



# ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

St. Columba † Sts. John & Paul † St. Dunstan's  
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Parish Office Hours:  
**Monday to Friday**  
 9 am - 5 pm  
**Saturdays – 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm**  
**Sundays – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm**

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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 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 – February 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Isaiah 58.6-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 5.13-16*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *1 Corinthians 2.1-5*

Mass Times St. Dunstan's	Mass Times Sts. John & Paul	Mass Times St. Columba
Sundays at 9 AM & 11:30 AM Mondays – NO MASS Tuesdays – 12:05 PM and ROSARY at 2PM Wednesdays – 6:30 PM – BENEDICTION at 6 PM <b>ASH WEDNESDAY MASS FEB 18TH – 6:30 PM</b> Thursdays - 12:05 PM Fridays – 6:30 PM – ROSARY TO ST. JOSEPH at 6 PM Saturdays – Confession 2:30 – 3:30 PM followed by Mass at 4PM	Sundays at 11:00 AM ROSARY: Before Mass at 10:20 AM Thursdays – Adoration 1PM-5PM <b>ASH WEDNESDAY MASS FEB 18<sup>TH</sup> – 6:30 PM</b>	Sundays at 9:00 AM ROSARY: Mondays at 7:00 PM <b>ASH WEDNESDAY MASS FEB 18<sup>TH</sup> – 12:00 PM</b>

## PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**World day of Sick – Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup> Mass** : The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourde) Highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. *Please bring the names of your suffering friends and family on a Post-it note, to be deposited into the basket at the front of the church.* We will light a candle for them and pray during mass.

## Community Pancake Dinner February 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre!

This special gathering is for the entire St. Mary Magdalene Parish community, including parishioners from St. Columba and Sts. John & Paul Church. Come support a worthy cause and enjoy a warm meal and the joy of fellowship. All proceeds will go towards the repair of the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre's Roof Project. A donation box for pancake mix and syrup and the volunteer sign-up sheets are at the Regent Street entrance. Perishable donations can be dropped off at the office. We hope to see you there!

**Adults: \$12 | Children: \$5 | Families: \$35 | CASH ONLY!**



**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**ST. DUNSTAN'S**

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday- Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM	Savariraj Soosai	Cathy & Norm Seguin	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sat. February 7 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM	Shane McGarrigle	Normand & Mary Beaulieu	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. February 8 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM	Marlene Saulnier	Normand & Mary Beaulieu	Fr. Joseph Devereaux
Sun. February 8 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM	Hannah Theresa Salem	Nada & Saliba Saad	Fr. Joseph Devereaux
Tues. February 10 <sup>th</sup> 12:05 PM	Anne Ruck	Clarkia Lindsay	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Wed. February 11 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM	Carole LeBlanc	Nadine LeBlanc	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Thurs. February 12 <sup>th</sup> 12:05 PM	Martine Michaud	Rose DiGiacinto	Fr. Peter Osborne
Fri. February 13 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM	Maizie & Earl Price	The Hitchcock Family	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sat. February 14 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM	Richard Nicki	Jayne Nicki	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. February 15 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM	Special Intention: Empaynado Family	From the Family	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. February 15 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM	(Ray) Real Gauvin 1 <sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary	Nelly Gauvin	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

**STS. JOHN & PAUL**

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. February 8 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM	Edith Cuddihey	Theresa Sleep	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. February 15 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM	---	---	Fr. Peter Osborne

**ST. COLOMBA**

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. February 8 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM	---	---	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. February 15 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM	---	---	Fr. Peter Osborne

**FEBRUARY / MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY- FEAST DAY - DECEMBER 28**

The Church recognizes the Holy Family as the model for family life, which becomes a mini church of love and faith. When we consecrate our families and homes to the Holy Family, we strive to live and emulate their virtues. St Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family, and "terror of demons"; Mary Immaculate, who became Mother of the Incarnate word upon humble submission to the will of God; Jesus, "the Merciful One" of forgiveness, who humbled Himself and came as a babe to save us all, out of love. When we consecrate our homes and families to the Holy Family, we create a sacred space, joy, goodness, and prayer within, entrusting our families to the protection and help of the Holy Family, in submission to, and trust in, the will of God, on all our difficulties. We draw down continuous, flowing graces in all our needs. Take a prayer card to consecrate your home and family, available throughout February on the table across from St Joseph altar at St Dunstan Church (front left side). Say the prayer together as a family & sprinkle holy water in the rooms of your home for blessings throughout 2026.

❤️❤️ We are pleased to share the wonderful **GIFT OF GENEROSITY** that a couple of parishioners have made a generous donation to support our **Faith Formation program**. They have gifted the parish a **television**, a **MacBook laptop**, and an **iPad**, all of which will significantly enhance our ability to deliver high-quality and engaging faith formation programming to our children, youth, and families. Their kindness strengthens our mission of forming disciples rooted in faith and ensures that our catechists and students have the tools they will need for a vibrant learning environment. Thank you from our hearts! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them for their thoughtful generosity.

**Individuals like them truly are the pillars and heart of St. Mary Magdalene Parish!** ❤️❤️

We invite you to offer prayers for the departed soul of **NOREEN PORTER**, sister to Marie Costello.  
May the Lord grant eternal peace to her and console their family and friends. **Funeral Service**  
at St. Dunstan's on Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2PM

*We welcome AXEL EDEM, child of Alexis Edem and Nory Jane Castillo, to be baptized into the Catholic Faith on Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> 2026, at 10 AM by Fr. Suresh*

*We welcome RAPHAEL ALONZO CAMINERO CASABAR, child of Reinald Casabar & Alyssa Caminero, to be baptized into the Catholic Faith on Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> 2026, at 11 AM by Fr. Suresh*





*The liturgical season of Lent begins this year on February 18, 2026. Penitential*

*time marked by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the Liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year. Lent prepares us for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes. It is important to know that the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God. We are encouraged to pray and do the external and social penitential practices such as, religious practices of daily Mass; the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation; the Stations of the Cross; works of charity and justice; and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.*



**The following are guidelines of Lenten observance for the faithful of the Diocese of Saint John:**

- ✦ **Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. Fasting binds all persons from 18 to 59 years, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's own needs. There should be no eating between meals although fluids may be taken. Abstinence from meat binds all persons who are 14 and older, unless prevented by poor health.
- ✦ **There should be no consumption of meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:** The Universal Law of the Church mandates these observances for the spiritual well-being of the faithful.
- ✦ **Removing Holy Water from fonts during the season of Lent is not permitted** (CDF Prot. N. 569/00/L March 14, 2000).
- ✦ **The covering of crosses and images from the Fifth Sunday of Lent may be observed.** It is appropriate to use the Apostles' Creed during the Lenten and Easter seasons so as to be in solidarity with the catechumens.
- ✦ Please note that the **Easter Vigil** celebration this year **should not begin before 8:00 p.m.**

**We invite all parishioners to join us for Ash Wednesday Mass on February 18  
St. Dunstan at 6:30 PM • Sts. John & Paul at 6:30 PM • St. Columba at 12 PM**

*Let us enter this season with open hearts, seeking conversion and renewal.*



**February 28, 2026**, the St. Mary Magdalene Parish 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)** supporting people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness.

JHSF Housing First provides supports for 58 individuals, operates affordable housing for 9 families fleeing violence, runs a 30-bed shelter, a 24/7 low-barrier resource centre, and operates an outreach team that serves people living outdoors.

Funds raised help JHSF provide housing and crisis supports for youth, respond to extreme weather, offer meals and warm beverages, operate peer support groups, and support the development of new facilities.

To donate, visit: **cnoy.org** and search for "St. Mary Magdalene Parish" to find the Confirmation Class team. We will also have a **special collection** at each entry at the **end of Mass - February 14th and 15th**.

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.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS BOOKLETS AVAILABLE**

During this Lenten season, all parishioners are warmly invited to pray the ***Stations of the Cross*** at any time that fits their schedule.

 Booklets are available in a display on the tables at each church entrance.

Please feel free to take a booklet, use it for your personal time of prayer, and return it to the same place when you are finished so others may also use it. 

**Let us journey together through Lent in prayerful reflection and devotion.**  



## March Break High School Youth Retreat

Friday, March 6 at 4:00 PM – Sunday, March 8 at 1:00 PM  
 Location: Villa Madonna Retreat House, Rothsay, NB

High School students are invited to an unforgettable March Break Youth Retreat! This year's theme: "Encouraging Leaders in Mission – Know, Grow, Go."

Enjoy a weekend filled with:

- Games, social time, and opportunities to relax
- Share experiences and grow together in faith and friendship through inspiring talks, small-group discussions, and music
- Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Mass with **Bishop Christian**, who will join us throughout the weekend

Fee: \$125 (includes meals and activities)

Deposit: \$50 non-refundable, due at registration.

Deadline for registration is **February 20, 2026**.

E-transfer: [admindirector@villamadonna.ca](mailto:admindirector@villamadonna.ca)

For more information and a **discount** please contact

Nadine LeBlanc, Coordinator - Faith Formation.

To register online: [March Break High School Youth Retreat \(March 6 to 8, 2026\) Friday - 4pm to Sunday at 1pm – Fill out form](#)



## Singers for St Dunstan's 9:00 AM Mass

If you are interested in joining a small group of singers to help lead the congregational singing at the 9:00AM Sunday Mass at St. Dunstan's on alternate weeks, please contact Margaret Savidge at 450-9343

### CATECHIST FORMATION

Catechists are reminded to register for '*An Evangelizing Catechesis*' zoom workshop beginning on Monday, February 9th. Use this QR to register.



### LOST & FOUND ITEMS AND OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

There are still a number of OFFERTORY ENVELOPES waiting to be picked up near the Regent Street entry, plus a plethora of LOST & FOUND ITEMS.

Please have a look to see if any of these belong to you 😊

### Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast:

Sunday February 8th from 10AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 12 • Children \$ 5 • Families \$ 35 • Everyone welcome!



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS WILL NOT BE HELD AT ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. Devotions will resume on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 25 Lois St. Oromocto NB. For more information, please contact Theresa Sleep at 506-453-0714

### 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](mailto:djheustis@gmail.com) or phone 506-472-2916.

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### Offertories Received Week Ending February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

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

	St C	Sts J&P	St D	Total
Loose Collection	TBD	54	1187	1241
Envelope Collection	TBD	1020	4268	5288
Total	TBD	1074	5455	6529
Vigil Candle Sales	TBD	TBD	151	151
Building Fund	TBD	265	574	839

Next Diocesan Collection:

Catholic Missions in Canada (Ash Wednesday) February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026