



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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Baptism: Call the office one month before desired date

Marriage: Call the office 6 months before desired date

RCIA: Call the office any time

March 30th – April 5th, 2025 4th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Triduum at St Mary Magdalene Parish (April 17-19)

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:30pm at St Dunstan's

Please bring your bells for ringing during the Gloria. Following Mass there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Dunstan's, Sts John and Paul and St Columba until 10:00pm

Good Friday Services:

St Columba's: Noon

Sts John and Paul: 3:00 pm

St Dunstan's: Noon and 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil: 8:30pm at St Dunstan's

Please bring your bells for ringing during the Gloria

Holy Saturday (April 19): there will be a blessing of Easter food at St Dunstan's at 1:00pm.

Please note that on Holy Saturday there are no confessions and no 4:00 pm Mass at St Dunstan's.

Mission Statement for the Month of March – From Pope Francis for families in crisis:

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

There will be a **Regional Reconciliation Service** with many priests present to hear individual confessions held at **St. Dunstan's Church**, on Sunday **April 6th at 3pm**.

All parishioners are invited to join the **Parish Mission** (a 3-day retreat) to be held in St. Dunstan's on April 13th, 14th, & 15th at 7pm. Bring your family and friends!

Readings for April 6th

1st R: Isaiah 43.16-21

2nd R: Philippians 3.8-14

Gospel: John 8.1-11

ST. DUNSTAN'S

Mass Intentions:

Sat, Mar 29 4:00 PM Father Leon Creamer
Myma Asejo
Sun, Mar 30 9:00 AM Bill Sarty
11:30 AM Marie Armstrong
Tue, Apr 1 6:30 PM Heather MacDonald-Bosse
Wed, Apr 2 6:30 PM Micheline Chamberlain
Thu, Apr 3 12:05 PM John Forbes
Fri, Apr 4 6:30 PM Robert Whalen
Sat, Apr 5 4:00 PM Louise Roy
Sun, Apr 6 9:00 AM John Joseph Saad
11:30 AM Yvonne Murray

Mass Times:

6:30pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays
12:05pm, Thursdays
4:00pm, Saturdays
9:00am, 11:30am, Sundays
9:00am, First Saturdays

Divine Mercy / Rosary: 2pm, Tuesdays
9:30am, First Saturdays

Rosary to St. Joseph: 6pm, Wednesdays

Adoration: 6pm, Fridays
7pm, 1st Fridays

Confessions: 2:30pm-3:30pm, Saturdays
May call the office for other times

Stations of the Cross: 7:15pm, April 1st

Food Bank Donations: Suggested donations for Mar 29/30 are dry and "to cook" breakfast cereals.

Green Village Donations: Suggested donations are peanut butter, Nutella, & various flavors of jam.

Tax Receipts: Now available for pick up at the office.

Envelope boxes are available at the Regent Street entrance. For new boxed envelopes, please call the office.

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.

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Intentions:

Sun, Mar 30 11:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
Sun, Apr 6 11:00 AM Father Leon Creamer

Mass Times: 11:00 AM Sundays

Rosary / Divine Mercy: 10:10 AM Sundays

Adoration: 1 – 5 PM Thursdays

Stations of the Cross: 7pm, Fridays

Fredericton Foodbank – Greener Village

Suggested donations are canned tomatoes, canned pasta sauce, canned proteins (canned beans – black, white, red, etc), lentils, canned meat, cookies, kids' snacks (peanut-free please).

ST. COLUMBA

Mass Intentions:

Sun, Mar 30 9:00 AM Marg Gorman
Sun, Apr 6 9:00 AM Father Leon Creamer

Mass Times: 9:00 AM Sundays

You're Invited – Journey for a Kidney: Concert for a Cause 🎵

Following the success of our Brunch for a Cause, we're back with another heartfelt event to continue supporting Joan's journey toward a second kidney transplant. Join us for an inspiring evening filled with live music, stories of hope, and community generosity at the Journey for a Kidney: Concert for a Cause!

📅 Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025

🕒 Time: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

📍 Location: Monsignor Boyd Family Centre - Gym

This event is proudly hosted with the support of Knights of Columbus – Council 1942, and aims to raise critical funds and awareness for kidney health and transplant care.

✨ Come enjoy an evening of entertainment, unity, and giving back. Together, we can help give Joan—and others like her—a second chance at life.

🔪 For tickets or more information, please contact: Evert Garcia

✉️ journeyforakidney@gmail.com

Let's make this night count. ❤️



Attention High School Students!
Steubenville Atlantic Conference
July 11th to 13th

The Lord tells us, "Be not afraid," and these words resonate with us today. Join Catholic teens at Steubenville Atlantic at Dalhousie University, Halifax, from July 11-13, 2025. This conference is designed to evangelize, equip, and empower those aged 14-18 (grades 9-12). **Registration fee:** \$350.00 (including transportation) with a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Other Opportunities:

- **Peer Leader for Young Adults (18-20):** Attend with a group and take on leadership roles at the discretion of group leaders.
- **Franciscan LEAD:** From July 7-11, 2025. A five-day Christ-centered immersion in leadership, evangelization, and discipleship inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. Teens first grow closer to Jesus, then learn servant leadership and evangelization.

Steubenville Atlantic Information Meeting ~ There be an online meeting for everyone interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference on Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference as a participant or a peer leader or attending Franciscan LEAD please contact Patty Cameron at faithformation@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca or (506) 444-6018 to have your name added to the list and receive the link to the meeting.

"WHAT DO YOU SEEK?" – Exciting Adult Faith Formation is back this SPRING!

We are all searching for answers to the most fundamental questions about life. Our Lady of Peace and St. Mary Magdalene parishes are uniting again this spring to offer a weekly Adult Faith Formation program from APRIL 23 to JUNE 11. Participants will explore the meaning of life as revealed through the lens of the Christian Faith in an open, welcoming small-group atmosphere. For more information and to register, please contact Tracy Horsley at horsleysix@gmail.com (or call (506) 261-0713). Register early, as space is limited!

Development & Peace - Share Lent: External debt and ecological debt: Who owes whom?



Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights.

These industries contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, they are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled.

Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Institute Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives. This Lent, discover the work of CEAS and IBC by reading our Mini-magazine and watching our testimonial video at devp.org/lent.

Offertories Received – Week Ending Mar 23			
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	\$425	\$1,246	\$6,378
			\$8,049
Next Special Collection is April 6 for Development & Peace			

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Journey of Faith
Living Lent



In Short:

- God's mercy is continuously offered freely and to all.
- The scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance.
- A daily examen of consciousness helps us move closer to Christ.



Called to Conversion

Each test or trial we encounter serves as an opportunity to turn toward, or away from, God. The word **conversion** comes from the Latin for "a turning, overturning, turning around; turning point; change." In spiritual terms, conversion is the ongoing response of our whole person turning in faith and love to the God who loves us.

The first and fundamental conversion occurs at baptism, for "It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life" (CCC 1427).

Many people connect conversion with moral change and the decision to choose right over wrong, good over evil. But morality and law don't save. God saves. Grace saves. The free gift of God's love and mercy makes true morality—choosing to follow God's will out of love, not fear—possible.

"Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.'"

CCC 1427, citing Mark 1:15

Scrutinies: Looking Within

We're all familiar with regret. You may regret having that piece of pie at lunch, letting a friendship fade away, or not spending enough time with your family. Though regretful, these actions aren't necessarily sinful.

Most of us will regret and feel guilty for the ways we intentionally hurt others and turned away from God through our sinful actions and attitudes. When we sin, we feel the weight of our guilt. We may feel it physically, spiritually, and emotionally. The good news is that we may find ways to express sorrow for the hurt, undo some of the harm we've caused, and get back into right relationship with God, others, and ourselves.

Even better, as we turn back toward God, we discover that God is always turned toward us—with arms outstretched and a heart full of love and mercy, eager to forgive.

- *What regrets do you have about hurts you've intentionally caused? How do you feel about yourself as a result?*

