



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba †
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Sts. John & Paul †
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St. Dunstons
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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj HGN

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Mass Times

St. Columba: 9am on Sundays

Sts. John and Paul: 11am on Sundays

St. Dunstons: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday – 6:30pm, Thursday – 12:05pm, Saturdays – 4pm, Sundays – 9am and 11:30am. First Saturdays – 9am.

Rosary/ Divine Mercy

St. Columba: Mondays 7pm

Sts. John and Paul: Sundays 10:10am

St. Dunstons: Tuesdays 2pm, Wed 6pm, Rosary to St. Joseph Fridays during adoration 6pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Sts. John and Paul: Thursdays 1-5pm

St. Dunstons: Friday 6pm, First Friday 7pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation – St. Dunstons: Saturdays 2:30-3:30pm. For other times please call the office

Baptism: Call the office one month before desired date

Marriage: Call the office 6 months before desired date

RCIA: Call the office any time

February 9th, 2025 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8

Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

THE ADORATION EXPERIENCE – A WITNESS STORY

The first time I experienced adoration was on a Thursday. During Mass, the statues were covered in purple cloth and at the end of Mass; the priest took the Eucharist to another room in the church and said we could stay with Jesus until midnight. That was the first time I realized what the Eucharist really was. Before I knew with my mind, but then, I knew with my heart. It was Jesus, living and present among us, and he was taken away. I was heartbroken and cried inconsolably. I promised him I would come back again. I knew so little about my faith, but God knew the longing in my heart. A lady came to tell me that I can spend time with Jesus before or after Mass, and whenever the church is open, and that I could stay as little or as long as I wanted. I started going once in a while. That was many years ago and I still go and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes my visits are hit and miss but Jesus is always waiting there for me and he is waiting for you too. I hope you will take a few minutes to visit him when you can.

- Mary Beaulieu

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church

Sun, Feb 9 9:00 AM Tina Christie
Sun, Feb 16 9:00 AM Pepi DiGiacinto

Sts. John & Paul Church

Sun, Feb 9 11:00 AM Gary Osborne
Sun, Feb 16 11:00 AM James and Jean Foster

St. Dunstan's Church

Fri, Feb 7 6:30 PM David Hitchcock and Family
Sat, Feb 8 4:00 PM Louise Mason
Sun, Feb 9 9:00 AM Ernesto F. Pasadilla
11:30 AM Madeleine (Lapointe)Dufour
Hannah Theresa Salem
Tues, Feb 11 6:30PM Maria Alga Corsetti
Wed, Feb 12 6:30 PM Georgio Gaudet
Thu, Feb 13 12:05PM Marjorie Moore
Fri, Feb 14 6:30 PM Ron Moore
Sat, Feb 15 4:00 PM Edmond and Rachel Losier
Sun, Feb 16 9:00 AM Special Intention (Req'd by
M.Savidge)
11:30 AM Maria Romero

February 11, 2025 3:30pm Mass at Ste. Annes Crt.

Readings for Feb 16th

1st R: Jeremiah 17.5-8 **2nd R:** 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6.17, 20-26

Those who are attending the webinar, 'Dying with Christ- Living with Hope', please call the office and leave your contact information.

If you have any blessed palms at home, they can be returned to any of the three churches in our parish by the end of February. They will be used to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday (March 5th).

If any Ministry leaders are planning to do Lenten activities, please submit your list of activities to Bonnie Boudreau. The deadline for submissions for the parish Lenten calendar is February 19th (as Lent starts March 5).

St Mary Magdalene CWL will meet at Sts John & Paul Church Hall, Sunday February 9, at 1:00 pm.
New Members are always welcome.

The M Moran \$500 bursary was won by Henry White. Henry is a first year Business Administration Student at UNB. Congratulations Henry and thank you to all of the students who submitted an application.

Christmas Exchange Program – During the recent Christmas season, we were able to provide gift cards, in the amount of \$250, to 47 people. This money was

collected in December 2023. In December 2024, we collected \$2,900. With this amount we will be able to help about 11 people next Christmas. We will keep collecting money and accept any contribution you can generously give. Simply indicate on the envelope the amount and « Christmas Exchange » when you put in the offertory or by e-transfer with this mention in the note. We thank you so much in advance to help us in this important matter that is dear to our Parish.

On February 8th and 9th, we will do the blessing of the throat in memorial of St. Blaise in the three churches.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast: Sunday, February 9th, 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.



On Tuesdays at 2:00pm until 2:30pm, we do the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at the church. There are about 8 to 10 of us who gather. We pray for all our intentions through the Intercession of Mary Our Mother. Come and join us even if you can only come once in awhile or when time permits.

Little Rock Scripture Study will begin Tuesday, February 18, in the morning and Thursday February 20 in the evening and will continue for eight weeks. The work to be discussed is Ronald Rolheiser's *Wrestling with God*. Because introductory reading is required, please contact Jayne Nicki at 506-453-9899 or jaynicki@gmail.com to obtain a book.

St. Mary Magdalene Parish is hosting a fundraiser: Brunch for a Cause: Help Joan Tan Get a Second Chance at Life. Join us for a Brunch for a Cause to support Joan Tan, wife of one our parishioners Rafael Tan, who urgently needs a second kidney transplant. Joan's first transplant, unfortunately, failed, and she and her husband, Rafael, are raising funds for another life-saving procedure.

WHEN: March 2nd (Sunday) | 10AM - 2PM

WHERE: Monsignor Boyd Family Centre – Gym

PRICE:

Adult: \$15, Kids (5-10 y/o):\$10, Kids (0-5 y/o): FREE

MENU: Pansit | Spring Roll | Porridge | Egg | Chocolate Rice Pudding | French Toast/Pancake | Sausage | Potato Taters

Let's come together as a community to support Joan! Every plate served helps make a difference. Food and/or Ingredient pledges are highly accepted and appreciated. For more details or to contribute, contact Evert Garcia at journeyforakidney@gmail.com.

The annual St Dunstan's Pancake Supper will be taking place March 4th from 4 – 6:30 pm. Pancakes sausage, baked beans, syrup, coffee, tea, juice and dessert. - 10 dollars per person – Family of four 30 dollars. Volunteer sheets and donation lists will be available next weekend. For more information contact Mary MacMullin or Richard Brennan.

In preparation of the Solemnity of St. Joseph and as part of the Disciples Maker Index Survey under the key driver "Belief in Core Catholic Teaching" we would like to invite you to take part into a 33-day consecration to St. Joseph. If you already consecrated yourself to Our Lady, you can still consecrate yourself to St. Joseph, you will be in the care of a spiritual mother and father. Therefore, come along and join us in this beautiful journey and be a Witness and a Disciple Maker of Jesus. The sessions will begin on February 15 to end on the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19th. Leave your name and contacts with the office. Father Suresh will provide more information as we get closer to the starting date.

EPIPHANY CHALK BLESSING for PROTECTION of OUR HOMES - Some Home Blessing Kits (containing the blest chalk and a short blessing prayer to be recited over our homes), will be available for parishioners from the following weekend, February 8 and 9, till Febr 15 inclusive, at all three entrances to St Dunstan's Church. The church recommends this blessing be done annually, BEFORE Septuagesima (Septuagesema falls on FEBR. 16 this year), on all exterior doors of our homes, to protect them and their inhabitants from all evil and corrupting influences of the world from entering during the year. This mirrors God's first Passover command to His people to protect themselves and their homes by marking the exterior doorways with the Blood of the Pascal Lamb.

As we are all called to be Disciples of Jesus and to be a witness, you are invited to share your story with parishioners. If you had an experience from Adoration or prayers answered, please write up your story and send it to the office via mail or by hand writing. You can either sign your name or simply indicate "a faithful parishioner."

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.

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

As a follow up of the Survey Discipline Maker Index, under the key driver "Spiritual Practice" we invite you to an activity you can do at the comfort of your home. You can follow for free, The Bible in a Year podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitz who will guide you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes. You will find this activity at:

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/>

Offertories Received - Week Ending Feb 2				
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	\$607	\$1,441	\$7,142	\$9,190
Building fund	\$132	\$125	\$460	\$717
Next Special Collection is March 2 for Building Fund				

33rd World Day of the Sick, February 11, 2025

On 27 January 2025, the Vatican released Pope Francis' message for the [33rd World Day of the Sick](#), which will be celebrated on Tuesday, 11 February 2025, liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. Inspired by the Jubilee Year's theme of hope, this year's theme for World Day of the Sick is **“Hope does not disappoint’ (Rom 5:5), but strengthens us in times of trial.** “Also, because of the Jubilee Year, this year's World Day of the Sick is closely connected to the [Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers on 5-6 April 2025](#) and the [Jubilee of People with Disabilities on 28 and 29 April 2025.](#)

You are invited to share the following resource links with your parish:

English: [CCCB Communications Toolkit - World Day of the Sick](#)

French: [Trousse de communications de la CECC – Journée mondiale du malade](#)

St. Blaise Thorat Blessing – More About St. Blaise of Sebaste from the Catholic Education Resource Center Online: Unfortunately, what is known about the life of St. Blaise derives from various traditions. His feast day is celebrated in the East on Feb. 11 and in the West on Feb. 3 (although it was observed on Feb. 15 until the 11th century). All sources agree that St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia who suffered martyrdom under Licinius about AD 316. (Remember that Emperor Constantine had legalized the practice of Christianity in 313, but Licinius, his ally and co-emperor who had concurred in legalizing Christianity, betrayed him and began persecuting the Church. Constantine defeated Licinius in 324.) From here, a rely on the tradition which has been associated with our liturgical celebrations over the centuries, which does not necessarily preempt their veracity or accuracy. In accord with various traditions, St. Blaise was born to rich and noble parents, and received a Christian education. He was a physician before being consecrated a bishop at a young age. Although such a statement seems terse, keep in mind that at that time the local community usually nominated a man to be a bishop based on his outstanding holiness and leadership qualities; he in turn was then examined and consecrated by other bishops with the approval of the Holy Father. Therefore, St. Blaise must have been a great witness of our Faith, to say the least.

During the persecution of Licinius, St. Blaise, receiving some divine command, moved from the town, and lived as a hermit in a cave. Wild animals visited, and he healed any that were sick and wounded. One day, a group of hunters gathering wild beasts for the ame in the amphitheater discovered St. Blaise and seized him. As he was being taken to the governor Agricolaus, the governor of Cappadocia and Lesser Armenia, St. Blaise encountered a woman whose pig was being seized by a wolf; St. Blaise commanded the wolf to release the pig, and it was freed unhurt. While in prison, he miraculously cured a small boy who was choking to death on a fishbone lodged in his throat. Also, the woman whose pig had been saved brought St. Blaise candles so that his cell would have light and he could read the sacred Scriptures. Eventually, Agricolaus condemned St. Blaise for upholding his Christian faith rather than apostatizing. He was tortured with the iron comb (an instrument designed for combing wool but was used here for shredding the skin) and finally beheaded.

By the sixth century, St. Blaise's intercession was invoked for diseases of the throat in the East. As early as the eighth century, records attest to the veneration of St Blaise in Europe, and he became one of the most popular saints in the spiritual life of the Middle Ages. Many altars were dedicated to his honor, and even the Abbey of St. Blaise in southern Germany claimed to have some of his relics. St. Blaise is also venerated as one of the "Fourteen Holy Helpers," a group of saints invoked as early as the 12th century in Germany and who are honored on Aug. 8: St. Denis of Paris (headache and rabies), St. Erasmus or Elmo (colic and cramp), St. Blaise (throat ailments), St. Barbara (lightning, fire, explosion and sudden and unprepared death), St. Margaret (possession and pregnancy), St. Catherine of Alexandria (philosophers and students, and wheelwrights), St. George (protector of soldiers), Sts. Achatius and Eustace (hunters), St. Pantaleon (tuberculosis), St. Giles (epilepsy, insanity, and sterility), St. Cyriac (demonic possession), St. Vitus (epilepsy), and St. Christopher (travelers). The German Dominicans promoted this veneration, particularly at the Church of St. Blaise in Regensburg (c. 1320).

One reason for St. Blaise's popularity arose from the fact he was a physician who cured, even performing miraculous cures. Thereby, those who were sick, especially with throat ailments, invoked his intercession. Eventually the custom of the blessing of throats arose, whereby the priest held two crossed candles over the heads of the faithful or touched their throats with them while he invoked the prayer of the saint and imparted God's blessing. In our present Roman Ritual, the priest prays, "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This practice continues in many parishes on St. Blaise's feast day. While we invoke St. Blaise for his protection against any physical ailment of the throat, we should also ask is protection against any spiritual ailment — profanity, cursing, unkind remarks, detraction or gossip. St. James reminds us, "If a man who does not control his tongue imagines that he is devout, he is self-deceived; his worship is pointless" (1:26) and later, "We use [the tongue] to say, Praise be the Lord and Father'; then we use it to curse men, though they are made in the likeness of God. Blessing and curse come out of the same mouth. This ought not to be, my brothers!" (3:9-10). Therefore, may St. Blaise protect us from all evil, physical and spiritual, which may attack the throat.

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.