



# ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

*St. Columba † Sts. John & Paul † St. Dunstan's*  
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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN  
 Pastoral Council Chair: Evert Garcia  
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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

**January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 to February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Isaiah 9.1-4* Gospel: *Matthew 4.12-23* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18*

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 Wednesdays – 6:30 PM – BENEDICTION at 6 PM Thursdays - 12:05 PM Fridays – 6:30 PM – ROSARY TO ST. JOSEPH at 6 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Fridays – 6:30 PM – Adoration at 7 PM Saturdays – 4PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturdays – 9 AM followed by Rosary	Sundays at 11:00 AM ROSARY: Before Mass at 10:20 AM Thursdays – Adoration 1PM-5PM	Sundays at 9:00 AM ROSARY: Mondays at 7:00 PM

**PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONES OFF DURING MASS**

**VIGIL CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE FOR \$5**

## 200th Anniversary of St. Dunstan's Church:

**St. Dunstan's Church** was established in the early years of 1827 based on historical records gathered by one of our parishioners, Frances McGinn. With this, the Parish Pastoral Council comprised a special committee to plan the celebration of the church's *200th Anniversary* on year 2027.

If you are interested to be part of this special committee, please contact:

Evert Garcia: ☎ 506-471-9065 / ✉ [esg\\_mit@yahoo.com](mailto:esg_mit@yahoo.com)

Mark Depow: ☎ 506-260-9669 / ✉ [mdepow@gmail.com](mailto:mdepow@gmail.com)

*Once we have enough volunteers, we will have a kick-off meeting to plan on how we will celebrate this wonderful milestone of our church. Thank you and God bless!*

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**ST. DUNSTAN**

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. January 24 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM	Michael Pama	Hazel & Jerry	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. January 25 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM	Riva Ornopia	Renwil Causing	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. January 25 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM	Sandra Riley	Dianne Lepage	Fr. Peter Osborne
Tues. January 27 <sup>th</sup> 12:05 PM	Odette Lapointe	Rose Anne DiGiacinto	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Wed. January 28 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM	Buenaventura Bautista Jr. Buenaventura Sr. & Lucena Bautista Sancho & Tarcila Mondares	Theresa Bautista	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Thurs. January 29 <sup>th</sup> 12:05 PM	William Woods	Natasha Woods	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Fri. January 30 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM	Myles Carpenter	Bruce & Regina Spencer	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sat. January 31 <sup>st</sup> 4:00 PM	Helen Flanagan	Jayne Nicki	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. February 1 <sup>st</sup> 9:00 AM	Mary Flowella Causing & Jubert Abregonde	Renwil Causing	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. February 1 <sup>st</sup> 11:30 AM	Salem Masry	Laila Masry	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

**STS. JOHN & PAUL**

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. January 25 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM	Albert Murray	Margaret Murray	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sunday February 1 <sup>st</sup> 11:00 AM	Bernice Foster	The Bird Family	Fr. Denis Hayes

**ST. COLOMBA**

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. January 25 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM	For the Parishioners	TBD	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sunday February 1 <sup>st</sup> 9:00 AM	For the Parishioners	TBD	Fr. Denis Hayes

**Blessed Palms:** Please return your blessed palms to any of our three churches by Sunday February 15th. These palms will be used to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday on February 18<sup>th</sup>.



**Youth Invitation: Steubenville Atlantic 2026!**

**All teens in Grades 8-12** are invited to join thousands of Catholic youth from across Atlantic Canada for **Steubenville Atlantic**, happening **July 10-12, 2026** at **Dalhousie University, Halifax**. This high-energy Catholic youth conference features dynamic speakers, powerful worship, music, fellowship, and opportunities to grow deeper in faith. **Registration is now open!**

**Great news:**

- **The parish will partly sponsor the candidates attending the conference.**
- **\$50 non-refundable fee is due by the youth to the Diocese of Saint John within a week of the youth registering to keep their spot**
- **There will also be parish-led fundraising activities to help support the trip and build community**

If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish Faith Formation Coordinator for details on cost, travel, and how to register, or visit: [👉 https://www.steubenville.ca/](https://www.steubenville.ca/) **Let's encounter Christ together this summer!**

## PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Sunday of the Word of God - January 25

In the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

“Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.”  
Pope Francis.

### World Day of Consecrated Life February – 2 The Presentation of the Lord. (Candle Mass)

The Purpose of this day is to “help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord” John Paul II.

There is a special Feast Day mass at 6.30 pm at St Dunstan, please bring candles to bless them during the Mass.

### Blessing Throat – February 3

The Blessing of the Throat is given individually on this day after the 12.05 pm Mass.

The Blessing of Throat to all is given on the weekend (Feb 7 and 8) Masses, with the prayer of Blessing.

“Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

### World day of Sick February – 11

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. We will light a candle for them and pray.

### Men’s Retreat 2026 — Called to Be Heroic Apostles in Action - Villa Madonna Retreat House | March 20–22, 2026.

**Theme:** On Fire with the Spirit. Sent with Purpose. Igniting Heroic Faith. “The disciples devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” — Acts 2:42 In an age that urgently needs courageous, grounded, and spiritually alive men, this retreat invites you to step away from the noise of daily life and rediscover what it means to live as a **missionary disciple of Jesus Christ**. Over this weekend at Villa Madonna, you will be invited into a rhythm of **teaching, prayer, sacramental life, fraternity, and personal reflection** that mirrors the life of the early Church — and renews it for today. This retreat is not just about personal renewal, but about being formed as a man who is **sent**: sent into family life, parish life, professional life, and the wider world with clarity, courage, and love. All men in the Diocese of Saint John ages 19+ yrs are invited to participate in a time of teaching, prayer and reflection, conversation, and fraternal fellowship with Mass and Adoration, Friday, March 20 to Sunday, March 22, 2026, at Villa Madonna Retreat House. For more information and to register on-line (Deadline for registration is **MARCH 6, 2026**): <https://events.insogan.org/CHAA>, or contact Mark Nagas: [menoffaith.nb@gmail.com](mailto:menoffaith.nb@gmail.com)

### Grow in Your Faith This Year! Two Inspiring Daily Study Opportunities with Fr. Mike Schmitz

As we begin a new year, parishioners are invited to enrich their spiritual lives through two exceptional daily study programs:

-  **The Bible in a Year**
-  **The Catechism in a Year**

It’s not too late to begin. You can easily catch up by listening to one or two episodes at a time.

Both programs are led by Fr. Mike Schmitz and include his thoughtful commentary, helping listeners understand Scripture and Church teaching in a clear and meaningful way. You can listen to each day’s episode for free by searching the program titles on:

 **Podcast platforms**  **YouTube**  **AscensionPress.com**

I highly recommend you give a listen 😊

*Sincerely,*

*Nadine LeBlanc*

*Coordinator, Faith Formation*

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## 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](#)



**The Fredericton Choral Society**, under the dynamic direction of Greg Geldart, began its new term on Monday, January 12th. **New members are welcome!** We will be accepting registrations up to the end of January. Please join us! Our rehearsals are on Monday evenings, in Fredericton. We will be preparing for **2 EXCITING CONCERTS this spring**. On **April 14<sup>th</sup>**, we will present **Haydn's "Missa in Tempore Belli"** with the **Fredericton Symphony Orchestra** at the Playhouse. Then on **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, we will present our second annual, **"Spring Songs and Sweets"** concert, which will feature popular show tunes. For more information contact Jack Walsworth: [jwals@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:jwals@nbnet.nb.ca)

The Saint John Diocesan Council for Development and Peace is hosting a **Share Lent Workshop** on **February 7<sup>th</sup>** at **Holy Family Church, Fredericton** from **10am to 2pm**. Our Maritime Animator, Adah Ogbe, is presenting the workshop for our 2026 campaign **"On Track for Justice"**. **Meet and Greet** starts **9:30 am** then the **workshop** begins at **10 am**. Lunch will be provided on site.

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

If you cannot come in person, you can take part virtually by registering through the link below. A confirmation email with the link to join the meeting will arrive in your inbox after you register. **To register in advance for this meeting go to:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/4dsCX-8rTdSGyol1OzvQKg>

## ST. DUNSTAN'S ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER



**Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Shrove Tuesday**

**Monsignor Boyd Family Centre**  
**120 Regent St. Fredericton**  
**4PM -6:30PM**

• **Adults \$12** • **Children \$5**  
**Proceeds for this fundraiser will go to the Building Fund toward the Roof Project.**  
**Anyone wanting to volunteer can sign up at the Regent St. entrance.**

**Donations are welcome!**

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton will be having the **World Day of Prayer Bible Study** on **Monday, February 2, 2026 at 11:00 AM** at **St. Theresa's Church, 1 William Street**. Our Facilitator will be Rev. Michelle Armstrong from St. Andrew's Presbyterian and St. Paul's United Church. **Please note the change in the time.** The World Day of Prayer has been 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.

### Offertories Received Week Ending January 18th, 2025

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

	<b>St C</b>	<b>Sts J&amp;P</b>	<b>St D</b>	<b>Total</b>
P.A.D	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Loose Collection	0	34	1225	1259
Envelope Collection	385	365	3501	4251
Total	385	399	4726	5510
Vigil Candle Sales	TBD	TBD	156	TBD

**Next Diocesan Collection:**  
**Catholic Missions in Canada (Ash Wednesday) February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**