

ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

St. Columba † *Sts. John & Paul* † *St. Dunstan's*
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September 27th 2026 to October 4th, 2026

1st Reading: *Ezekiel 18.25-28*

2nd Reading: *Philippians 2.1-11*

Gospel: *Matthew 21.28-32*

Mass Times St. Dunstan's Church

Sundays at 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Tuesdays & Thursdays Mass at 12:05 PM – Rosary Tuesdays @2PM

Wednesdays - Benediction at 6PM, Mass at 6:30 PM

Fridays – ROSARY TO ST. JOSEPH at 6 PM, then Mass at 6:30 PM

Saturdays – CONFESSION at 2:30-3:30 - Mass at 4:00 PM

First Sat. Mass – 9:00 AM – ROSARY & CONFESSION AT 9:30 am

Mass Times Sts. John & Paul Church

Sundays at 11:00 AM

ROSARY: Before Mass at 10:10 AM

Thursdays – Adoration 1PM-5PM

Mass Times St. Columba Church

Sundays at 9:00 AM

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

PLEASE NOTE: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH IN ORDER TO OBSERVE THE NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH & RECONCILIATION



As we begin our 200th Anniversary of St. Dunstan's Church Celebration, as a sign of gratitude to our patron of our Church, we are asking for a prayer of thanksgiving from everyone. We will select the best one, and we will use it to pray for the entire year.

A token of gratitude will be given for to the person whose prayer is selected. Kindly send your prayer submission to: office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca before September 30th.

CREATE OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO!

St. Dunstan's Church • 200 Years of Faith & Community

St. Dunstan's Church is celebrating a remarkable 200 years of faith, history, and community! As we prepare for our anniversary celebration in October 2027, we invite YOU to help create a special symbol for this historic milestone.

✦ LOGO MAKING CONTEST ✦

Design an original logo that represents St. Dunstan's, our Catholic faith, our rich heritage, and our journey into the future.

🏆 The selected logo will become the official logo of our 200th Anniversary and will be used throughout the anniversary year until our celebration in October 2027.

🎁 A token of gratitude will be presented to the selected artist as our appreciation for sharing their creativity and helping make this celebration special.

Be creative. Be inspired. Be part of history!

📌 You can submit your created logo to our Parish Office on or before September 30th. For questions, kindly reach out to Evert Garcia at esq.mit@yahoo.com.

**200 Years of Faith • 200 Years of Community
 • 200 Years of St. Dunstan's**

MASS INTENTIONS:

St. Dunstan's Mass Intentions September 26th to October 4th , 2026

Mass Schedules	Mass Intention	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. September 26 th 4:00 PM	Carole & Charline LeBlanc	Nadine LeBlanc	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. September 27 th 9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Prayer	Angel, Kenvie, Ven Family	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. September 27 th 11:30 AM	Isabelle Hottote Morin	Helen Chenier	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Tues. September 29 th 12:05 PM	For the Parishioners	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Wed. September 30 th	Leroy McGinn	Veronica McGinn	Fr. Peter Osborne
Thurs. October 1 st 12:05 PM	Thanksgiving for 1 year of work	Mark	Fr. Peter Osborne
Fri. October 2 nd 6:30 PM	Thanksgiving for intercession of St. Anthony of Padua	Grateful Parishioner	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sat. October 3 rd 9:00AM	Yolanda Valentino	Linda Gregan	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sat. October 3 rd 4:00 PM	Michael Joseph Melvin Soul of Francis Britto	Mike Melvin A Faithful Parishioner	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. October 4 th 9:00 AM	Special: Gerald Logan	Mary & Norm	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. October 4 th 11:30 AM	Baltjatt, Theresa Salem	Nada & Saliba Saad	Fr. Peter Osborne

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. September 27 th 11:00 AM	Albert Murray	Margaret Murray	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. October 4 th 11:00 AM	Rev. Joseph P. Quin	St. Mary Magdalene Parish	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

ST. COLUMBA

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. September 27 th 9:00 AM	Paul Tennant	Mary Tennant	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. October 4 th 9:00 AM	Hurbert Reid	Mary Tennant	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

Special Catechist Blessing at 11:30 a.m. Mass

Join us in prayer on **Sunday, September 27 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass** as our Faith Formation Catechists sign their **Yearly Commitment Form** and receive a special blessing for the coming year. We invite all parishioners to pray with us as we commission and support our catechists in their important ministry. 🙏📖✝️ *"Let the little children come to me..." (Matthew 19:14).*

Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgment about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. ~ Amen



**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH &
RECONCILIATION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2026**

ON SEPTEMBER 30TH

EVERYONE is invited to attend:

- **Sunrise Ceremony:** Taking place at Officer's Square from 7– 8:30 AM
- **UNB Ceremony :** Taking place at the Richard J. Currie Center from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
- **Psi-te Npomawsuwinuwok (All My People):** Taking place at Sitansisk (St. Mary's) Old Reserve (510 Union Street) from 12 pm – 5:00 pm focusing on healing, resilience and Indigenous culture.
- **Hello Crows:** Storytelling & music at **The Playhouse** at 7:30 pm
- **Live music** with **Haley Blais & Sam Lynch** at the Cap at 6:30 pm

THE CHURCH DEDICATES SEPTEMBER TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS; HER FEAST DAY IS SEPTEMBER 15th.

According to many saints, including St. Alphonsus, just as Jesus is the King of Martyrs, so also Mary is the Queen of Martyrs, having suffered more, and longer, than all other martyrs except Jesus. She willingly suffered her torments, consoled only by knowing the sufferings of her Son were an offering to appease for our sins and purchase our eternal salvation. St Bernard described Mary's suffering as one of the soul and being far greater than that of the body, (i.e.) a martyrdom not by the sword, but by the sorrow in her heart. And we are told her sufferings lasted her lifetime. Indeed, details of her sword of sorrow were predicted to her by Simeon in the temple just after Jesus' birth, placing her grief of compassion for her Son continuously before her as He grew. Later, after He ascended to heaven, the memory of His passion lingered in her soul till she was assumed to heaven. And St Alphonsus tells us that Mary, being more enlightened by the Holy Spirit than all the prophets, understood even better than they did, their predictions in scripture about His barbarous death. The Rosary of the 7 Sorrows of Mary was revealed directly by Mary to St. Bridget in the 14th century, bearing promises for those who remember Mary's sorrows. St Bridget revealed the power of this rosary in a story about a nobleman who made a compact with the devil, lived it out for 60 years, and as he was dying, refused confession believing he would not be forgiven for his sinful life. The priest returned to hear his confession telling him on the third visit that the Father in heaven told him to return to hear his confession, as God wished to have mercy on him. The man wept, confessed, died and went to purgatory, and God told the priest it was because of Mary's intercession - despite the man's sinful life, he had maintained a devotion to the sorrows of Mary and pitied her whenever he thought of them. The Rosary of the 7 Sorrows regained popularity with the modern - day approved apparitions of Kibeho, Rwanda, in the 1980's, when Mary appeared to a young visionary, Marie-Claire Mukangango, commissioning her to reintroduce the Rosary of the 7 Sorrows to the world. Marie-Claire was later killed in the genocide of over 1 million people in Rwanda. This rosary is often prayed throughout Sept and especially on Sept 15. Take a copy of this and other prayers to Our Lady of Sorrows from the poster table across from St Joseph's altar at St Dunstan's Church. Get together with others in the parish to pray the rosary together even one time this month. Our Lady has requested it. Or take a shorter prayer to say during your day.



Are you looking for support this Christmas season?

St. Mary Magdalene Parish **Christmas Exchange Program 2026** offers direct assistance to families and individuals in need in the Fredericton area. Registration begins **October 1st**, and run through **October 31st, 2026**. To be eligible for the program, individuals must be:

- 1). On social assistance & registered with Social Development NB
- 2). A permanent resident of Fredericton.
- 3). Able to attend an in-person interview with the parish priest and the program coordinators in November (TBD)

To be on the 2026 list, call 506-444-6001 or email: office@stmarymagdalene-parish.ca

Men's Faith Conference 2026: GO! Rebuild My Church "Francis, go and rebuild My Church."

Catholic men and young men from across New Brunswick are invited to gather for a powerful day of faith, fellowship, and spiritual renewal on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**, from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at **St. Dunstan's Church, 120 Regent St., Fredericton.**

The conference will feature inspiring presentations by **Fr. Aaron Knox**, opportunities for **Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, fellowship, and Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC.** Whether you are seeking to strengthen your faith, reconnect with God, grow as a husband, father, grandfather, or disciple, or simply spend time with other Catholic men striving to live their faith more deeply, this day is for you. **Registration Fee: \$35 (includes lunch)** Register online: events.insogan.org/NBMC

Bring a friend, brother, son, father, grandson, or fellow parishioner.

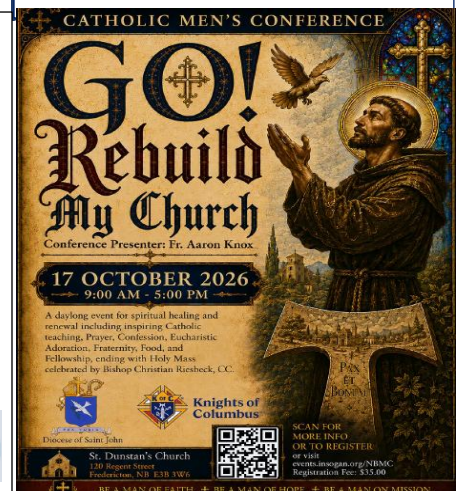
Be a man of faith



Be a man of hope



Be a man on a mission



SAVE THE DATE! 🎉 **NET Youth Event Grades 8-12**
Thursday, October 15, 2026 the **NET Team** will be visiting **St. Dunstan's Church** for an exciting evening of faith, fun, music, prayer, and fellowship.

📅 **Date:** Thursday, October 15, 2026

📍 **Location:** St. Dunstan's Church, Fredericton

🕒 **Time:** 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

💰 **Cost:** Free



The Canadian Catholic Student Association is holding a national conference in Halifax **November 5-8**. STU Campus Ministry is inviting students at NBCC, UNB, and NBCCD to join them. 50\$ covers transportation, food, lodging & conference fees. **10 spots are available.** Reach out to claire@stu.ca. Deadline is October 1st.



A peaceful public witness to the sanctity of human life and the Evil of Abortion

On Sunday, October 4th 2026, Canadians will gather at 375+ locations nationwide to peacefully raise awareness about the truth of abortion during Life Chain, now in its 35th year in Canada. Our local Fredericton Life Chain will be from 2:00 – 3:00 PM at Regent Street and Priestman Street. Please join us this year to silently pray and provide a prophetic witness to the community. You will be provided with a sign to hold during the hour. Signs proclaim: “Abortion Kills Children”, “Abortion Hurts Women”, “Adoption the Loving Option”, “Jesus Forgives and Heals”, etc. When much of the rest of society is content to ignore the youngest members of our human family, we must “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves”, as Proverbs 31:8 reminds us. Hear Jesus ask, “Could you not watch and pray one hour with Me?” – for the most vulnerable ones in the womb and out of the womb...For more information, visit lifechain.ca. Local contact: Jocelyn 506-471-3386

✪✪✪ The **Sts. John and Paul Church Choir** is open to new members! If you enjoy music, singing and having fun, we’d love to have you join us! Interested?! Great! Please see Cathy or Lisa after mass on Sundays or email reledstjohnandpaul@gmail.com. Looking forward to chatting with you soon. ✪✪✪



Please join the Public Square Rosary Crusade. Canada is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save our nation through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Join us in praying for Canada on Saturday October 10th at noon. The Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at St. Dunstan’s Church, outside of the rectory near the Marian statue. Bring your rosary and your heart for prayer. Please contact Cheryl Ford at fordleadership@gmail.com for more information.

CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE COMING IN FOR 2027!

For 2027, our Parish has made some changes to the Offertory Envelope system. Some of the older numbers have been eliminated in order to update the system. Those of you on Preauthorized Debit for your contributions will not receive a numbered box. If you need an envelope for any reason, there are envelopes for all occasions at every entrance to the church. Those who contribute through Electronic Transfer, the same applies. Please don’t be alarmed if your number changes. As long as you WRITE YOUR NAME on an envelope that you offer, no matter if it has a number or not, we track your yearly contributions by NAME not by number. Once the envelopes are ready, they will be placed in the main church entrance for pick up.



The Saint John Diocesan Council for Development and Peace will hold its **Fall Campaign Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 3rd** at Holy Family Church,

1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton, **10 am to 2 pm.** Adah Ogbe, Development & Peace Maritime Regional Animator, will present the workshop on the Fall Campaign, **IS CANADA ON TRACK FOR JUSTICE?** If you cannot attend in person, you can join the meeting virtually, via Zoom. The link to REGISTER for the meeting is below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with the meeting link. You do not have to be a member of Development and Peace to attend. All are welcome to come and learn about the campaign and get to meet others who are dedicated to social justice. Hope to see you on Oct. 3. Mary Hanson, Diocesan Chair. Registration link for the Fall workshop Oct 3: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/sEa99gCuTYC-jooDSskH5g>

Our parish is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to become **sponsors for our OCIA Candidates**, and to accompany them as they begin their journey of faith. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please call the office and leave your contact. We have seven candidates becoming Catholics on Easter Vigil.



You are invited to join us in spirit, reciting Holy Rosary in the month of October, for the intentions of the Parish, as we are beginning to celebrate our **Bicentennial Year** of St. Dunstan’s Church. May peace, joy and hope prevail in every aspect of our faith community.

Healing Hands Exhibition

The Fredericton Homeless Shelters invite the community to: **Healing Hands: An Exhibition of Stories, Strength and Scars** A moving photographic exhibit sharing stories of healing, growth, and resilience. The exhibition will be on display at the **Fredericton Public Library** from **October 1–31, 2026.**

An opening reception will be held on **October 1 from 4PM –7PM**, with light refreshments served. All are welcome to attend and support this inspiring celebration of hope and courage.

Offertories Received Week Ending September 20th 2026

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

	St C	Sts J&P	St D	Total
Christmas Exchange	---	---	5	5
Poor & Needy	10	15	245	270
Loose Collection	93	70	1382	1545
Envelope Collection	457	595	1921	2973
P.A.D.	70	815	2381	3266
Building Fund	---	---	5	5
Vigil Candles	---	---	165	165
Needs of the Church	---	---	5	5

Next Special Collection: BUILDING FUND – October 4th, 2026