



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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August 21st, 2022 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Faith Formation Update - Online Registration is Now Open!

Help us prepare for the fall of 2022. Families with children in kindergarten to grade 7 are invited to register for our Family Faith Formation program beginning in September. Family Faith Formation will be offered at St. Dunstan's, Sts. John & Paul and St. Columba Churches. When registering please be sure to indicate which church site you plan to attend. Families with children entering grade 2 in the fall will receive Sacrament Preparation for 1st Eucharist throughout the year. To register please visit <https://www.stmarymagdaleneparish.ca/faith-formation-1>. Please note that the online form works best sent from a laptop or computer.

Do you have or know a youth entering grade 8 this coming September?

Confirmation Preparation (2-year program) for youth entering grade 8 will begin in September. To help us plan we are asking all youth entering grade 8 wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to register online at <https://www.stmarymagdaleneparish.ca/faith-formation-1>. Please note that the online form works best sent from a laptop or computer.

If you have any questions about St. Mary Magdalene Parish Faith Formation programs, please contact Patty Cameron at 444-6018 or faithformation@stmarymagdeleparish.ca.

Please share with other families and youth that may not see this announcement.

"Development and Peace" is helping Caritas India respond to widespread flooding in India's Assam state. The situation is quite dire: hundreds of thousands have been displaced and the waterlogging of farmlands is threatening the food security of a region that was already badly impoverished by the pandemic. Fortunately, our partner (Development and Peace- Caritas India) is well placed to mount a robust response, about which we've just published [an article on our website](#)." Please read more at devp.org. Thanks kindly for your prayers and support. (Note from: Adah Ogbe, Regional Animator for D & P Maritimes & Atlantic).

Prayer for Parish Visioning Process

"Loving God, thank you for using our gifts for your purposes in our parish community. As we collaborate with you in this project give each of us open-mindedness, patience, strength, wisdom, a discerning spirit, lightness of spirit, and prayerfulness. Help us to live our experience with joy and gratitude and a confidence that you will surprise us with new directions we might take in living this with you as our guide and companion. Amen"

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church

Sunday, Aug 21st 9:00 am Greg Shannon
 Sunday, Aug 28th 9:00 am Special Intention

Sts. John & Paul Church

Sunday, Aug 21st 11:00 am Mark Lindsay Butcher
 Monday, Aug 22nd 9:00 am Deacon Ken Parker
 Sunday, Aug 28th 11:00 am Frank MacDonald

St. Dunstan's Church

Sat. Aug 20th 5:00 pm Patricia Davidson
 Sun. Aug 21st 9:00 am May Oley & son Frank
 11:30 am Fern Carpenter
 Wed. Aug 24th 6:30 pm FX Almeida
 Thur. Aug 25th 12:05 pm DFM Godin & Landry
 Sat. Aug 27th 5:00 pm Deceased Members of
 DiGiacinto & Gallagher
 Sun. Aug 28th 9:00 am John Mazzuca
 11:30 am John Harper

Mass Intentions: Contact Marlita Chase (Parish Office 444-6001 or email office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca Indicate at which Church Site you want the Mass said.

NECROLOGY

Aug 22	Msgr Andrew L McFadden	1988
	Geraldine Emma Woods	1997
Aug 23	Delmas A Olts	1981
	Catherine A Keenan	1992
	Theresa Maria Tobin	1992
	Dorina Therese Nolan	1998
	Harry Rigby	2020
Aug 24	Rev. Robert Joseph Nugent	1984
	Theodore Levesque	1999
	Joseph Alcide Gaudet	2007
Aug 25	Henry J Llambias	1991
	Lucia DaCunha	2008
	Florence Louise Hughes	2005
Aug 26	James Joseph Pitcher	1989
	John Lukasik	2001
	Jean Alain	2009
	Joseph Kenneth Perry	2018
Aug 28	Marie Teresa Merrill	1980
	Peter George Walton	1982
	Rino-Albert Levesque	2005
	Ethul E Dolan-Richardson	2006
	John Mazzuca	2021

Faithful Departed

Justin Breau, son of Susanne Breau
 (Susanne is an employee at the Diocese)
Karsten Keoughan, brother of Fr. John Keoughan
Mary Jane Tomol

Readings for August 28th

1st Reading Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
 2nd Reading Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
 Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm
 at St. Dunstan's Church**

**Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at
 Sts. John and Paul on Thursday's from 1 pm – 5 pm.**

Beginning in September we will once again offer the purchase of MONTHLY Living with Christ Missals for daily Mass (\$3.50/mth) from the Parish office. Call the office if you wish to be on the list.

You can **Live Stream Mass** through our Website on Sunday at 9 am. It will also be uploaded to the Homepage so you can view it at another time. Go to <https://www.stmarymagdaleneparish.ca> and click livestream.

Ukraine needs our ongoing prayers and support. Please go to devp.org to make a positive difference. with your donation. Thank you!



Sanctuary Lamp August 21st

*In Loving Memory of
 David Rumble*

Our display in remembrance of the children from residential schools and the ongoing journey of Truth and Reconciliation has been altered to include a Cradleboard in addition to the Orange Shirts, Birch Bark Cross and Children's Moccasins that are now in a basket at the foot of the Cross at St. Dunstan's Church. Opolahsomuwehs (Imelda Perley) explains the symbolism and invites our prayer and 'reconcili-action'. This is on a sheet of paper beside the display. Please feel free to take one.

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sts. John and Paul – LECTORS

August 21st Patricia Varty
August 28th Rob O’Kane

Sts. John and Paul – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

August 21st Albertine Allport
August 28th Norm Seguin

St. Columba – LECTORS

August 21st Sheila McCarthy
August 28th Juanita Gaudet

St. Dunstan’s – LECTORS

Saturday, 5 pm

Aug 20th Verna Shaw / Lilia Cozzarini
Aug 27th Cecilia White / Jayne Nicki

Sunday, 9 am

Aug 21st John Denning / Mary McMahon
Aug 28th Esther Archibald / Thelma Innes

Sunday, 11:30 am

Aug 21st Bea Sainz / John Brennan
Aug 28th Carole Dilworth / Ella Allen

St. Dunstan’s – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, 5 pm

Aug 20th Patrick Tang / Felipe Serrano
Aug 27th Linda Roach / Gracie Mersereau

Sunday, 9 am

Aug 21st Katie Crawford / Marg Denning
Aug 28th Richard Brennan / Pauline Arnold

Sunday, 11:30 am

Aug 21st Doreen Cormier / Bob Michaud
Aug 28th Jeannine Cochrane / John Brennan

If you are not available to cover your scheduled date, please find a replacement.



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Our Sacred Stories

Will Only a Few be saved: Who's in and Who's out?
(Fr. John Jennings)

World Cup Soccer, Major League Baseball or NHL Hockey – It all engage us in competition whether player or fan. It seems we are competitive by nature, by our very humanity. Life sometimes seems all about winning or losing, who's in and who's out. Occasionally, in the games of younger players, children, there are coaches who encourage playing for fun. They espouse the recognition that “it is a game and so have fun.”

Frequently this competitiveness shows up in our faith and relationship with God, both personally and as church. Our attitudes and practices sometimes appear marked by a sense of who is “in” and who is “out”. In Luke's Gospel (Luke 13:22-30) some of Jesus' followers revealed this sense in the question they posed to their master: “Lord, will only a few be saved?” His response was much broader than they or we are sometimes willing to accept

At the time of Jesus there was a belief among some Jews that in the age to come all the people of Israel, just because they belonged to Israel, would be seated at God's table in heaven. Prophets like Jeremiah and Isaiah were not quite so sure. Jesus comes from this prophetic tradition. He sees salvation as open to all peoples. There is no limit, no territorial or cultural boundary to God's saving love. There is no “in” group and there is no “out” group. What is asked of us all, all humanity is that we respond to a loving gift, entering the relationship that is freely offered as an invitation by God.

Put in the context of our own age what this means is that we are not saved by being Christian or Catholic. Nor is anyone damned by not being Christian or Catholic. Salvation means much more than simply being part of the “in” group. It is, as the prophets of the Old Testament proclaimed and as the Incarnation revealed a process of accepting/acknowledging the gift of God's love for all.

Jesus expresses this process with the words “Strive to enter by the narrow door.” Merely being from an “in” group, a Christian, a Catholic, a member of Israel, does not bring salvation. The whole mission and message of Jesus helps us to see what it is that brings salvation. Will there be many or will there be few saved is not the point. What is important is the process of transformation that brings about a change of heart for us. That change of heart is our response to God's loving invitation.

Salvation, is not about who we know. It is about who we are. For Christians there needs to be a spiritual link between Jesus and ourselves and a transformation into the person that is in the image of Jesus. But not everyone is a follower of Jesus.

God's love is broad and all encompassing and there are many routes to such a transformation. Each route is the experience of a love relationship, a bonding. It involves a gradual turning of our heart toward God. But it involves more. Such a transformation means a cooperation with the divine Spirit leading us to love all peoples, for God's love is for all humanity, not a few. It is God, who in love breathed life into all creation. That breath of the Spirit comes to all.

Humanity's response to God love is a transformation that takes us through the “narrow door” of centering our heart on the love of God and neighbour. This conversion is a life-long process of striving to love and it touches all aspects of our lives and experience. Salvation ultimately will come with the surrender of our very selves to live as we have discovered in Jesus – fully centered on love of God and all that God has created.

Offertory Totals for August 14th will be available in next weekend's bulletin.

Annual General meeting Follow-up: Thank you to all who attended the Annual General Meeting. It was a great opportunity to share in and celebrate all that God is doing in and through our parish community and how our mission and outreach is so generously supported through your many gifts of talent, time and financial resources. At the meeting a 21-page report of our pastoral and financial activity was presented in a booklet form. If you would like one, they are available at the entrances of each Church Site. If you would like one emailed to you, please contact the parish office at 444-6001 or office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca

New Parish Website: Effective June 1 our new website at <https://www.stmarymagdaleneparish.ca> is up and running. The stdunstansparish.ca website and the stjohnandpaul.ca website will no longer be updated and will be shut down effective. For those who live stream Mass from our parish website just go into the new website at the above address and press the click 'Link to Live Streaming'.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR THE INDIGENEOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

Thank you for your contributions to this collection thus far in the amount of \$9954. You can still contribute anytime. Envelopes are available at the ends of the pews at each church site or you can contribute on the diocesan website or email money transfer (<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>). The funds collected in our Diocese will be directed toward healing and reconciliation initiatives in the seven Indigenous Communities within our Diocese. For more information about this fund and how it is administered please see the bishop's letter on the Diocesan website.

Options for your offertory.

- Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) you can make your donations through a debit at your bank on a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly basis. There is a PAD form you can receive by contacting the office. You would have to fill out and return to the office along with a copy of a voided cheque. Form available at <https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) You can e-transfer your offertory at any time with this option, if you do online banking. Email office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School in New Maryland has openings for students in Grades K-Grade 8 for the up-coming school year. For information please call 459-3518 or visit www.ladyofgrace.org <http://www.ladyofgrace.org>

Directives for attending Mass: In keeping with the directives from the Province and Bishop Riesbeck masking is no longer mandatory at mass. However, to help everyone from varying ages and health concerns we will continue to recommend the wearing of masks at masses and other celebrations. Many thanks for your continued cooperation and participation with these safety measures and providing this kind of welcoming community. We are seeing a rise in numbers of those attending Masses and will continue to live stream the 9 am Mass on Sunday at St. Dunstan's Church Site as well.

You are cordially invited to join the **L'Arche Fredericton** community this **Saturday 20 August** for its monthly community gathering. This month's event will be an informal worship service in the style of Taizé. The plan is to gather at **7pm** outside on the Christ Church Cathedral Green for a session of worship, to be followed by some time to socialize and celebrate the final few weeks of summer. (All weather-permitting, of course; if it's inclement, we'll meet inside the Cathedral.)

St. Theresa's Catholic Women's League Twilight Retreat, Monday, Sept 12th 4-8 pm. Potluck at 5:30 pm. Fr. David Fulton of St. Barbara's Parish, Minto will be our guest speaker. The Theme for this year's Twilight Retreat will reflect the National Catholic Women's League Theme: "Catholic and Living It".

Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation

O God, pour out your healing love on all who suffered in Canada's Residential Schools; on bodies, minds and spirits wounded through abuse; on hearts, wounded through separation; and on families wounded through trauma and anguish that still torment over the course of generations. Make us stewards – of one another's dignity, of one another's safety, of one another's lands, of one another's right to a cultural identity: as unique peoples, as gifts to the human family; and as your beloved children.