



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba †
118 Wilsey Rd FJ

Sts. John & Paul †
729 New Maryland Hwy

St. Dunstan's
120 Regent St

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am-5:30pm (Closed for lunch 12-1pm)

Weekends: Saturday 2 pm – 6 pm / Sunday 8 am – 1 pm

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Livestream link for Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmarymagdaleneparishmass1528/streams>

Diocesan Newsletter: <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/email-newsletter-sign-up>

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.

February 2nd, 2025 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2.10-11, 13b-18

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Rosary and Divine Mercy:

Rosary before Mass:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Rosary to St. Joseph:

Saturdays @ 2:30-3:30 pm, St. Dunstan's. (For appt. call the office)

Tuesdays @ 2 pm, St Dunstan's

Sundays @ 10:10am – 10:40am, Sts. John and Paul

Thursdays @ 1-5 pm, Sts. John and Paul

Fridays @ 6 pm (before Mass), St. Dunstan's

Wednesdays @ 6pm (before Mass), St. Dunstan's

Preparation for RCIA, Sacrament of Marriage and Baptism, please call the office at (506) 444-6001.

THE ADORATION EXPERIENCE – A WITNESS STORY

The first time I experienced adoration was on a Thursday. During Mass, the statues were covered in purple cloth and at the end of Mass; the priest took the Eucharist to another room in the church and said we could stay with Jesus until midnight. That was the first time I realized what the Eucharist really was. Before I knew with my mind, but then, I knew with my heart. It was Jesus, living and present among us, and he was taken away. I was heartbroken and cried inconsolably. I promised him I would come back again. I knew so little about my faith, but God knew the longing in my heart. A lady came to tell me that I can spend time with Jesus before or after Mass, and whenever the church is open, and that I could stay as little or as long as I wanted. I started going once in a while. That was many years ago and I still go and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes my visits are hit and miss but Jesus is always waiting there for me and he is waiting for you too. I hope you will take a few minutes to visit him when you can. - Mary Beaulieu

We welcome to the Catholic Community:

Daziel Gonzaga Murillo, baptized Sunday, February 2, 2025.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church

Sun, Feb 2 9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
Sun, Feb 9 9:00 AM Tina Christie

Sts. John & Paul Church

Sun, Feb 2 11:00 AM Tammy Sorensen
Sun, Feb 9 11:00 AM Gary Osborne

St. Dunstan's Church

Fri, Jan 31 6:30 PM Hughena MacNeil
Sat, Feb 1 9:00 AM Father Monte Peters
4:00 PM Robert (Bob) Lewis
Sun, Feb 2 9:00 AM Fr. Harris (Special Intention)
11:30 AM Salem Masry
Tues, Feb 4 6:30PM Cecile Desrosiers
Wed, Feb 5 6:30 PM Richard Nicki
Thu, Feb 6 12:05PM Helen O'Connor
Fri, Feb 7 6:30 PM David Hitchcock and Family
Sat, Feb 8 4:00 PM Louise Mason
Sun, Feb 9 9:00 AM Ernesto F. Pasadilla
11:30 AM Madeleine (Lapointe)Dufour
Hannah Theresa Salem

Readings for Feb 9th

1st R: Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8 **2nd R:** 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

First Friday, Jan 31th - Mass @ 6:30 pm, Adoration
7pm, Confessions 7:15pm at St. Dunstan's

First Saturday, Feb 1st - Mass @ 9am, Rosary 9:30am,
Confessions 2:30pm at St. Dunstan's

Prayers for Peace in the World: Tuesday, February
4th, 7 – 7:45 pm, at St. Dunstan's.

**Those who are attending the webinar, 'Dying with
Christ- Living with Hope',** please call the office and
leave your contact information.

Christmas Exchange Program – During the recent
Christmas season, we were able to provide gift cards, in
the amount of \$250, to 47 people. This money was
collected in December 2023. In December 2024, we
collected \$2,900. With this amount we will be able to
help about 11 people next Christmas. We will keep
collecting money and accept any contribution you can
generously give. Simply indicate on the envelope the
amount and « Christmas Exchange » when you put in the
offertory or by e-transfer with this mention in the note. We
thank you so much in advance to help us in this important
matter that is dear to our Parish.

**Jubilee pilgrimage to Lourdes, Paris and Rome,
November 3rd - 15th.** Information meeting will be

Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30pm in the Mary
Sullivan Room, located in the Monsignor Boyd
Family Center.

**As part of the key drivers identified in the DMI
Survey,** in the Sunday Experience and Spiritual
Practice, we would like to invite parishioners, on
February 1st and 2nd, to bring candles to masses to be
blessed on Candlemas. On February 8th and 9th we
will do the blessing of the throat in memorial of St.
Blaise in the three churches. Please join us during
these two feasts.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast:
Sunday, February 9th, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at
the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10.00,
Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Everyone
welcome.

Little Rock Scripture Study will begin Tuesday,
February 18, in the morning and Thursday February
20 in the evening and will continue for eight
weeks. The work to be discussed is Ronald
Rolheiser's *Wrestling with God*. Because
introductory reading is required, please contact Jayne
Nicki at 506-453-9899 or jaynicki@gmail.com to
obtain a book.

**St. Mary Magdalene Parish is hosting a fundraiser:
Brunch for a Cause: Help Joan Tan Get a Second
Chance at Life.** Join us for a Brunch for a Cause to
support Joan Tan, wife of one our parishioners Rafael
Tan, who urgently needs a second kidney transplant.
Joan's first transplant, unfortunately, failed, and she
and her husband, Rafael, are raising funds for another
life-saving procedure.

WHEN: March 2nd (Sunday) | 10AM - 2PM

WHERE: Monsignor Boyd Family Centre – Gym

PRICE:

Adult: \$15

Kids (5-10 y/o) \$10

Kids (0-5 y/o): FREE

MENU: Pansit | Spring Roll | Porridge | Egg |
Chocolate Rice Pudding | French Toast/Pancake |
Sausage | Potato Taters

Let's come together as a community to support Joan!
Every plate served helps make a difference. Food
and/or Ingredient pledges are highly accepted and
appreciated. For more details or to contribute, contact
Evert Garcia at journeyforakidney@gmail.com.

In preparation of the Solemnity of St. Joseph and as part of the Disciples Maker Index Survey under the key driver "Belief in Core Catholic Teaching" we would like to invite you to take part into a 33-day consecration to St. Joseph. If you already consecrated yourself to Our Lady, you can still consecrate yourself to St. Joseph, you will be in the care of a spiritual mother and father. Therefore, come along and join us in this beautiful journey and be a Witness and a Disciple Maker of Jesus. The sessions will begin on February 15 to end on the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19th. Leave your name and contacts with the office. Father Suresh will provide more information as we get closer to the starting date.

EPIPHANY CHALK BLESSING for PROTECTION of OUR HOMES - Chalk will be blest in the church on Candlemas weekend, and some Home Blessing Kits (containing the blest chalk and a short blessing prayer to be recited over our homes), will be available for parishioners from the following weekend, February 8 and 9, till Febr 15 inclusive, at all three entrances to St Dunstan's Church. The church recommends this blessing be done annually, BEFORE Septuagesima (Septuagesema falls on FEBR. 16 this year), on all exterior doors of our homes, to protect them and their inhabitants from all evil and corrupting influences of the world from entering during the year. This mirrors God's first Passover command to His people to protect themselves and their homes by marking the exterior doorways with the Blood of the Pascal Lamb. Blest chalk is a sacramental and must be treated as such. You may keep it to use next year, or return it to baskets placed at the 3 church entrances till the end of Febr. One blessing kit per family please.

As a follow up of the Survey Discipline Maker Index, under the key driver "Spiritual Practice" we invite you to an activity you can do at the comfort of your home. You can follow for free, The Bible in a Year podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitz who will guide you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes. You will find this activity at: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/>

Prayers of the Faithful

The name of the sick person you wish to be added to the Prayers of the Faithful list should be called in at the office. The name will be added to the list for a period of four (4) Sundays. If you wish to have the name remain on the list, you will have to call the office on the fourth week otherwise the name will be removed.

As we are all called to be Disciples of Jesus and to be a witness, you are invited to share your story with parishioners. If you had an experience from Adoration or prayers answered, please write up your story and send it to the office via mail or by hand writing. You can either sign your name or simply indicate "a faithful parishioner."

Regular Offertory envelope boxes are available at the church entrances of St. Columba and Sts. John & Paul. St. Dunstan's envelope boxes are available at the Regent St entrance. For new boxed envelopes, please call the office.

Sunday Missals are available for \$5.00ea at the entrance of the Church. St. Dunstan's Sunday Missals can be purchased at the office.

Jubilee Prayer Cards are available at the church entrances.

Copies of Fr. John Jennings's weekly reflection: Our Sacred Stories are available at all the entrances of the church. You are welcome to pick one up.

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund – Monies collected will contribute towards the CCCB's five-year \$30-million National Campaign to support regional and local Indigenous healing and reconciliation initiatives. You may contribute to this fundraising appeal at anytime on our website via cheque or transfer at (<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>). You can read more about the IRF's activities, including updates on the nine projects funded in our diocese, in 2024.

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund -Links
<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>
<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/indigenous-relations>

Indigenous Rosary Walks Reconciliation Path-Link - <https://www.catholicregister.org/item/37561-indigenous-rosary-walks-reconciliation-path>

Are you a young adult ages 18-35? The Catholic Young Adults of Fredericton (CYAF) welcomes you! Connect with us through our website (<https://www.cyafredericton.com/>) and on Facebook ("Catholic Young Adults of Fredericton") to sign-up for our weekly email newsletter.

What is Candlemas?

On February 2, exactly 40 days after Christmas, we commemorate Mary's adherence to the Mosaic law as she entered the Temple for the ritual purification, as explained in *Leviticus 12:2-8*. Also, forty days was the time when a firstborn was brought to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord (*Exodus 13:2-12*). The Gospel reading for The Feast of the Presentation describes the scene: "And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." The story continues as Simeon holds the baby in his arms and says that Jesus will be a light for the Gentiles (Luke 2:22-32).

- * In Christian communities today, Candlemas continues to be a day of purification, renewal, and hope.
- * Some call the day *Candlemas* (Candle Mass), which comes from the activities associated with the feast.
- * Often local churches hand out candles, or people bring their own, to be blessed.
- * After an antiphon, during which the candles held by the people are lighted, there is a procession into the church. During the procession to the church, the *Nunc Dimittis* is sung, replicating the words that Simeon proclaimed.
- * In Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches, the procession into the church for Mass commemorates Christ's entrance into the temple.

5 Benefits of Prayers for Candlemas

1. Praying for Candlemas can help us remember the importance of our faith.
2. Prayer can remind us of God's Presence in our lives and offer us comfort and peace.
3. Prayer can help us Draw closer to God and feel His presence more deeply.
4. Petitionary prayers offered on Candlemas can help us feel that we are not alone in our struggles but that God is with us always.
5. Praying for Candlemas can help us grow in holiness and become more like Christ.

Offertories Received Week Ending Jan 26				
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	\$507	\$1,376	\$6,659	\$8,541
Indigenous Solidarity Fund	\$77	\$170	\$890	\$1,137
Next Special Collection is Feb 2 for Building Fund				