

ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

St. Columba † *Sts. John & Paul* † *St. Dunstan*
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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
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Parish Office Hours:
Mondays | Wednesdays | Fridays
 9 am - 5 pm
Tuesdays | Thursdays
 9 am - 9 pm
Saturdays – 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Sundays – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Co. Pastor: Fr. Peter Osborne
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December 7th to December 14th, 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: *Isaiah 11.1-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 3.1-12*

2nd Reading: *Romans 15.4-9*

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

Mass Times – Weekdays at St. Dunstan	Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:05 PM • Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30 PM
Mass Times – Weekends at St. Dunstan	First Saturday Advent Mass at 9:00 AM • Saturdays at 4:00 PM Sundays 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM
Mass Times – St. Columba	Sundays at 9:00 AM
Mass Times – Sts. John and Paul	Sundays at 11:00 AM
Confession at St. Dunstan Church:	Saturdays 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM • Tuesdays & First Fridays during Adoration. For any other time, please call or email the office.
Adoration at St. Dunstan	Tuesdays at 11:00 AM followed by Mass at 12:05 PM FIRST FRIDAYS – after 6:30 PM Mass until 8:00 PM
Adoration at Sts. John & Paul	Thursdays 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Benediction at St. Dunstan	Wednesdays at 6:00 PM followed by Mass at 6:30 PM
Rosary to Our Lady: St. Dunstan St. Columba Sts. John & Paul	Tuesdays at 2:00 PM and First Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass Mondays at 7:00 PM Sundays at 10:20 AM
Rosary to St. Joseph at St. Dunstan	Fridays at 6:00 PM except on FIRST FRIDAYS
Divine Mercy Chaplet – St. Dunstan	Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
Baptisms:	Please call the office ONE MONTH before desired date
Marriages:	Please call the office SIX (6) MONTHS before desired date
Faith Formation	Every Sunday from 10:10 AM to 11:10 AM at Monsignor Boyd Family Centre

Regional Reconciliation at 3:00 PM on December 7th 2025 at St. Dunstan Church

VIGIL CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE FOR \$5

THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSION IS WEDNESDAY BY 12:00 PM. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE PLACED IN THE BULLETIN FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

PLEASE ~ PUT YOUR CELL PHONES ON SILENT BEFORE MASS BEGINS

MASS INTENTIONS: December 7th to December 14th 2025

ST. DUNSTAN

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. December 6 th 4:00 PM	Donald Losier Special Intention For the Children of the Parish to lead a prayerful life	Hector & Elaine Losier A Faithful Parishioner	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. December 7 th 9:00 AM	Terry & Ferne McBride Special Intention For the Children of the Parish to lead a prayerful life	Rob, Tina, Lily & Samuel A Faithful Parishioner	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. December 7 th 11:30 AM	Special Intention For the Children of the Parish to lead a prayerful life	A Faithful Parishioner	Fr. Peter Osborne
Tues. December 9 th 12:05 PM	William Woods	Natasha Woods	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Wed. December 10 th 6:30 PM	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Mary Anne Ackerson	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Thurs. December 11 th 12:05 PM	Special Intention Lino Ramirez (Thanksgiving Birthday)	Marlene Rodriguez de Ramirez	Fr. Peter Osborne
Fri. December 12 th 6:30 PM	Leon & Leonce Jeffers	Bridget Paul	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sat. December 13 th 4:00 PM	Garnet, Helen & Janice Moore	Hector & Elaine Losier	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. December 14 th 9:00 AM	Helen Ferris	Asma Saad	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. December 14 th 11:30 AM	Ray Hopper	Gerry & Dorothy Vatour	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. December 7 th 11:00 AM	Special Intention For the Children of the Parish to lead a prayerful life	A Faithful Parishioner	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. December 14 th 11:00 AM	Basil and Annie Rattray	Lisa Jim Alexis and Ian Ley	Fr. Peter Osborne

ST. COLOMBA

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sunday December 7 th 9:00 AM	Greta Grondin Special Intention For the Children of the Parish to lead a prayerful life	Lorraine Bird A Faithful Parishioner	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sunday December 14 th 9:00 AM	Pepi DiGiacinto	Verna Shaw	Fr. Peter Osborne

Lectio Divina for Advent: Join us for a ***Lectio Divina*** Wednesday, December 10th & 17th immediately following the 6:30 PM Mass. Together, we will prayerfully reflect on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday, preparing our hearts for the coming of our Savior during this Holy Season.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Looking for volunteers to help with **RCIA** candidates (to act as their sponsors), **CATECHISTS** for Children's Faith Formation as well as **COMMUNION MINISTERS** to help with those recovering from a debility or sickness. If you are interested in helping with any of these ministries, please leave your contact information with the office reception.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES

Are being set out at each entrance of St. Dunstan's Church. Donations are being accepted up until December 19th for beautiful poinsettia arrangements in honour of a loved one who has passed. Please make sure you mark on the back of your envelope who you would like your donation for Christmas Flowers to be in memory of. Thank you!

Prepare Your Heart This Advent

We invite all parishioners to take an **Advent Book of Reflections** to help deepen your prayer and preparation during this holy season. These books are **available at the entrance of each church**. Please take one home and make this Advent a time of grace and renewal for you and your family.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Dunstan's Church DECEMBER 12TH, 2025

Bishop Christian Riesbeck will preside at a special Mass on Friday, December 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm in St. Dunstan's Church – 120 Regent Street, in celebration of the



Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. Graydon Nicholas will give a short talk on the miraculous appearance of Our Blessed Mother to St. Juan Diego in Mexico City on Dec. 9th, 10th & 12th of 1531. There will be an Indigenous presence with drumming and chanting and a special collection in support of GIGNOO Transition House. A reception will follow in the gym of the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. Everyone is invited to attend.

Message to St. Columba & Sts. John & Paul Parishioners:

We will be having a special collection for the **Community Christmas Fund** on **November 30th**. These monies will be used to help local families in our community with costs towards their groceries, etc - to make their Christmas a wonderful experience. Envelopes for donations are on the table at back of the church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Donations towards the purchase of Christmas flowers for the church are currently being accepted. Donation envelopes are at the back of the church. Please ensure you write "In memory of a loved one" on the back of your donation envelope.

1st Sunday of Advent: Hope - *Send A Prayer, Receive A Prayer.* Prayer Cards distributed at the entrance and to be placed on the Jesse Tree

2nd Sunday of Advent – PEACE – Peace of Mind Food Collection
We will be collecting food items for our local food bank, **Loaves and Fishes**.

3rd Sunday of Advent – JOY- Warmth brings Joy –
Will be the collection of hats, winter socks, scarfs, gloves, handwarmers, for the women's & men's shelters.

4th Sunday of Advent – LOVE – Sharing the Love & Care –
We will be collecting hygiene kits for Fredericton Emergency Shelter
~ Thank you! Lynn Butler

DIOCESAN FEAST DAY and CONFERRAL OF DOLLARD MEDAL OF MERIT

Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC, cordially invites the faithful of the diocese to celebrate our patronal feast day, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and gather for a concelebrated Eucharist on Monday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Saint John. During this Mass, in honor of the Jubilee Year and the 170th anniversary of the Cathedral, the Bishop Dollard Medal of Merit will be conferred on eight individuals from the three regions of our diocese. The Dollard Medal is the highest honor bestowed upon a member of the lay faithful in the Diocese of Saint John. This distinction, named in honor of Bishop William Dollard, our first bishop, recognizes individuals whose lives radiate the Christian virtues of faith, hope, and love, and who have contributed significantly to the life and mission of the Church. A reception will follow in the Cathedral residence. All are invited to attend.

PRO-LIFE COLLECTION - On the second Sunday of Advent, our annual Diocesan Pro-Life collection in support of pro-life organizations will be taken up in the parishes. By educating and advocating on behalf of the most vulnerable members of our society these organizations play a vital role in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel of life. You can contribute to this special collection on the weekend of December 6-7 using envelopes marked, "PRO-LIFE OFFERING". Your prayerful and financial support will help promote respect and protection of human life at all stages, from conception to natural death.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast

Sunday, December 14th 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE OUTREACH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT AT THE PARISH LEVEL

We need people who would be interested in helping out with the following:

- ❖ Give your time to our Parish's Social Justice Outreach cause. It could be 2hrs of your time per month, or more if you wish. There is no contract or time commitment.
- ❖ Help promote our annual "Share-lent" Campaign by putting out resources in areas of the church.
- ❖ Give a short talk prior to Solidarity Sunday (our annual collection for Development & Peace).

No special skills or knowledge required. Just a good heart and a desire to contribute to positive change in the area of Social Justice. Support and guidance can be available if needed. If you feel the Spirit in you moving to act, please message Chris M. at 506-474-2342 or email chirs.er.macaloon@gmail.com.

"Finding the Light of Christ in the darkness of December" presented by Retired Bishop Bill Hockin at Christ Church Parish on Westmorland St. from 12:10 to 1 pm. Talk on December 10th - Albert Snelgrove and Dec 17th - Bill Hockin. Donations are free will.

Faith Formation Update

We are still moving full speed ahead and continue to welcome new children registering for our program Faith Formation Program — thank you for your continued support!

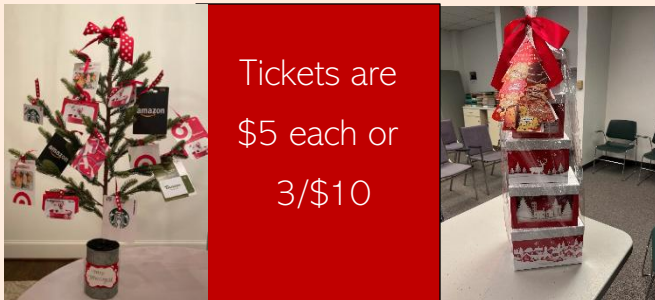
- ✦ **Grade 2:** Our children are joyfully preparing for their **First Reconciliation**, scheduled for **February 7, 2026**. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey.
- ✦ **Grade 8:** They are wrapping up the **Alpha program** and will soon begin an inspiring book study called **Decision Point - Part I**.
- ✦ **Grade 9:** Students are continuing with **Decision Point – Part II** and diving deeper into **YouCat**. As they prepare for their **Confirmation in May 2026**, we invite you to participate in a special way: A basket with **prayer notes** is available for you at front of the St. Joseph Altar. Please choose as many notes as you wish and pray for our Grade 9 candidates as they prepare their hearts and souls for this beautiful sacrament.
- ✦ **Parents:** Your engagement is incredible! You are almost finished with **Book 1: Discovery** from the Catholic Christian Outreach series and will soon begin **Book 2: Source**. Thank you for your active participation and commitment to growing in faith alongside your children.

🎄 Save the Date!

Children's Faith Formation Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, December 21st**.

It will be a joyful celebration with **lots of fun activities** for the kids.
Stay tuned for more details!

The Catholic Women's League will be selling tickets after weekend Masses until **December 20th** on a **\$500+ gift card tree** with a **second draw** for an **Italian Sweets stack**.



Tickets are
\$5 each or
3/\$10

Funds raised will be used to subsidize local non-profit organizations who uphold our Catholic values.



Kids Christmas Party December 14th at 12 PM
directly after Mass

Sts. John & Paul Church Family Center.

Join us for fun, crafts, sweet treats and there may be a surprise or two! You must **RSVP before December 7th** by contacting **Debbie** in the office to register your child so there is enough for all!



Fredericton Ladies Choir ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tuesday, December 9th, 2025

St. Dunstan Roman Catholic Church

Doors open at 6:15pm.

Featuring Special Guest: ELM CITY STRING QUARTET

Tickets are \$20/Adult or \$10 Under 18. Available at Westminster Bookmark, from choir members or at the door



Christmas Exchange Program Update

On Thursday, December 18, 2025, we will be distributing gift cards to those who registered for our 2025 Christmas Exchange Program for the poor and those in need. This year, we are blessed to provide 27 gift cards valued at \$250 each, for a total of \$6,750.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this important cause. Your generosity is making a real difference during this season of giving.

If you would still like to donate, you can do so by indicating "Christmas Exchange Program" on your envelope. All funds collected now will go toward the 2026 Christmas Exchange Program, ensuring we continue to share joy and hope in the coming year.

Thank you for your kindness and support during this time of sharing!

JOB POSTING

Please find a link to a job posting for Director, Newman Theological College: <https://caedm.ca/director-of-information-systems-and-online-learning-newman-theological-college/>

Offertories Received Week Ending November 30, 2025

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	\$375	\$1176	\$5727	\$7277

Next Special Collection is Dec 7 – PRO LIFE