



# 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

## April 6<sup>th</sup> - April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21

Gospel: John 8.1-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 3.8-14

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

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

**PALM SUNDAY MASS on SATURDAY (April 12), 4pm:** Parishioners are invited to gather at the Knights of Columbus Hall at Regent Street, around 3:45pm. After blessing the Palms, we come into the Church in procession to continue the Passion Sunday celebrations.

**APRIL is the MONTH OF THE EUCHARIST, THE LIVING BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST.** Jesus told St. Faustina (Diary, 1385 and 367): "KNOW MY DAUGHTER, THAT WHEN I COME TO A HUMAN HEART IN HOLY COMMUNION, MY HANDS ARE FULL OF ALL KINDS OF GRACES which I want to give to the soul. BUT SOULS...TREAT ME AS A DEAD OBJECT. \*\*\*\*\*You, at least, COME TO ME AND TAKE THESE GRACES THEY DO NOT WANT TO ACCEPT. IN THIS WAY YOU WILL CONSOLE MY HEART. Oh, how indifferent are souls to so much goodness...My Heart drinks only of the ingratitude and forgetfulness of souls living in the world." Lent is a time of penance, reparation for sin and conversion to the Heart of God. During lent, let us not only receive, but also console Jesus, just as He asked of St Faustina, by praying to Him and receiving His graces.

(Prayers at St Mary Magdalene Church (front left) across from St Joseph's altar.)

## Readings for April 13<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> R: Isaiah 50.4-7

2<sup>nd</sup> R: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Luke 22.14-23.56

### ST. DUNSTAN'S

#### Mass Intentions:

Sat, Apr 5	4:00 PM	Louise Roy
Sun, Apr 6	9:00 AM	John Joseph Saad
	11:30 AM	Prudencio Romano Sr.
Tue, Apr 8	6:30 PM	Joseph Murray
Wed, Apr 9	6:30 PM	Marie Steever
Thu, Apr 10	12:05 PM	Marie Steever
Fri, Apr 11	6:30 PM	Yvonne Murray
Sat, Apr 12	4:00 PM	Rosemary Thomas
Sun, Apr 13	9:00 AM	Joan Daley
	11:30 AM	Anne Hodgins

#### 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays

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

**Stations of the Cross:** 7:15pm, Tuesdays

#### Donations for Easter flowers in memory of

your loved ones: Envelopes are available at the entrance to each church. Write your name, your envelope number (if any) and name of loved one(s) on the donation envelope and place it in the collection basket. A list of those being remembered will be displayed in each church at Easter.

**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.

#### **Offertories Received - Week Ending Mar 30**

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

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	<u>St C</u>	<u>J&amp;P</u>	<u>St D</u>	<u>Total</u>
Regular offertories	\$522	\$1,411	\$6,571	\$8,504

**Next Special Collection is April 6 for  
Development & Peace**

### STS. JOHN & PAUL

#### Mass Intentions:

Sun, Apr 6	11:00 AM	Father Leon Creamer
Sun, Apr 12	11:00 AM	Albert Khoury

**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, Apr 6	9:00 AM	Father Leon Creamer
Sun, Apr 12	9:00 AM	Pepi DiGiacinto

**Mass Times:** 9:00 AM Sundays

**Stations of the Cross:** 6:30pm

#### 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 with live music, stories of hope, and community filled 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](mailto:journeyforakidney@gmail.com)

Let's make this night count. ❤️

#### 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.*



**Attention High School Students!**  
**Steubenville Atlantic Conference**  
**July 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>**

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.

**"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!

**Invitation to All Parents and Catechists**

Transform Your Life as a Disciple of Christ. Join us for a four-week personal retreat on Zoom to deepen your friendship with Jesus and grow as missionary disciples. This retreat is open to all parents and catechists committed to parish renewal and ministry.

Retreat Details:

- Book Study: "Into His Likeness" by Dr. Edward Sri
- Facilitator: Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Host: Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis
- Dates: April 24 to May 15, 2025
- Meeting Times: Weekly sessions from 9:30 – 11:30 AM or 7:00 – 9:00 PM

To register, please email [catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org) or text 506-623-8130 with your name and preferred time to attend. The book can be ordered online through Amazon.ca or Sunrise Marian. We look forward to your participation!

**Development & Peace- Share Lent: This Lent, please give generously**



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Turn Debt into Hope campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

"As we work together toward a better world, your support strengthens not only our efforts, but the shared hope that we can bring about lasting change through solidarity and love. Your generosity is a testament to the boundless compassion that unites us all as one human family. May we continue to walk together in faith and action,

creating a brighter future for all." — The Most Rev. Jorge Izaguirre, Bishop of Chosica, outgoing president of CEAS, a partner in Peru. Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for your solidarity!

**Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast:** Sunday, April 13th, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Proceeds from this breakfast will be used to help fund medical care for Joan, the wife of one of the Knights, who is in the Philippines awaiting a kidney transplant. Everyone welcome.

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**In Short:**

- During Holy Week, we follow the events of Jesus' passion through his resurrection.
- Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum mark the main events of Holy Week.
- Jesus entrusts us with sharing the good news of his resurrection with others.



After hearing this story from one of the Gospels, we take up our own palms and sing a hymn in honor of Christ our king as we process into the church. But the story isn't over. Later, we hear the story of the passion of Jesus. The same people who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem ask for his crucifixion less than a week later. We reflect on the fickleness of human nature and our own weakness.

**A Prayer of Welcoming**

Read one of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem: Matthew 21:1–11, Mark 11:1–10, or Luke 19:28–40.

Now imagine the scene as if you're there. Hear the sounds of the crowd. See the crowd around you, the palms on the path. Watch Jesus riding on the colt of an ass. Imagine you're laying down palm branches and welcoming Jesus. What else could you do to make Jesus feel honored, respected, and welcomed? We all long to feel welcomed and accepted. When we welcome others, God's welcome to us is passed on.

Remember an opportunity you had recently to welcome someone. It may have been someone who sat next to you in church, someone new at work, someone you just met.

**The Meaning of Holy Week**

During Holy Week, we enter into Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. We not only commemorate the important events of our salvation in a historical way but we also celebrate them in a sacramental way that makes these sacred mysteries present to us.

**Palm Sunday**

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the Sunday before Easter. This liturgy recalls Jesus' dramatic arrival at Jerusalem. He came humbly, yet the people greeted him by laying cloaks and palm branches on his path and acclaiming him as the Son of David, and, therefore, heir to the kingdom.



- *What did you do to help this person feel welcomed and accepted?*

