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Baptism: Call the office one month before desired date

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April 27th – May 3rd, 2025 – Divine Mercy Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 5.12-16

Gospel: John 20.19-31

2nd Reading: Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday ending on Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Novena

Unlike other novenas, where people ask for something from God through the intercession of His Holy Saints, the Divine Mercy Novena is intended to be prayed for graces and/or salvation to be given to other people. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina that this novena be prayed prior to the Feast of Divine Mercy (the Sunday after Easter), beginning on Good Friday. He gave Sr. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said: "These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."

In her diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul, Sr. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy. . . On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls." Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena from home as we await the Celebration of God's Great Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Day	Date	Prayer Intention
1	Good Friday April 18	We pray for all mankind, especially all sinners
2	Holy Saturday April 19	We pray for souls of priests and religious
3	Easter Sunday April 20	We pray for all devout and faithful souls
4	Easter Monday April 21	We pray for those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know God
5	Easter Tuesday April 22	We pray for souls of those who have separated themselves from the Church
6	Easter Wednesday April 23	We pray for the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children
7	Easter Thursday April 24	We pray for souls who especially venerate and glorify God's mercy
8	Easter Friday April 25	We pray for souls who are detained in purgatory
9	Easter Saturday April 26	We pray for souls who have become lukewarm

Readings for May 4th

1st R: Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41

2nd R: Revelation 5.11-14

Gospel: John 21.1-19

ST. DUNSTAN'S

Mass Intentions:

Sat, Apr 26 4:00 PM George and Mary-Jane McGraw
Charline LeBlanc Beaupré
Leo and Suzanne Losier
Sun, Apr 27 9:00 AM Wally Brooks
11:30 AM Clarice Roxborough
Tue, Apr 29 6:30 PM NO MASS
Wed, Apr 30 6:30 PM Bill Boies
Thu, May 1 12:05 NN Roy Campbell
Fri, May 2 6:30 PM Patricia Dickeson
Sat, May 3 4:00 PM Edmond and Rachel Losier
Sun, May 4 9:00 AM Heidi MacLean
11:30 AM Faye Gilmore

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

Divine Mercy Sunday with exposition will be held on
April 27 St Dunstan's Church commencing at 2:45 pm.

**Divine Mercy Sunday: Was only in 2000 that this feast
was created by Pope John Paul II**

Jesus told St Faustina (Diary 699): "on that day
(Divine Mercy Sunday)...the soul that will go to confession
and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete
forgiveness of sins and punishment". Here are
recommendations:

- Go to Confession, and if you can't, do an Act of Contrition, just telling God you're sorry.
- Go to Holy Communion. If you can't, make a Spiritual Communion just telling God that "I am uniting with you."
- "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a poor sinner."

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Intentions:

Sun, Apr 27 11:00 AM Rosalind Neufeld
Sun, May 4 11:00 AM Manilyn E Mari

Mass Times: 11:00 AM Sundays

Rosary / Divine Mercy: 10:10 AM Sundays

Adoration: 1 – 5 PM Thursdays

**On May 1st at 1pm, there will be a Memorial
Mass & Prayers for the Conclave. Silent
Adoration will follow as normal.**

The **Funeral Mass of Walter McHugh**, former
Grand Knight, will take place at Sts. John & Paul
Church site on Saturday, May 3rd at 11:00 am.

ST. COLUMBA

Mass Intentions:

Sun, Apr 27 9:00 AM Tina Christie
Sun, May 4 9:00 AM Joan Reardon

Mass Time: 9:00 AM Sundays

CWL will be selling tickets on a Spring Basket at St
Dunstan's Church and Sts. John & Paul Church for the
next four Sundays. Proceeds from this Basket and
the Christmas Gift Card Tree are used to support
parish activities such as First Communion,
Confirmation, RCIA, and Youth Retreats. In the
community, CWL supports food banks and
shelters along with Our Lady of Grace Catholic
School. Nationally, we donate to televised Masses
along with Northern Missions. Thank you for your
support.

The Fredericton Choral Society invites you to its
concert, *Spring Songs & Sweets*. It promises an
evening of wonderful choral music, followed by a
reception with sweet treats to tempt your palate.
Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students,
available at the door. Come to Christ Church
(Parish) Church at the corner of Westmoreland
and Charlotte Streets in Fredericton, on Saturday,
May 10th, at 7:00 pm. Contact Jack
Walsworth for more information, using email:
jlwals@nbnet.nb.ca or telephone 506-478-1980.

Summaries on Offertories received the previous week will be available next week.

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 1700.



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"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew." (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium)

April 21, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we join with the universal Church in commending the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite mercy of God. His pontificate has been one marked by mercy and evangelization. His apostolic exhortation touched me so deeply that I adopted its title, *Evangelii Gaudium* – the Joy of the Gospel, as my episcopal motto.

For Pope Francis, a renewed encounter with Jesus was primary. His legacy will be one of seeking out the lost, sending us to the peripheries and finding Jesus in the poor, the marginalized and the forgotten. My most memorable encounter with the Holy Father was during my Ad Limina visit to Rome in 2017, where he asked the bishops to prioritize two things – prayer and sharing the Gospel. As we reflect on his life and ministry to the Church as a successor of Peter, what better way to honor his legacy than to embrace our baptismal call as missionary disciples sharing the hope that does not disappoint (c.f. Romans 5:5).

I would like to invite you to Holy Hour Vigil at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Friday April 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm, as faithful throughout the world anticipate the funeral Mass for Pope Francis on Saturday April 26, 2025 in Rome. On Tuesday, April 29, at 7:00 pm there will be a Memorial Mass for Pope Francis at the Cathedral that I will preside. I encourage you to participate in any other prayers and devotions that are being offered in your parish.

With deep confidence that the Lord turns all sorrow into joy, we give thanks for the gift of Pope Francis to the Church and pray that he will be hastily received into the arms of the Father whom he loved so dearly in life. May the words of his final Urbi et Orbi message bring us comfort: "In the Lord's Paschal Mystery, death and life contended in a stupendous struggle, but the Lord now lives forever. He fills us with the certainty that we too are called to share in the life that knows no end, when the clash of arms and the rumble of death will be heard no more. Let us entrust ourselves to him, for he alone can make all things new (cf. Rev. 21:5)!" (April 20, 2025).

In the mercy of the Risen Jesus, and Mary, Mother of Hope,

✠ Christian Riesbeck, CC
Bishop of Saint John

**Statement to the Catholic Faithful
by the Permanent Council of
the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
on the 2025 Federal Election**

In this [Jubilee Year of Hope 2025](#), as we prepare for a federal election in Canada, it is essential that, as citizens and Catholics, we reflect on the challenges currently facing our nation with a spirit of hope and a vision for a better future.

In a free and democratic society, all those eligible to vote have not only a [right, but also a responsibility to engage with local candidates and political parties](#). We are called to discern which policies best serve the common good—that which the Church defines as “[the sum of those conditions of ... social life whereby people, families and associations more adequately and readily may attain their own perfection](#)” (*Gaudium et Spes*, n. 74.1). As faithful citizens, we are invited to help shape our earthly society in accordance with God’s divine plan, always mindful that “our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Phil 3:20).

Our Catholic faith provides essential moral and social guidance, helping us understand and respond to the critical issues facing our country. The role of pastors—especially the Pope and bishops—is to articulate the principles of faith and Church teaching so that the lay faithful may form their consciences accordingly. As the Church teaches, it is the duty of the faithful “[to see that the divine law is inscribed in the life of the earthly city](#)” (*Gaudium et Spes*, n. 43.2).

There are many issues which we, as Catholics, are called to consider thoroughly when voting. Among them is the fundamental right to life—from conception to natural death. This right is being undermined by the [lack of legal protection for the unborn](#), the [ongoing expansion of eligibility for Medical Assistance in Dying \(MAiD\)](#), and the [insufficient access to quality palliative care](#) for those who are suffering at the end of life.

We must also advocate for the most vulnerable in our society: those living in [poverty](#), victims of [human trafficking](#), individuals suffering from [mental illness](#) and [addiction](#), the [homeless](#), and [immigrants](#)—each deserving of both social and legal support. Furthermore, there is increasing concern over growing [intolerance toward religious communities](#) in Canada, including [threats to remove charitable tax status](#) simply for upholding values rooted in faith that diverge from prevailing secular ideologies.

This election is a profound opportunity for Catholics to contribute to building a civilization of love. We are called to walk together in justice and truth with [Indigenous Peoples](#). We are asked to examine policies that affect access to education, healthcare, housing, and social services for all, and to support initiatives that honour the [family as the fundamental unit of society](#) and uphold the dignity of every human person, [created male and female in the image of God](#).

In a time of significant economic uncertainty, Canada needs a national economic vision that promotes the common good while respecting international obligations and fostering global solidarity. Economic development must be rooted in justice, [stewardship of creation](#), and care for the vulnerable—both at home and abroad.

After careful reflection on these matters in the light of faith, we are called to form our consciences prayerfully and to express our convictions through our vote. Let us pray for our country, for all political candidates, and for our fellow citizens. Before casting our ballots, let us pause in personal prayer—perhaps by reciting the Lord’s Prayer—and ask God’s blessing upon those who will be elected to lead our nation.

