



ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

St. Columba † Sts. John & Paul † St. Dunstan's
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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
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Parish Office Hours:
Mon to Fri – 9 AM - 5PM
Saturdays 2 PM – 6 PM
Sundays 8 AM – 1 PM

Co. Pastors: Fr. Peter Osborne
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July 5th 2026 – July 12th 2026

1st Reading: *Zechariah 9.9-10* 2nd Reading: *Romans 8.9,11-13* Gospel: *Matthew 11.25-30*

Mass Times St. Dunstan's Church

Sundays at 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:05 PM

Wednesdays - Benediction at 6PM, Mass at 6:30 PM

Fridays – ROSARY TO ST. JOSEPH at 6 PM, then Mass at 6:30 PM

Saturdays – Confession at 2:30PM -3:30 PM and Mass at 4:00 PM

First Saturday Mass – 9:00 AM

Mass Times Sts. John & Paul Church

Sundays at 11:00 AM

ROSARY: Before Mass at 10:10 AM

Thursdays – Adoration 1PM-5PM

Mass Times St. Columba Church

Sundays at 9:00 AM

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

JULY - MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

The month of July is dedicated to the saving Blood of the Son of God, who shed His own Blood in atonement for our sins, thus reconciling humanity with God. He shed His own Blood willingly for us, the ultimate expression of love and mercy for us, exchanging Himself before the Father for the salvation of our souls, our redemption. Devotion to the Precious Blood nourishes us, heals us and protects us from evil. It is our greatest help and protection throughout life — the Host, consecrated by the priest at mass while saying the words Jesus Himself said at the Last Supper- "THIS IS MY BODY"; "THIS IS MY BLOOD", becomes transformed into the TRUE PRESENCE OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST. How much closer can we come on earth to Jesus, than at Communion, when we receive the real Body and Blood, coursing through our body. Being so close to Him at Communion, the One Who died for us all will surely hear our pleas. St. Padre Pio said the tiniest spark of faith is like a lightning bolt in the darkness, and so, as we reach out to God at Communion, we are told by the Church to prepare with prayer before we entertain the Holy of Holies in our bodies, speak to Him in love when we receive Him and tell Him our needs, and thank Him, for He surely is pleased by our reverence and reaching for Him, recognizing that He is the Almighty God, Creator of all things, Who wishes only to love us. There are short prayers available for everyone to use at Communion, at St Dunstan's Church, on the table across from St Joseph's side altar (front left of the church). Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. "Ask and you shall receive".



MASS INTENTIONS:

St. Dunstan's Mass Intentions to July 4th to July 12th, 2026

Mass Schedules	Mass Intention	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. July 4 th 9:00 PM	Reta Hovey	Fred McAloon	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sat. July 4 th 4:00 PM	Paul Delucry	Fred McAloon	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. July 5 th 9:00 AM	Tom Kavanaugh	Diane Flynn	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. July 5 th 11:30 AM	Special: The Health of Edwin Giovanni Pacheco Diaz	Jessica Arenas	Fr. Peter Osborne
Tues. July 7 th 12:05 PM	Patrick Savariraj	Ned Carroll	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Wed. July 8 th 6:30 PM	Alyre & Catherine Doucette	Patricia Roussy	Fr. Peter Osborne
Thurs. July 9 th 12:05 PM	Earl & Norine Harris	Marie Hogan & Family	Fr. Peter Osborne
Fri. July 10 th 6:30 PM	Epifania De Leon	Cristy Lily Edelene Flores	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sat. July 11 th 4:00 PM	Richard Nicki	Jayne Nicki	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. July 12 th 9:00 AM	Special: World Peace	Bernard Parent	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. July 12 th 11:30 PM	Fr. Gerry White	Fr. Suresh Savariraj	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. July 5 th 11:00 AM	June Sparkes Marjory Rattray	Gerald & Nora Mercer Lisa Ley & Family	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. July 12 th 11:00 AM	Karen Kennedy Slade	Gerald & Nora Mercer	Fr. Peter Osborne

ST. COLUMBA

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. July 5 th 9:00 AM	Fr. Kenneth Weir	Fr. Suresh Savariraj	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. July 12 th 9:00 AM	Linda Nason & Rick McDonald	Angela Nason	Fr. Peter Osborne

Bottle Collection Initiative

We are pleased to launch a Parish Bottle Collection Initiative to support our youth and outreach programs. Parishioners are invited to drop off their refundable bottles in the parish gym:

- Weekdays from 9AM-5PM
- Before or after Mass on weekends

Our team will take care of returning the bottles to the exchange centre. Proceeds from this initiative will go towards two initiatives:

- 1. Steubenville Retreat for our youth**
- 2. Christmas Exchange Program**

This bottle collection will now become a permanent parish activity , and we warmly invite everyone to participate. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of these important programs!



Support our parish youth as they prepare to attend the Steubenville Youth Retreat!

No time limit...Parishioners are invited to donate their refundable bottles and cans by bringing them to the
SOUTHSIDE REDEMPTION CENTRE AT BEST METALS, 320 WILSEY RD, FREDERICTON.

Please clearly mark your bag or box with #36. When this number is included, the redemption proceeds are automatically deposited by e-transfer directly into St. Dunstan's Parish bank account. Your bottle donations will help cover the Steubenville retreat expenses and ensure that more young people can participate in this life-changing faith experience. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting the youth of our parish!

Call for Support for a Family in Need

We invite our parish community to continue showing generosity and compassion. A family of five who have come as refugee asylum seekers are currently awaiting their work permits. During this difficult time, they are unable to meet all their basic needs and rely on the kindness of others. Any support you can offer—whether financial assistance, grocery gift cards, or essential items—would be a true blessing. Your generosity will help ease the stress and anxiety this family is experiencing as they wait for stability. Thank you for your continued kindness and care for those in need. **God bless you for your generosity.**

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS WITH KEYS TO THE CHURCH AND MBFC: The office requires you to call in or email, leaving your contact information, in order to keep track of who has the ability to enter the premises. Please call 506-444-6001 or email office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca

BOTTLES for HOLY WATER \$5.00 in the office:

Office hours are as follows: Monday to Friday 9AM to 5PM
Saturdays 2PM to 6PM & Sundays 8AM to 1PM
PLEASE BE ADVISED THEY ARE JUST THE BOTTLES. THEY ARE NOT FILLED WITH HOLY WATER. You can acquire the Holy Water and fill the bottle yourself in the church.

Upcoming Council/Group Meetings:

- Building Committee:** July 2nd at 6PM – MBFC (MS)
- Catholic Men's Group:** July 7th at 7PM– MBFC (FP Room)
- Pastoral Council:** July 9th at 5:30-8PM–MBFC (MS)
- Cemetery Committee:** July 15th 1:45PM–MBFC (Rm 121A)
- Catholic Women's Grp:** July 21st 7:30-9PM–MBFC (FP Rm)
- Finance Council:** July 23rd at 6:30 PM-8PM – MBFC (MS)
- Liturgy Committee:** TBD Fall 2026
- Catholic Women's League:** TBD August 2026
- Knights of Columbus:** TBD August 2026

Unfortunately, the Graduation Mass that had been planned for **Sunday, July 5 at 11:30 AM** has been **cancelled** due to a lack of interest and because no graduate names were submitted to the parish office for recognition. This was announced as an opportunity to recognize and pray for the Class of 2026. We offer our prayers and best wishes to all graduates as they begin this new chapter in their lives. May God bless them with wisdom, success, and guidance in the years ahead.



PRESS RELEASE

STATEMENT REGARDING CONTROVERSIAL ART AT LOCAL GALLERY, Rothesay, June 23, 2026

In response to the exhibit of controversial art at a gallery within the boundaries of the Diocese of Saint John, Bishop Riesbeck issues the following statement: The Church does not seek to censor art or silence artists. We believe in genuine freedom of expression as well as religious freedom. Religious freedom protects both artistic expression and the right of believers to practice their faith without undue disrespect. A healthy society asks how to balance these freedoms with mutual respect and the common good. At the same time, freedom carries responsibility, especially when dealing with what others hold sacred. Authentic religious art has a purpose: to elevate the heart toward God, not to diminish what believers hold holy. Many Christians experience this piece not as thoughtful critique, but as a form of contempt directed toward Jesus Christ. Even if the artist's intention is provocation, the effect on believers matters. It can wound deeply held faith and identity. This is not simply about offense; it is about the treatment of what billions of people consider sacred. The question for us to ponder is this: does this work lead to deeper reflection and understanding of God's profound love for us, or does it reduce Christ to an object of shock? We would ask a similar question for any religion or spirituality: would we consider it acceptable to display sacred figures of others in a similarly degrading way? Respect for religious diversity means treating each tradition's sacred symbols with care in shared public spaces. We hope for a culture where creativity and reverence can coexist. We pray that moments like this will become opportunities for deeper conversation about faith, beauty, and the dignity of the human person.

✠ Christian Riesbeck, CC Bishop of Saint John

We send our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family and friends of:

Eva Kennedy, Alice Coady, Joanne Manore, Mary Ryan, Charles Rowan, John Timmins, Sally Marshall, Mildred MacDonald, Rita McAlinden, Kenneth Ramey Sr., Joan Kenny and Jacqueline Millis, whose funeral services took place in the month of June. May God's peace and love surround you, and may His grace sustain you through this sorrow.



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of one of our beloved parish members, **Kaja Knapic**. We are holding her family, and friends close in our hearts during this difficult time.



Siege of Jericho at St Dunstan's July 12 – July 18

Who is like God? - No one is like God!

Join us for seven days of prayer, deliverance, and unity as we gather before the Lord in Adoration, under the mantle of Mary, to pray a powerful Rosary of Deliverance following the model that God gave Joshua in the book of Joshua chapter 6.

Together, we will ask God to bring down the walls that are standing in the way of hope, joy, healing, forgiveness, faith, unity, spiritual growth, meaningful work, and are blocking all the Graces God has for us.

Schedule:

- ★ **Day 1: Sunday July 12 - 12:30 pm – 2:15 pm**
Immediately following 11:30 a.m. Mass
- ★ **Days 2 – 6: Monday July 13 to Friday July 17**
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm - Prayer and procession inside the church
- ★ **Day 7: Saturday, July 18 - 2:00 pm** - Prayer and procession 6 “laps” inside the church
4:00 pm Mass, followed by an outdoor **Eucharistic Procession** around the church and concluding prayers.

For more info & to receive the prayer manual:

Marlene Rodriguez. marlenerr@gmail.com

Please use the subject line: SJStD – [your subject] (Siege of Jericho at St. Dunstan's)

“We are God's children.

We are loved. We are valuable. We are never alone.”

NEED FOR NEW BRIDGE PLAYERS!!!

Ms. Roberta George is stepping down as the organizer for The Downtown Seniors Bridge Club Group. She is looking for her replacement to take over this September on Wednesdays from 1-4PM. New players are encouraged to sign up before September if they are interested in playing Bridge this fall. If you are interested in being the replacement or in playing Bridge this fall, please contact the office at 506-444-6001 or by email: office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca before August 31st, 2026.



PARISHIONER ATTENDANCE AT MASS ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

Mass Schedule	June 27th-28th
ST. COLUMBA	
Sunday, 9:00am	
ST. DUNSTAN'S	
Saturday, 4:00pm	162
Sunday, 9:00am	203
Sunday, 11:30am	336
STS. JOHN & PAUL	
Sunday, 11:00am	
TOTAL	701

Offertories Received Week Ending June 28th 2026

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

	St C	Sts J&P	St D	Total
Poor & Needy	---	25	312	337
Loose Collection	36	85	1250	1371
Envelope Collection	615	670	5071	6356
Cathedral Restoration	---	---	10	10
P.A.D.	---	---	---	792
Building Fund	25	100	20	145
Cemetery Fund	---	---	---	---
Vigil Candles	---	15	167	182

Next Special Collection: BUILDING FUND August 2nd, 2026

SACRED HEART OF JESUS MEN'S GROUP -

Growing in prayer through the scriptures together as men, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Men's Group meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month 7:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lincoln. For more information, or to receive email updates please email sacredheart3n1@gmail.com.