified and activities based on it.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES	BELIEF IN CORE CATHOLIC TEACHING	SUNDAY EXPERIENCE
Monthly Retreat during Adoration	Monthly Retreat / Adult Catechism (Saturday)	Monthly Youth Mass (Rock Church)
Scripture Magnet	CWL/K of C activities (Social promotion/Community involvement)	Engaging people in eucharist to promote participation
Support Group (Pastoral Counseling/Spiritual directions)	Social activities	Sing along during mass

## **MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

### **St. Columba Church**

Sun, Jan 5 9:00 AM Rick MacDonald  
Sun, Jan 12 9:00 AM Gary Osborne

### **Sts. John & Paul Church**

Sun, Jan 5 11:00 AM DFM of Ramsey and Bird  
Families  
Sun, Jan 12 11:00 AM Mary and Douglas Ramsey

### **St. Dunstan's Church**

Fri, Jan 3 6:30 PM Hughena Macneil  
Sat, Jan 4 9:00 AM Joan Whalley  
4:00 PM Donald Losier  
Sun, Jan 5 9:00 AM Josie Mazucca  
11:30 AM Patrick F. Walsh  
Tues, Jan 7 6:30PM In thanksgiving for prayers  
answered  
Wed, Jan 8 6:30 PM Richard Nicki  
Thu, Jan 9 12:05PM Spencer Price  
Fri, Jan 10 6:30 PM Vernon Hickey  
Sat, Jan 11 4:00 PM Leo and Suzanne Losier  
Sun, Jan 12 9:00 AM Tom Regan  
11:30 AM Dolly Kerr

### **Readings for Jan 12<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Titus 2.11-14;3.4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

*Sanctuary Lamp - Week of Jan 5<sup>th</sup>*

*In loving memory of Mario Espejo*

The Christmas Exchange Program handed out 43 gift cards in the amount of \$200 each. We would like to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed a monetary donation toward this most important program for the less fortunate of our community. We are still collecting. If you wish to make a donation, please indicate "Christmas Exchange" on your envelope. These envelopes are available at St. Dunstan's church pews.

**Regular Offertory envelope boxes** are available at the church entrances of St. Columba and Sts. John & Paul. St. Dunstan's envelope boxes are available at the Regent St entrance. For new boxed envelopes, please call the office.

### **Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast**

Sunday, January 12th, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Everyone welcome.

### **January 18th - "Feast of the Holy Child Jesus"**

**Date: January 18th, Saturday**

**Time: 4:00 PM**

**Where: St. Dunstan's Church**

**We warmly invite everyone to a special mass celebrating the "Feast of the Holy Child Jesus". Bring your cherished statues or images of the Holy Child, as they will be blessed during the mass. After the celebration, come and enjoy a joyful reception in the gym! Let's gather in faith and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!**

**Sunday Missals are available** for \$5.00ea at the entrance of the Church. St. Dunstan's Sunday Missals can be purchased at the office.

**Sunday Missals for Young Catholics** - This year all families registered in Family Faith Formation will receive a 2024/2025 Sunday Missal for Young Catholics. Additional copies are available for purchase at the parish office for \$10.00 for anyone who would like this valuable resource for their children. It also makes a great stocking stuffer!

**Copies of Fr. John Jennings' weekly reflection: Our Sacred Stories** are available at all the entrances of the church. You are welcome to pick one up.

**Are you a young adult ages 18-35? The Catholic Young Adults of Fredericton (CYAF) welcomes you!** Connect with us through our website (<https://www.cyafredericton.com/>) and on Facebook ("Catholic Young Adults of Fredericton") to sign-up for our weekly email newsletter.

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

The name of the sick person you wish to be added to the Prayers of the Faithful list should be called in at the office. The name will be added to the list for a period of four (4) Sundays. If you wish to have the name remain on the list, you will have to call the office on the fourth week otherwise the name will be removed.

**Jubilee prayer cards** are available at the church entrances.

*Parishioners are asked not to remove church displays, as they are taken care of by people already responsible for them, for set periods, and for certain feasts of the church.*

**Family Faith Formation** ~ Join us for Family Faith Formation session "Take and Give" on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at St. Dunstan's. We all have many gifts from God and we are called to respond using these gifts. This is reflected in the Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful and how together we form the Body of Christ. All families with children in Kindergarten to grade 7 are encouraged to attend.

**Sacrament Preparation** ~ Please keep the children and youth of our parish preparing for Sacraments in your prayers. Currently we have a group of children finishing preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, youth starting Confirmation Preparation and youth in final preparation for Confirmation in June.

**Loving God,  
Pour out your blessing upon our beloved children,  
That during this time of Sacramental preparation  
They may grow closer to you,  
And come to know your special love for them.  
May this time of preparation be a blessing  
For our families and our community  
And untie us all in your great love.  
Amen**

#### THE ADORATION EXPERIENCE – A WITNESS STORY

*Most of my adult life I was an "off & on" Catholic. After 2020 I was witnessing so much division, hatred and evil in society that I did not want to live in a world without God!*

*Immediately I returned to going to mass and I remember the moment when I asked Jesus "Please take away my addiction to alcohol and with Your grace help me to be fully alive in my Catholic faith". It was instant, the craving left me and then I couldn't get enough of Our Lord - even through prayer, confession; and Holy Communion. Then I attended an Adoration prior to mass. That was it, that was the missing piece that I needed in giving thanks to Our Lord. Remembering that it is the first of the 10 Commandments.*

- A faithful parishioner

**2025 Catholic Calendars** - Our Lady of Fatima Custom Rosaries still has plenty of our 2025 Catholic Calendars. Calendars are 1 for \$12 or 2 for \$20. If you would like to order any, please email us at [olfatimagiftshop@gmail.com](mailto:olfatimagiftshop@gmail.com).

#### Activities that took place during 2024

We started the year 2024 by celebrating the Eucharist in honor of Mary Mother of God at St. Dunstan church.

We celebrated on January 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Child Jesus Feast First Fruits Offering was held at Sts. John & Paul church on Jan 20

Unity prayer was held on Jan 22 at St. Dunstan

Liturgy meeting for the parish was held at St. Columba church on Jan 24

We began lent on Feb 14 During the season of Lent, on Wednesdays we watched chosen series, and on Fridays we had Taize ceremony. The Stations of the cross on Fridays at Sts. John and Paul church, Mondays at St Columba church.

Volunteers hosted Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 13 - 250 people attended

We had Reflection Sessions on Synod in February

Prayer Line Group took root on March 2, 2024

Knights of Columbus hosted several events in the coming months

- March 10 – Pancake breakfast with proceeds going to support the youth at St. Mary Magdalene parish
- Brunch in April to support the St. Charbel Youth Group
- Brunch in June to support the Knights of Columbus council

Soup Sunday was hosted on March 24 at Sts John & Paul Church

On Easter Sunday an African cultural celebration was held in the Monsignor Boyd Family Center

First Friday devotion restarted on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

12 Neighbours – Gift Cards Collection was done at Sts. John and Paul church on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

AGM was on April 21<sup>st</sup>

Volunteers Appreciation Reception (for all ministries) April 28 at 2:30 p.m. in the gym - Pizza and cake

Father Peter Osborne's 25<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary celebration was held May 12

The Offertory Financial Statement will be out next week. Thank you.

## Activities that took place during 2024 - Continued

International Potluck was hosted on May 26. This was a fundraiser for the youth attending the Stubenville conference this summer.

Adoration was available for parishioners on Thursdays at St. John and Paul church, and on Wednesdays at St. Dunstan.

First Saturday devotions commenced on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Filipino Heritage Month, Thanksgiving mass was celebrated on June 8<sup>th</sup>

Feast of St. Columba was celebrated on June 9

Feast of Sts. John and Paul was celebrated on June 26

K of C hosted the BBQ for (Parish Picnic) St Mary Magdalene feast on July 21st

St. Columba cemetery took up a special collection for the cemetery

Mass in cemetery at Heritage cemetery in Fredericton in August 18<sup>th</sup>

Truth and Reconciliation Day mass was celebrated on September 30 and the collection raised went toward expenses for the St. Columba Cemetery.

Fall supper at St. Columba church on October 27.

All Souls Day celebrated on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Remembrance Day was on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at St Dunstan, 17<sup>th</sup> at Sts. John and Paul, and St. Columba churches.

Wedding anniversary mass was celebrated on Nov 24<sup>th</sup>

Season of advent started on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>,

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast, day of Peace and Reconciliation with indigenous people mass was presided by bishop Christan Reisbeck CC, followed by reception on December 12.

2 group of our Parishioners organized Christmas caroling from Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, and Dec 19th,

Christmas novena masses were celebrated from dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

There were coffee Sundays, monthly family faith formation programs, sacramental preparations, liturgy meetings, choir practices, pastoral and finance council meetings, cemetery and building committee meetings and funeral receptions.

Monthly Masses were celebrated at the senior homes.

Communion was brought to shut insns regularly.

Taxi service was provided to parishioners.

Timely financial assistance was provided to individuals and to charitable institutions.

Human resource Support was provided to many of the charitable organizations.

Number of Baptisms – 23

First Holy Communion – 29

Confirmations –

Marriages – 6

Funerals – 24