



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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August 28th, 2022 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Faith Formation Update - Online Registration is Now Open!

Help us prepare for the fall of 2022. Families with children in kindergarten to grade 7 are invited to register for our Family Faith Formation program beginning in September. Family Faith Formation will be offered at St. Dunstan's, Sts. John & Paul and St. Columba Churches. When registering please be sure to indicate which church site you plan to attend. Families with children entering grade 2 in the fall will receive Sacrament Preparation for 1st Eucharist throughout the year. To register please visit <https://www.stmarymagdaleneparish.ca/faith-formation-1>. Please note that the online form works best sent from a laptop or computer.

Do you have or know a youth entering grade 8 this coming September?

Confirmation Preparation (2-year program) for youth entering grade 8 will begin in September. To help us plan we are asking all youth entering grade 8 wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to register online at <https://www.stmarymagdaleneparish.ca/faith-formation-1>. Please note that the online form works best sent from a laptop or computer.

If you have any questions about St. Mary Magdalene Parish Faith Formation programs, please contact Patty Cameron at 444-6018 or faithformation@stmarymagdeleparish.ca.

Please share with other families and youth that may not see this announcement.

"**Development and Peace**" is helping Caritas India respond to widespread flooding in India's Assam state. The situation is quite dire: hundreds of thousands have been displaced and the waterlogging of farmlands is threatening the food security of a region that was already badly impoverished by the pandemic. Fortunately, our partner (Development and Peace- Caritas India) is well placed to mount a robust response, about which we've just published [an article on our website](#)." Please read more at devp.org. Thanks kindly for your prayers and support. (Note from: Adah Ogbe, Regional Animator for D & P Maritimes & Atlantic).

New Parish Website: Our new website at <https://www.stmarymagdaleneparish.ca> is up and running. The stdunstansparish.ca website and the stjohnandpaul.ca website will no longer be updated and will be shut down. For those on Pre-Authorized Debit please change your banking to the new email address. For those who live stream Mass from our parish website, go into the new website at the above address and click the 'Link to Live Streaming'.

Prayer for Parish Visioning Process

"Loving God, thank you for using our gifts for your purposes in our parish community. As we collaborate with you in this project give each of us open-mindedness, patience, strength, wisdom, a discerning spirit, lightness of spirit, and prayerfulness. Help us to live our experience with joy and gratitude and a confidence that you will surprise us with new directions we might take in living this with you as our guide and companion. Amen"

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church

Sunday, Aug 28th 9:00 am Special Intention

Sunday, Sept 4th 9:00 am Wally Heenan

Sts. John & Paul Church

Sunday, Aug 28th 11:00 am Frank MacDonald

Monday, Aug 29th 9:00 am Colombe Dube

Sunday, Sept 4th 11:00 am Michael McIntosh

St. Dunstan's Church

Sat. Aug 27th 5:00 pm Deceased Members of
DiGiacinto & Gallagher

Sun. Aug 28th 9:00 am John Mazzuca

11:30 am John Harper

Wed. Aug 31st 6:30 pm Marg Biyna Wallace

Thur. Sept 1st 12:05 pm Leonard Hallihan

Sat. Sept 3rd 5:00 pm Percy Khoury

Sun. Sept 4th 9:00 am Narcisco & Dalisay
Opo-Murillo

11:30 am Kevin Smith

Mass Intentions: Contact Marlita Chase (Parish Office 444-6001 or email office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca Indicate at which Church Site you want the Mass said.

NECROLOGY

Aug 29	Thomas James McCarthy	1993
	Dorothy May Sheehan	2006
Aug 30	Bertha (Bertie) Marie Phelan	1999
	Agnes Vera Daley	2000
	Cecil L Hickey	2014
	Brenda Elizabeth Murphy	2020
Aug 31	Donald Carleton MacAulay	2018
Sep 1	Eden Otto Dever	1981
	Helen Margaret Garvie	1981
	Sarah Ethel Campbell	1989
	Simon Smyth-Clerc	1993
	Edward Thomas Moran	1997
Sep 2	Bertrand Joseph Dolan	1983
	James Robert Kenny	1992
	Olga Richards	1992
	Katherine Leonard	1999
	Mary Cecilia O'Brien	2002
	Madeline McLaughlin	2014
	Dr. Barbara Patricia Thorpe	2015
	Margaret Wilby	2020
Sep 3	Dr Frank Ramey	1987
	Jean Marie Breton	1994
	Rita Henneberry	2000
	Kathleen Ruth Murtaugh	2001
Sep 4	Beatrice M Poirier	1980
	Harold V Flanagan	1984
	Osborne Ralph Fullarton	1995
	Gabrielle Marie Elgee	1996
	Harold Thomas Partington	2008

Readings for Sept 4th

1st Reading Wisdom 9:13-18

2nd Reading Philemon 9b:10, 12-17

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm
at St. Dunstan's Church**

**Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at
Sts. John and Paul on Thursday's from 1 pm – 5 pm.**

**Living with Christ Booklets for Daily Mass
available at the office \$3.50 each. (Sept and Oct)**

Directives for attending Mass: In keeping with the directives from the Province and Bishop Riesbeck masking is no longer mandatory at mass. However, to help everyone from varying ages and health concerns we will continue to recommend the wearing of masks at masses and other celebrations. Many thanks for your continued cooperation and participation with these safety measures and providing this kind of welcoming community. We are seeing a rise in numbers of those attending Masses and will continue to live stream the 9 am Mass on Sunday at St. Dunstan's Church Site as well.

Sanctuary Lamp August 28th

***In Loving Memory of
Yolande and Achille Valentino***

From Aug 25 – Sept 6th Marlita will be taking vacation, therefore the office phone may not be answered if you call. However, please leave a message as messages will be checked regularly. If there is an emergency, please feel free to call Fr. Suresh at 469-1386 and he will be happy to assist.

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sts. John and Paul – LECTORS

August 28th Rob O’Kane
Sept 4th Lorraine Bird

Sts. John and Paul – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

August 28th Norm Seguin
Sept 4th Margaret Murray

St. Columba – LECTORS

August 28th Juanita Gaudet
Sept 4th Bob and Pauline Mott

St. Dunstan’s – LECTORS

Saturday, 5 pm

Aug 27th Cecilia White / Jayne Nicki
Sept 3rd Jayne Nicki / Lilia Cozzarini

Sunday, 9 am

Aug 28th Esther Archibald / Thelma Innes
Sept 4th not available

Sunday, 11:30 am

Aug 28th Carole Dilworth / Ella Allen
Sept 4th Carole Dilworth / Bea Sainz

St. Dunstan’s – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, 5 pm

Aug 27th Linda Roach / Gracie Mersereau
Sept 3rd Patrick Tang / Linda Roach

Sunday, 9 am

Aug 28th Richard Brennan / Pauline Arnold
Sept 4th not available

Sunday, 11:30 am

Aug 28th Jeannine Cochrane / John Brennan
Sept 4th Bob Michaud / John Brennan

You can **Live Stream Mass** through our Website on Sunday at 9 am. It will also be uploaded to the Homepage so you can view it at another time. Go to <https://www.stmarymagdalene-parish.ca> and click livestream.

Our Sacred Stories Truth and Reconciliation: Opening Up and Reaching Out (Fr. John Jennings)

Eating is important, in fact essential. The obvious reason is that eating sustains the life of our bodies. There are, however, other human needs that are fed by eating. Meals are points of meeting others, occasions for sharing with others. They enrich our sense of relationship with one another and offer occasions to gather, acknowledging we do not live solitary lives. Even our faith is fed with a meal.

Among our sacraments, the Eucharistic meal is the point which most fully gathers us. In it we see that as church we are a community of faith and action, sharing common needs, hopes and dreams. It may be so commonplace that we do not notice our Eucharist is where we are most recognizable as a community expressing the love and mercy of our God. It calls us to be open and welcoming to “the other”. It is also where we recognize our failures to be the face of Jesus, open to all without question or limit. This is a failure of our faith. It is what lay at the heart of Pope Francis’s visit to Canada.

Pope Francis came specifically to be among the indigenous peoples of our country. His prime intention was to offer an apology for the mistreatment of their communities, their children and families. His focus was the indigenous residential schools, established by the Canadian government in the 19th and 20th centuries and operated by various Christian churches, most often the Catholic church.

The schools were intended to provide education for these communities, but also to assimilate the children and ultimately their communities into Canadian society. Doing so, meant that the schools would remove the children from their families, place them in residences and work to erase their indigenous language and culture. This experience brought long-term harm to the children, their families and to indigenous communities across the country and it remains with them to this day. The pope’s apology was expressed with sincerity and sensitivity.

Pope Francis apologized for the church’s role in the hurts and harm to indigenous communities and families and he openly stated that this was a form of cultural genocide. He asked for forgiveness, but also recognized that reconciliation is a process of rebuilding a relationship. To do so requires a change of heart. In this instance, for the church, it means honoring the richness of their faith, an openness to the expressions of this faith in their cultures and a readiness to see that we have much to learn from them. It means listening, opening up and reaching out.

Luke’s Gospel account (Luke 14:1, 7-14) presents a story of Jesus accepting a dinner invitation from a leader of the Pharisees. He notes how people seem to be focused on the seating arrangement of the guests and encourages them not seek the highest place at table. However, the real indication of Jesus and his mission comes when he advises his host (and us) “invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind,” a challenge to offer openness to all.

Jesus offers an example to us as disciples. His primary concern is the vulnerable ones. Their condition offers them no advantage. His openness, however, is explicitly for them. It honors them and it recognizes the wonder that rests in them. This was the face Pope Francis showed with his apologies in Canada. Michael Higgins, writing of the visit in the British periodical *The Tablet* (6 Aug 22) p.27, expresses this: *Francis repeatedly calls for the recognition of the special genius of the Indigenous peoples, their harmony with Creation, the richness of their languages, which we ruthlessly suppressed, and the paramount need to move through truth to reconciliation and forgiveness.*

<u>21-Aug</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>
Weekly, at Mass	\$3,737	\$0	\$560	\$3,177
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,681	\$50	\$951	\$2,680
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$308,645	\$16,596	\$58,998	\$233,051
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$366,486			
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$57,841)			
Poor & Needy	\$190	\$0	\$0	\$190
Building fund	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$50
Papal visit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cemeteries	\$40	\$0	\$0	\$40
Other	\$80	\$0	\$50	\$30
# PAD users	134	1	31	102
# Envelopes used	96	0	15	81
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

<u>14-Aug</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>
Weekly, at Mass	\$4,613	\$0	\$465	\$4,148
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,681	\$50	\$951	\$2,680
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$299,827	\$16,496	\$57,766	\$225,565
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$355,707			
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$55,880)			
Poor & Needy	\$253	\$0	\$0	\$253
Building fund	\$345	\$0	\$10	\$335
Papal visit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cemeteries	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$100
Other	\$60	\$0	\$50	\$10
# PAD users	134	1	31	102
# Envelopes used	110	0	13	97
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

Options for your offertory.

- Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) you can make your donations through a debit at your bank on a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly basis. There is a PAD form you can receive by contacting the office. You would have to fill out and return to the office along with a copy of a voided cheque. Form available at <https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) You can e-transfer your offertory at any time with this option, if you do online banking. Email office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca

Ukraine needs our ongoing prayers and support. Please go to devp.org to make a positive difference with your donation.



DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR THE INDIGENEOUS RECONCILIATION FUND –

Thank you for your contributions to this collection thus far in the amount of \$9954.

You can still contribute anytime. Envelopes are available at the ends of the pews

at each church site or you can contribute on the diocesan website or email money transfer

(<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>). The funds collected in our Diocese will be directed toward healing and reconciliation initiatives in the seven Indigenous Communities within our Diocese. For more information about this fund and how it is administered please see the bishop's letter on the Diocesan website.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School in New Maryland has openings for students in Grades K-Grade 8 for the upcoming school year. For information please call 459-3518 or visit www.ladyofgrace.org

Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation

O God, pour out your healing love on all who suffered in Canada's Residential Schools; on bodies, minds and spirits wounded through abuse; on hearts, wounded through separation; and on families wounded through trauma and anguish that still torment over the course of generations. Make us stewards – of one another's dignity, of one another's safety, of one another's lands, of one another's right to a cultural identity: as unique peoples, as gifts to the human family; and as your beloved children.