

ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

St. Columba † Sts. John & Paul † St. Dunstan's
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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN	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 Office & Facility Manager: Mike Minifie Family Faith Formation: Nadine LeBlanc FaithFormation@stmarymagdalene.parish.ca
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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

February 22nd 2026 – February 28th 2026
 1st Reading: *Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7* Gospel: *Matthew 4.1-11* 2nd Reading: *Romans 5.12-19*

PLEASE TURN YOUR CELLS PHONE OFF OR TO SILENT DURING MASS

Mass Times St. Dunstan's Church	Mass Times Sts. John & Paul Church
Sundays at 9 AM & 11:30 AM	Sundays at 11:00 AM
Mondays – NO MASS	ROSARY: Before Mass at 10:20 AM
Tuesdays at 12:05 PM and ROSARY at 2PM	Thursdays: Adoration 1PM-5PM
Wednesdays – BENEDICTION at 6 PM, followed by 6:30 Mass Lectio Divina after mass.	Fridays: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM
Thursdays at 12:05 PM	Mass Times St. Columba Church
Fridays-ROSARY TO ST. JOSEPH at 6 PM • Mass at 6:30 PM	Sundays at 9:00 AM
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM	ROSARY: Mondays at 7:00 PM
1 st Fridays Mass at 6:30 PM, followed by Adoration at 7:00 PM	
Saturdays – Confession: 2:30 – 3:30 PM followed by Mass at 4PM	

Vigil Candles available for purchase at the office - \$5

Votive Candles for sale in each chapel - \$2



Thank You for a Record-Breaking Pancake Supper!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to our Pancake Supper on February 17, 2026. It was a tremendous success! We served 302 suppers; the highest number ever recorded for our parish! We are deeply grateful to all who generously offered their time and energy:

- Those who **set up, cooked, and cleaned** in both the gym and the kitchen – your hard work made the evening run smoothly.
- Our **Grade 8 and 9 Confirmation Candidates**, who stepped forward to lend a helping hand. Your service and enthusiasm were truly appreciated.

We also extend sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed donations of **pancake mix, syrup, butter, and sweets**. Your generosity made this event possible and helped create a warm and joyful community gathering. From the **bottom of our hearts**, thank you. All proceeds from the supper will go toward the **repair of the parish roof**.

Blessings to each of you for your kindness and support.

MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. DUNSTAN'S

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. February 21 st 4:00 PM	Richard Nicki	Jayne Nicki	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. February 22 nd 9:00 AM	Lois Bolton	Patricia Roussy	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. February 22 nd 11:30 AM	James Burke	Gina Horvat and Family	Fr. Peter Osborne
Tues. February 24 th 12:05 PM	Savariraj Soosai	Ned Carroll	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Wed. February 25 th 6:30 PM	Savariraj Soosai In memory of Hubert Mullin (10 th Anniversary)	Francine Godin Huguette Mullin and Family	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Thurs. February 26 th 12:05 PM	Charline LeBlanc Beaupré	Nadine LeBlanc	Fr. Peter Osborne
Fri. February 27 th 6:30 PM	Noreen Porter	Bonnie Boudreau	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sat. February 28 th 4:00 PM	Savariraj Soosai	The Ryan Family	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. March 1 st 9:00 AM	A. Santiago Paul	Jude	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. March 1 st 11:30 AM	Savariraj Soosai	Bonnie Boudreau	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. February 22 nd 11:00 AM	Stanley Wadden Lena Rioux	Cathy Wadden Gerald & Nora Mercer	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. March 1 st 11:00 AM	Bernice Foster	The Landry Family	Fr. Peter Osborne

ST. COLOMBA

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. February 22 nd 9:00 AM	The Mowry Family	Leo & Juanita Gaudet	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. March 1 st 9:00 AM	Nancy Garon	Leo & Juanita Gaudet	Fr. Peter Osborne

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Thomas “Tim” Arthur Gilbert, from Michelle Brzak

2025 Tax Receipts, for those who offered cash or cheque, are ready for pick up at the parish office. **PREAUTHORIZED DEBIT/DIRECT DEBIT** offertory parishioners are welcome to check back at the end of February to pick up your tax receipts. Stop in any time Monday to Friday: 9AM to 5PM, before or after Mass on the weekend, or call 506-444-6001 to make alternative arrangements.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. DUNSTAN'S DURING LENT

Movie Night every Tuesday evening, starting at 6pm.

Parishioners and friends are welcome to join and gather in the Mary Sullivan Room (120) to watch a movie with us.

The movie to premier on February 24th:
“THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”

Little Rock Scripture Study : Resumes **Tuesday, February 24 at 10 a.m.** and **Thursday, February 26 at 7 p.m.**, with the six -week program **“Encountering the God of Faith, Hope, and Love in the Bible.”** For more information, contact Jayne Nicki at 506-453-9899 or email: jaynenck@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the first Sunday of Lent. I am thinking of refreshing/sharing with you, my understating of some actions happening during the Eucharistic celebration. We will explore every week one of the actions the faithful do in the Eucharist. For this weekend....

WHEN AND WHY DO WE STAND AT MASS?

The faithful should stand....

- At the beginning of the Entrance Chant - It's a sign of respect and can also be a wordless symbol for the Resurrection. It's Jesus, who is walking amidst us, for He promised to be with us whenever we gather in His name.
- While the Priest approaches the altar - the Altar is the Tomb of Jesus, Calvary where He offered himself up, the Table of Last Supper, where He instituted the Eucharist.
- Until the end of the Collect - we offer prayers not only for us but also for the universal church.
- For the Alleluia Chant before the Gospel - It's a respectful acknowledgement of scripture being read.
- While the Gospel itself is being proclaimed- the words of Christ himself are found in the Gospel.
- During the Profession of Faith - It recalls the day of our Baptism, when we first accepted the standard teaching of the faith. It's an act of worship that signifies unity, commitment, and spiritual alertness.
- At the Universal Prayer - It signifies our engagement in offering petitions to God, reminds us of our own resurrection with Jesus, it shows that we are ready to serve and listen.
- From the invitation (Pray, brethren), before the Prayer over the Offerings - It marks a transition from listening to action, representing our readiness to offer ourselves, our lives, and our prayers alongside the bread and wine, uniting the with Christ's sacrifice.
- At the end of the Mass - It shows our readiness to depart as a missionary ready to live out the gospel in the world, reminds the call to be Christ- like.



On **February 28, 2026**, St. Mary Magdalene Parish's Confirmation Class will take part in **Coldest Night of the Year** a family-friendly walk to raise funds for the John Howard Society of Fredericton (JHSF).

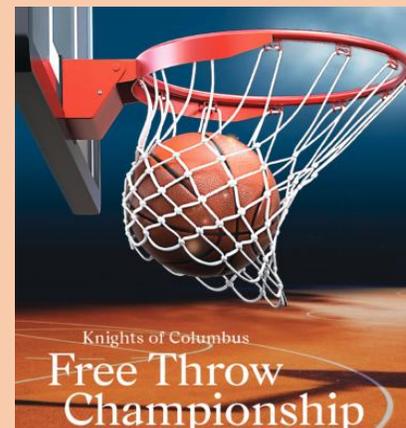
Funds raised will help the JHSF provide support to individuals experiencing homelessness with the means to respond to extreme weather, offer meals and warm beverages, provide crisis supports to operate peer support groups, and the development of new facilities to provide housing. To donate, visit: cnoy.org and search for "St. Mary Magdalene Parish" to find the Confirmation Class team.

Everyone is welcome to attend **Coldest Night of the Year** at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre on February 28. Doors open at 4 pm, the walk begins at 5 pm, and supper follows at 6 pm.

Register at cnoy.org.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

There are still a number of **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** waiting to be picked up near the Regent Street entry. Please have a look to see which one belongs to you 😊



MARCH 14TH, 2026

**Monsignor Boyd Family Centre
120 Regent Street, Fredericton
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Boys & Girls Ages 9-14**

**Registration and participation completely free!
For more information, contact:
nb.kofc.freethrow@gmail.com**

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP

Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!

Our Lady of Peace Parish, in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency, is pleased to announce that a **tax preparation clinic** will be provided (**Free of Charge**) to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation. The tax preparation service will commence **March 1st** and will continue to **April 22nd 2026**.

Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment, drop-off or virtual** to prepare your income tax and benefit returns.

The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex situations** such as:

- returns for deceased persons • individuals who file for bankruptcy • self-employed individuals • individuals who report capital gains or losses • individuals who report employment expenses • individuals who report business rental income or expenses.

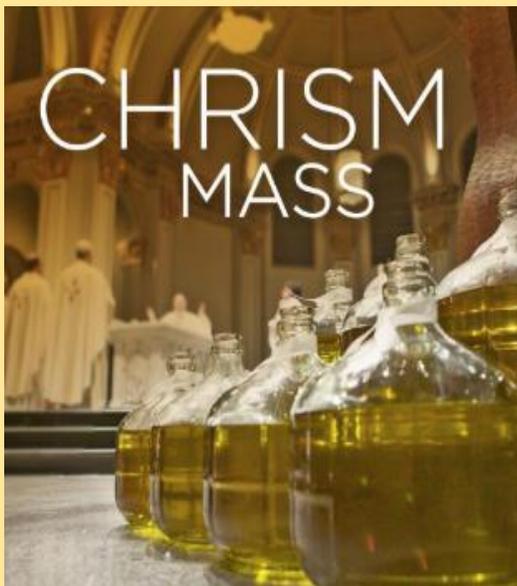
Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton** for further information at **506-261-7600** or email linton21@outlook.com

Diocese of Saint John presents

The Celebration of the Chrism Mass

at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
91 Waterloo St, Saint John NB E2L 3P9
on **Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**

Please RSVP by **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**, using this form at <https://forms.office.com/r/48SQ2PEyZ0> to confirm your attendance at the Chrism.



The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton Events:

World Day of Prayer Services in the Fredericton area:

Southside Service will be held on **Friday, March 6, 2026, at 2PM** at **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 2130 Route 102, Lincoln**.
Rain Date: Friday, March 13, 2026 at 2:00 PM.

Northside Service will be held on **Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 2PM** at **St. John's Anglican Church, 75 Main Street, Fredericton**.
Rain Date: Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 2:00 PM.

The World Day of Prayer is prepared by the Women of Nigeria. The theme is "I Will Give You Rest: Come". (Matthew 11:28-30)

All are welcome! Refreshment and fellowship to follow.
For more information, contact Deborah Heustis at djheustis@gmail.com or phone 506-472-2916.

St. Francis of Assisi Bingo – Mar 1, 2026 at 1 pm



Join us **First Sunday of each month** at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall located at 2130 Route 102 Hwy in Lincoln.

Cost is \$20 at the door with tea, coffee, and snacks available. There will be tickets for a 50/50 draw, and chances to win with the Bingo Number Game and the Bonus Card Draw. Please note this is a **CASH ONLY EVENT**. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there!

First Saturday Devotions resumes March 7th from 10 am to 11am. at St. John Paul II Parish – held at St. Vincent de Paul: 25 Loisville Street, Oromocto.

Offertories Received Week Ending February 15th, 2025

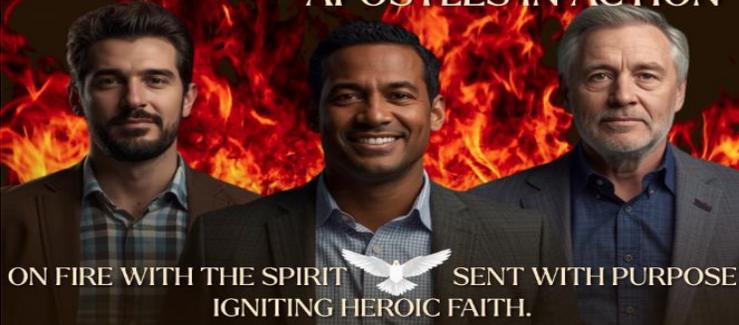
Please call the Parish Office at 444-6001 if you have any questions

	St C	Sts J&P	St D	Total
Loose Collection	---	---	1275	1275
Envelope Collection	---	575	3406	2981
Vigil Candle Sales	---	---	160	160
Building Fund	---	25	20	45
P.A.D.	---	---	---	TBD

Next Diocesan Collection:

Development & Peace (5th Sunday of Lent)- March 22nd, 2026

CALL TO BE **HEROIC** MARCH 20-22, 2026
APOSTLES IN ACTION



MEN'S RETREAT

VILLA MADONNA RETREAT HOUSE

Full weekend: \$295 Commuter: \$165

For Registration Details Scan QR

