



# ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

*St. Columba † Sts. John & Paul † St. Dunstan's*

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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN  
 Pastoral Council Chair: Evert Garcia  
 Finance Council Chair: Brent Jamael  
 Administrative Assistant: Debbie Brooks

Parish Office Hours:  
**Monday to Friday – 9 AM - 5PM**  
**Saturdays 2 PM – 6 PM**  
**Sundays 8 AM – 1 PM**

Co. Pastor: Fr. Peter Osborne  
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## May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026 – May 10<sup>th</sup> 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Acts 6. 1-7*

Gospel: John 14. 1-12

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *1 Peter 2. 4-9*

### Mass Times St. Dunstan's Church

Sundays at 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Tuesdays at 12:05 PM and ROSARY at 2PM

Wednesdays – BENEDICTION at 6 PM, then Mass at 6:30 PM

Thursdays at 12:05 PM

First Friday – ROSARY TO ST. JOSEPH at 6 PM, then Mass at 6:30 PM

First Saturday at 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM - **NO CONFESSION**

### Mass Times Sts. John & Paul Church

Sundays at 11:00 AM

ROSARY: Before Mass at 10:10 AM

Thursdays: Adoration 1PM-5PM

### Mass Times St. Columba Church

Sundays at 9:00 AM

ROSARY: Mondays at 7:00 PM

### PARISH MASS ATTENDANCE

Mass Schedule	2nd Week of Easter April 11th-12th	3rd Week of Easter April 18th-19th	4th Week of Easter April 25th-26th
<b>ST. COLUMBA</b>			
Sunday, 9:00am	52	29	39
<b>ST. DUNSTAN'S</b>			
Saturday, 4:00pm	227	222	221
Sunday, 9:00am	273	265	263
Sunday, 11:30am	372	340	376
<b>STS. JOHN &amp; PAUL</b>			
Sunday, 11:00am	79	68	71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1003</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>970</b>



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Thank you to all who volunteer in our parish. Be it whatever capacity. It does not go unrecognized. All hands make less work. God speed to you all.

**PLEASE TURN YOUR CELLS PHONE OFF OR TO SILENT DURING MASS**

**VIGIL CANDLES FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE \$5.00 EACH ~ VOTIVE CANDLES FOR SALE IN EACH CHAPEL \$2.00 EACH**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST PARISHIONERS ACROSS THE BUSY CROSS WALK AT THE CORNER OF BRUNSWICK ST. AND REGENT FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MASSES.** If interested, please contact EVERT GARCIA at (506) 471-9065 or [esg\\_mit@yahoo.com](mailto:esg_mit@yahoo.com)

**PARISHIONERS PLEASE BE ADVISED:** Fredericton Marathon 2026 will be held on **Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>.** As part of the event, road traffic control measures may affect access to the church during weekend mass. For more comprehensive details, please visit: [www.frederictonmarathon.ca](http://www.frederictonmarathon.ca)

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**ST. DUNSTAN'S**

Mass Schedules	Mass Intention	Sponsored By	Priest
First Sat. May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9:00 AM	Joanne Manore	Charles & Sue Ferris	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9:00 AM	Heidi MacLean	Peter MacLean	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 11:30 AM	Charlotte Barran	Charles & Sue Ferris	Fr. Peter Osborne
Tues. May 5 <sup>th</sup> 12:05 PM	Mary Ryan	Beth & Graydon Nicholas	Fr. Peter Osborne
Wed. May 6 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM	Jeff Murray	Paula Murray	Fr. Peter Osborne
Thurs. May 7 <sup>th</sup> 12:05 PM	Special Intention for Confirmation Graduates	Paulette Lawyer	Fr. Peter Osborne
Fri. May 8 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM	Mary Ryan	Mae & Bernardine Carter	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sat. May 9 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM	Geroge & Mary Jane McGraw	Hector & Elane Losier	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. May 10 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM	Irene Docksey	Natasha Woods	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. May 10 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM	Mary Ryan	Tina McDonald	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

**STS. JOHN & PAUL**

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 11:00 AM	For the Parishioners	Fr. Suresh Savariraj	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. May 10 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM	Patrick Savariraj	Fr. Suresh Savariraj	Fr. Peter Osborne

**ST. COLUMBA**

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9:00 AM	Patrick Savariraj	Fr. Suresh Savariraj	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. May 10 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM	For the Parishioners	Fr. Suresh Savariraj	Fr. Peter Osborne

**Call to Christian Charity**

Parishioners are invited to support a local family of five facing hardships **by donating finances, food, and hygiene items.**

Your kindness will offer comfort, dignity, and hope. **Donation boxes** will be available at **each church entrance.**

Your **financial donation** can be left at the office indicating "Family in need". Your generosity is so much appreciated.

**Hey Teens! One bus is already full — and only 35 youth spots remain** on the second bus for Steubenville Atlantic! Registration is closing soon, for the July 10–12 conference in Halifax. If you're entering Grade 9 through graduating Grade 12, this is your chance to experience an unforgettable weekend of faith, music, powerful speakers, and hundreds of teens from across the region. Register now so you won't be disappointed. Talk to your parish RE Coordinator or priest before registering. <https://www.steubenville.ca/register-now>

**Attention! Time change.** The Televised Mass sponsored by our Parish will be televised on the Vision Channel, Monday, May 18th at 9 o'clock am and 1 o'clock pm. Thank you to Fathers Suresh and Osborne, the CWL and to everyone who so generously supported this wonderful ministry which brings spiritual comfort to so many. Vision TV administrators have told me that they will always do a Mass sponsored by our Parish, regardless of contributions, in thanksgiving for our many years of support. ~ Diane Flynn



## THE CHURCH DEDICATES THE MONTH OF MAY TO MARY

Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother . Mary intercedes for us in love, to Jesus , her Son, who is the source of all grace. She waits for us to go to Her in our needs and suffering. Her intercession is powerful, as when she asked Jesus to perform His first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Though He told Her it was not yet His time to perform miracles, He heard and answered His Mother’s compassionate plea to save the wedding hosts at Cana from the embarrassment of running out of wine for their guests. At this compassionate request of His Mother, Jesus altered the appointed time for His miracles to begin, He turned water into wine. Not only that, the Bible tells us the wine was the best wine of the evening, normally served at the beginning of wedding celebrations, not at the end as it was at Cana. How powerful and kind was the answer of Jesus to the intercession of His beloved Mother. How can we doubt the great works of Mary’s intercession to Her Son when we ask for Her help. This May, pick up the “consecration to Mary” prayer, or the memorare prayer, found on the table across from St Joseph’s altar (front left of St Dunstan’s Church). Use the memorare prayer as a short prayer through the day, as a 9-day novena, or as Mother Theresa of Calcutta did when there was not enough time to say a 9-day novena- instead, for urgent matters, she recited the memorare to Mary 10 times in a row when there was not enough time for a 9 day novena. Or, to honour Mary, say the rosary with greater reverence and attention. And for extra powerful prayers to Mary, accompany them with an act of sacrifice for someone else, like no salt on your meal, or skipping dessert.

MAY IS A TIME OF GREAT FAVOUR FROM MARY, A TIME TO SEEK DIVINE GRACE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. Go to Mary in May.

### **NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS**

September 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019

Timeline of Key Milestones

#### **THE MANDATE OF THE NATIONAL INQUIRY**

The National Inquiry must look into and report on the systemic causes of all forms of violence against Indigenous women and girls, including sexual violence. We must examine the underlying social, economic, cultural, institutional, and historical causes that contribute to the ongoing violence and particular vulnerabilities of Indigenous women and girls in Canada.

The mandate also directs us to look into and report on existing institutional policies and practices to address violence, including those that are effective in reducing violence and increasing safety. While the formal name of the Inquiry is “the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls,” our mandate covers all forms of violence. This makes our mandate very broad.

By not being limited to investigating only cases of Indigenous women who went missing or were murdered, we can include women and girls who died under suspicious circumstances. It also means we can address issues such as sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence, bullying and harassment, suicide, and self-harm.

This violence is interconnected and can have equally devastating effects. Expanding the mandate beyond missing and murdered, also creates space for more survivors to share their stories. They can help us look to the future from a place of experience, resilience and hope.

### ➤ **OUR VISION**

Indigenous women and Two-Spirit people have traditionally been revered as life-givers and caregivers. This is why we say, “our women and girls are sacred.” But Indigenous women and girls, including those who are 2SLGBTQIA, continue to be devalued. All too many become the victims of violence.

Our vision for the National Inquiry is to build a foundation that allows Indigenous women and girls to reclaim their power and place. Because of Indigenous Peoples’ rich diversity, this reclaiming will look different in different places.

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples each have their own distinct cultures, languages, and ways of life... There can be no one-size-fits-all, pan-Indigenous approach. Solutions must be culturally appropriate to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit women and girls, their respective communities, and their Nations.



**There were 231 Calls for Justice: MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS AND ACTION FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Also known as Red Dress Day, May 5<sup>th</sup> honours the thousands of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, 2 spirit, and gender diverse people in Canada by encouraging learning and building awareness to end violence against Indigenous women, girls, 2 spirit, and gender diverse people.

**Call to Action 41 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report** called on the federal government of Canada to begin an inquiry into the numerous cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Starting in 2016, the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls held **15 community hearings** and spoke with **2,386 people**. A final report, released in June 2019, includes 231 Calls for Justice that "represent important ways to end the genocide & to transform systemic and societal values that have worked to maintain colonial violence" (Final Report, vol. 1B, p. 168).

Also released was an engagement guide, "**Their voices will guide us**", which will "introduce the value of Indigenous women's and girls' lives into the classroom and into the minds and hearts of young people. It will prepare educators to use a decolonizing pedagogy & a trauma-informed approach in their teaching." (p. iii).



**FAST FACTS: DID YOU KNOW?**

- 2386 Total Number of Participants in the Truth Gathering Process
- 1484 Family Members and Survivors provided Testimony
- 819 Individuals shared through Artistic Expressions
- 83 Experts, Knowledge-Keepers and Officials provided Testimony
- 15 Community Hearings
- 9 Knowledge Keeper, Expert and Institutional Hearings

**LOCAL EVENTS FOR 2026**

**Sunday May 3 at 10:30 am**

- Kingsclear First Nation (Bilijk) Child & Family Building
- Annual 5Km Run/Walk/Bike for MMIP and BBQ  
Everyone is welcome

**Tuesday May 5 at 10:30 am**

- **MMIP Walk** beginning at Carleton Park on the North Side and ending at Officers Square on the South Side where there will be Speakers, Food and Events **Please wear red in support.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY CONFIRMED!**

Charlie Everett Davis	Oluchi Ezeokafor
Mary Rose Lounsbury	Tommy McKnight
Thomas Brewer	Osmund Adiam-Ulor
Fionn Sisk	Charlotte Leece
Jovan Idiale	Samantha Doherty
Thomas Doherty	Layla Darya Bekzadeh
Davis Bhatti	Jude Somutochukwu Isama
Duke Bhatti	Zyrielle Kate Gagamino
Red Tyler M. Caminero	Julian Clarence De Guzman
Zara Roxanne Gupta	Raphael Fernandez
Sebastian Sanchez Islas	Vania Oghenenyore Edike
Darren Keith Martis	Mariana Zamora Martinez
Paul Soafo Mirgichan	Genelle Chiamaka Tuoyor Oneyor
Kevin George	Elizabeth Aube Morrison

Needing a space to rehearse (choir group) or want to book a space at MBFC for a meeting? When planning a practice or a meeting for your parish group **ALWAYS** check with the office **FIRST** for availability **AT LEAST ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE**. We need to ensure we have sufficient staff working in order to assist your event and to lock up afterwards. Please be aware that when leaving the facility in the evening after 5PM, you are to exit either through the church doors (as they will be automatically locked) **OR** through the **back doors of the MBFC** to the parking lot. This will help us guarantee the safety of everyone and confirm that the front doors will be locked after everyone leaves.

**Offeratories Received Week Ending April 26<sup>th</sup> 2026**

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

	St C	Sts J&P	St D	Total
Poor & Needy	---	65	375	440
Loose Collection	23	63	1742	1828
Envelope Collection	505	765	4572	5842
Vigil Candle Sales	---	---	176	176
P.A.D.	---	---	---	TBD
Refugee Family	---	---	50	50
Papal Charities	---	50	20	70
Cemetery Fund	---	50	85	135

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS MEN'S GROUP** - Growing in prayer through the scriptures together as men, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Men's Group meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month 7:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lincoln. For more information, or to receive email updates please email [sacredheart3n1@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheart3n1@gmail.com)

**Next Diocesan Collection: Papal Charities - May 10th, 2026**