



# 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  
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Administrative Assistant: Debbie Brooks

Parish Office Hours:  
**Monday to Friday**  
9 am - 5 pm  
**Saturdays** - 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**Sundays** - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Co. Pastor: Fr. Peter Osborne  
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## 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 Passamaquoddy and Mi'Kmaq Tribes/Nations, signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700's

**January 4<sup>th</sup> 2026 to January 11<sup>th</sup> 2026**

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

Gospel: *Matthew 2.1-12*

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

Mass Times St. Dunstan's	
	Friday January 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM - CONFESSIONS can be heard after mass until 7:50 PM FIRST FRIDAY January 2 <sup>nd</sup> - ADORATION: after Mass Until 8PM FIRST SATURDAY January 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM Sunday January 4 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM Monday January 5 <sup>th</sup> - NO MASS Tuesday January 6 <sup>th</sup> - 12:05 PM- ADORATION at 11:00 AM Wednesday January 7 <sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM – BENEDICTION at 6:00 PM Thursday January 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12:05 PM Friday January 9 <sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM – ROSARY TO ST. JOSEPH at 6:00 PM Saturday January 10 <sup>th</sup> - 4PM
Mass Times Sts. John & Paul	
	Sunday January 4 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM Sunday January 11 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM ROSARY: Sundays after Mass at 10:20 AM

## Mass Times St. Columba

Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM  
Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM  
ROSARY: Mondays at 7:00 PM

**PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONES OFF DURING MASS**

**VIGIL CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE FOR \$5**

FOR PARISHIONERS WANTING 2026 NUMBERED OFFERTORY ENVELOPES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT  
506-444-6001 OR EMAIL: [OFFICE@STMARYMAGDALENEPARISH.CA](mailto:OFFICE@STMARYMAGDALENEPARISH.CA)

## MASS INTENTIONS:

### ST. DUNSTAN

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. January 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9:00 AM	Special Prayer Intention-Nelia B. Sandra Riley	Ulysses Buenaventura Dianne Lepage	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. January 4 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM	Special Intention Legion of Mary Gary Osborne	Theresa Sleep	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. January 4 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM	Sister Doreen McCarthy	Dianne Flynn	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Tues. January 6 <sup>th</sup> 12:05 PM	Special Intention for the Gift of Faith	A Faithful Parishioner	Fr. Peter Osborne
Wed. January 7 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM	Salem Samra Special Intention-Thanksgiving: Cristy Lily Edlene Flores	From the Family Cristy Flores	Fr. Peter Osborne
Thurs. January 8 <sup>th</sup> 12:05 PM	Hubert Hogan	The Hogan Family	Fr. Peter Osborne
Fri. January 9 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM	Irene Daigle	Brenda Matthews, Tim Hodgins & Family	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sat. January 10 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM	Richard Staab	Les and Jo-Anne Sullivan	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. January 11 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM	Corazon Pichay Lloyd & James Burke	Rosalind Saliendra Jean & Don Burke	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. January 11 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM	Lise Ouimet	Monique Gallant	Fr. Peter Osborne

### STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. January 4 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM	Patricia Tantello	Lorraine Bird	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. January 11th 11:00 AM	Ronny & Lena Rioux	Gerry Mercer	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

### ST. COLOMBA

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. January 4 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM	TBD	TBD	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. January 11 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM	TBD	TBD	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

We honour the memory of **James Douglas Burke**. May the Lord grant him eternal peace and console and his family and friends

*This is a reminder to parishioners that the **2026 Offertory Envelopes** are ready for **pick up at the Regent Street Entry** of the Church, to the left side of the church entrance. The boxes are in alphabetical order with LAST NAMES FIRST. Please check this area before sending notices to the office, wanting envelopes. You likely already have them, they just need to be picked up*

The \$500+ gift card tree was Angela Henry, St. Dunstan's. The 2nd prize of a stack of gift boxes containing Italian sweets was Melvina Prevost. The Catholic Women's League of St Mary Magdalene Parish thanks all those who supported our fundraiser by purchasing tickets. Our next CWL Meeting will be January 11th at 1:00 pm in the Mary Sullivan Room, Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. All women of the Parish are welcome to attend!

We welcome Reine Brielle Uwera Ake and Brinella Aura Uwase Ake, Children of Fidele Nicolas Ake & Georgette Uwabera into the Catholic Faith. They will be baptized on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by Father Suresh



The [Saint John Sea Dogs](#) will be promoting a game to be played at the [Aitken University Center](#) on **January 8th, 2026**. Any members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish interested in attending they can receive a [discounted price](#) with the [promo code](#) below. If you're unable to attend but want to be a part of the action, there will be follow-up in January about another game coming February 2nd, 2025.

Game Details:

**Saint John Sea Dogs vs Gatineau Olympiques**

When: **January 8th, 2026 - 7:00 pm**

Where: [Aitken University Center](#)

Promo Code: **CCSGROUPS**

Ticket Link:

<https://goredsgo.ticketpro.ca/en/pages/CCSGame/performances/CCS08AS26>

## [The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton](#)

is having the [World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting](#) on **Monday, January 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM at St. Theresa's Catholic Church Hall: 1 William Street, Fredericton NB**

**The World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the Women of Nigeria. The theme is "I Will Give You Rest: Come." Refreshment will be provided afterward**  
For more information, contact:  
[Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton](#)  
[djheustis@gmail.com](mailto:djheustis@gmail.com) or phone 506-472-2916.

With the weather becoming extremely cold, now is the time to remember those in our community who are needing help finding affordable housing and a safe place to live. I would like to remind everyone to donate any gently used or new warm clothing for adults such as hat, gloves, boots, socks, scarves coats to the [FREDERICTON SHELTERS](#). [Grace House](#) is accepting [donations for women](#) (clothing and hygiene) who are experiencing homelessness and St. John House is accepting items for the men in our community. **Both places need your help!** [The John Howard Society](#) is also accepting nonperishable food items, hygiene items, along with winter gloves, hand warmers, hats, socks and hand sanitizer to assist their Outreach Team.

**Donations can be dropped off at: 65 Brunswick Street (St. John House); 275 Brunswick Street (Grace House) and 284 Main Street (J.H.)**

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who took part in our **Immersive Nativity Story** held in the church on **December 21st at 2:00 p.m.** Our **Grade 8 and 9 Confirmation candidates**, along with the wonderful children of our Faith Formation program, brought the Nativity to life through beautiful portrayals of **Our Blessed Mother Mary, St. Joseph, the shepherds, the many angels ringing their bells, the Archangel**, and other cherished figures of the Christmas story. Your joy, reverence, and enthusiasm made the experience truly special for our whole parish community.

Following the Nativity, the celebration continued in the gym, where the children enjoyed a **jumping castle, games, painting**, and laughter all around. Our youth had a great time with **volleyball**, parents enjoyed time to **socialize**, and even **Santa Claus** made an appearance to listen to the children's Christmas wishes. We were also blessed to share **good food** and fellowship together.

This event marked the conclusion of **Part I of our Children's Faith Formation**.

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that our Children's Faith Formation program has grown significantly this fall. On October 19th, we had **78 children registered**, and as of **December 31st**, that number has joyfully increased to **123 children**.

This beautiful growth reflects the strong faith, enthusiasm, and commitment of our families, catechists, and parish community. Thank you for your continued support and for helping our children grow in their love for Christ and His Church. **Your dedication is making a difference.**

May God continue to bless our parish family abundantly.

**Part II will begin on January 11th**, and we cannot wait to welcome all our children and parents back in great numbers. Thank you for your **wonderful support**, your presence, and your faith.

**Merry Christmas!**

May God protect us all throughout the New Year!

Nadine LeBlanc

Faith Formation Coordinator





walk with us!  
feb. 28, 2026  
[cnoy.org/fredericton](http://cnoy.org/fredericton)

### Coldest Night of the Year – Donations Still Welcome!

We are still gratefully collecting donations for the **Coldest Night of the Year**, an important initiative to support the most vulnerable members of our community.

This national event raises funds to help people in our community who are experiencing **hurt, hunger, and homelessness**. We invite you to join us in supporting this great cause by making a donation. Your generosity will not only help those in need but also encourage our young candidates as they live out their faith through service.

This year, our **Grade 8 and Grade 9 students** are taking part in this meaningful outreach effort. Their enthusiasm and commitment remind us of the Gospel call to care for our neighbours in need.

**Our Parish Goal: \$800**

**Every contribution helps**—whether it's **\$5, \$10, \$15**, or any amount you feel moved to give. Your generosity makes a real difference. Thank you so much for your kindness and support!

**Donate Online:** Click on the link below in blue

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=5550175&langPref=en-CA>

Blessings,  
Nadine LeBlanc  
St. Mary Magdalene Parish – Faith Formation

**Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast:**  
**Sunday, January 11th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM**  
**at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent to Street.**  
**Adults \$ 12.00, Children \$ 5.00 and**  
**Families \$ 35.00**  
**Everyone welcome**



In the three-video Dying with Christ – Living with Hope series, we seek to demystify death and the dying process, making way for a new approach to end of life questions. The discussion, led by theologians and healthcare professionals, will give timeless perspectives on suffering, grief, dying, and our duty to care. We will discover that when we make a commitment to die with Christ, we can truly live with hope.

### FREE TRAIN THE TRAINER SESSIONS

- January 14, 21, and 28 at 7:00 PM ET
- February 2, 9 and 16 at 6:30 pm ET
- February 24, March 3 and 10 at 1:00 pm ET



[cmdacanada.org/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope/](http://cmdacanada.org/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope/)



### ABOUT CMDA CANADA

Dying with Christ - Living with Hope is a production of the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada. CMDA Canada seeks to equip, encourage and engage Christian doctors and dentists across Canada.



### Learn More

If you have any questions, you can learn more by scanning the QR code, using the URL above or contacting Brad MacKinnon at [bmackinnon@cmdacanada.org](mailto:bmackinnon@cmdacanada.org).

**Diocesan Newsletter** is now available on the Diocesan website. It features inspiring stories of how God has been at work in our Diocese this fall, highlighting the good fruits of our communities and ministries. As missionary disciples, these articles encourage us in our diocesan mission to

**Know, Grow, and Go**—encountering Jesus, deepening our faith, and joyfully sharing the Good News.

Read the new issue at

<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/evangelii-gaudium-magazine>.

Sign up for our mailing list at

<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/email-newsletter-sign-up> and make sure you never miss an issue.

## Discover the Joy of Scripture: Join the Bible in a Year!

Dear Parish Family,

The Catholic Church has long urged us to immerse ourselves in Sacred Scripture, for "ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" (St. Jerome, cited in CCC 133 and CCC 2653). Popes from Leo XIII to Francis have echoed this call, encouraging daily reading of the Gospels and the full Bible to nourish our faith and draw closer to God's love.

We're excited to invite you to **Bible in a Year**—the most easy and fun way to go through the whole Bible with engaging daily commentary from **Fr. Mike Schmitz**. Pick your own time to listen or read, at your pace, and experience a real blessing as the Holy Spirit speaks through His Word!

Sign up today at <https://app.ascensionpress.com> (or download the Ascension App) and start transforming your spiritual life—one day at a time.

For questions, contact **Nadine LeBlanc**,  
Coordinator of Faith Formation at  
[faithformation@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca](mailto:faithformation@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca)

**Let's make 2026 the year we fall in love with God's Word!**

### Offertories Received Week Ending December 28th, 2025

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

	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&amp;P</u>	<u>St D</u>	<u>Total</u>
P.A.D	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Loose Collection	110	527	5706	6343
Envelope Collection	1425	3115	15107	19647
Special Collection: Christmas	695	1760	9467	11922
Vigil Candle Sales	TBD	TBD	160	TBD
Grand Total	2230	5402	30440	37912

Next Diocesan Collection Date: January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Indigenous Solidarity Fund