



ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

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 9 am - 5 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

December 14th to December 21st, 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: *Isaiah 35.1-6a. 10* Gospel: *Matthew 11.2-11* 2nd Reading: *James 5.7-10*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Mass: St. Dunstan's	Wednesday December 24 th at 4:00 PM; 7:00 PM and 11:45 PM
Christmas Eve Mass: Sts. John & Paul	Wednesday December 24 th at 4:00 PM
Christmas Eve Mass: St. Columba	Wednesday December 24 th at 6:00 PM
Christmas Day: St. Dunstan's	Thursday December 25 th at 10:00 AM
New Year's Eve: St. Dunstan's	Wednesday December 31 st at 6:00 PM
New Year's Day: St. Dunstan's	Thursday January 1 st at 10:00 AM

Christmas Novena

9 Days of Prayer to the Divine Infant Jesus

Christmas is not just a date—it is the miracle of God becoming man to dwell among us. The Christmas Novena is a beautiful way to prepare your heart for the birth of Jesus, growing in hope, humility, peace, and joyful expectation. From December 16 to December 24, Catholics around the world unite in nine days of prayer to welcome the Savior with hearts ready to receive His light.

The Christmas Novena dates back centuries and is especially rooted in European and Latin American tradition. It mirrors the nine months of Mary carrying the Savior in her womb, as well as the nine days the Apostles spent in prayer waiting for the Holy Spirit.

Beginning on December 16, the novena leads believers into the final days of Advent—a time of grace, preparation, and spiritual renewal. Early Christians used these nine days to meditate on the mystery of the Incarnation: God entering history as a Child, choosing humility, poverty, and love.

Today, the Christmas Novena remains one of the most beloved devotions, helping the faithful slow down, reflect deeply, and welcome Jesus into their homes and hearts.

*St Mary Magdalene Parish celebrates the **Christmas Novena from December 15th to December 23rd** since the participants in the celebration could participate with the entire family after school and work. Also, Christmas eve celebration begins at 4 pm on 24th December it's inconvenient to celebrate the last day of the Novena alongside of Christmas eve mass.*

Novena Masses will be celebrated during weekdays at 6:30 PM. NO NOON MASSES.

MASS INTENTIONS: December 14th to December 21st 2025

ST. DUNSTAN

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. December 13 th 4:00 PM	Garnet, Helen & Janice Moore	Hector & Elaine Losier	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. December 14 th 9:00 AM	Helen Ferris	Asma Saad	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. December 14 th 11:30 AM	Ray Hopper Fr. Ken Weir	Gerry & Dorothy Vatour Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Mon. December 15 th 6:30 PM	Anthony Wojcik	David or Gail Wojcik	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Tues. December 16 th 6:30 PM	Zoé Morin	Monique Gallant	Fr. Kenneth Centeno
Wed. December 17 th 6:30 PM	Grace Sproule	Bruce & Regina Spencer	Fr. Peter Osborne
Thurs. December 18 th 6:30 PM	Lise Ouimet	Monique Gallant	Fr. Peter Osborne
Fri. December 19 th 6:30 PM	Special Intention	The Hogan Family	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sat. December 20 th 4:00 PM	Geraldine Doucette	Patricia Roussy	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. December 21 st 9:00 AM	Theresa & Baltjalt Salem	Saliba & Nada Saad	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. December 21 st 11:30 AM	George Saad	Saliba & Nada Saad	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. December 21 st 6:30 PM	David & Sherry Brooks	Debbie Brooks	Fr. Kenneth Centeno

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. December 14 th 11:00 AM	Basil and Annie Rattray	Lisa Jim Alexis and Ian Ley	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. December 21 st 11:00 AM	Arthur Leo Ley	Lorraine Bird	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

ST. COLOMBA

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. December 14 th 9:00 AM	Trevor McCaw	Rhea Rice	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. December 21 st 9:00 AM	Thomas Allian Fr. Ken Weir	Leo & Juanita Gaudet Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

**We invite you to offer prayers for the departed soul of
FR. KEN WEIR.**

May the Lord give him eternal peace and console his family and friends.

Lectio Divina for Advent: Join us for a ***Lectio Divina*** Wednesday, December 17th immediately following the 6:30 PM Mass. Together, we will prayerfully reflect on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday, preparing our hearts for the coming of our Savior during this Holy Season.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast
TODAY - December 14th 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.

Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly "**Touched by Cancer**" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at St. Anthony's Church on Friday, December 19 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

The Bible in a Year – A Year of Blessings!

As we approach the end of 2025, we want to celebrate all parishioners who joined **The Bible in a Year journey** with Father Mike Schmitz. What an incredible experience it has been to walk through Scripture together!

If you didn't join this year, we encourage you to consider starting in 2026. Toward the end of December, we will post the web link in the bulletin so you can easily access the program.

There is also another wonderful resource:

[The Catechism in a Year with Father Mike Schmitz.](#)

Both programs are enriching and deeply rewarding. Personally, I've been following these programs while walking my dog—earbuds in, listening to God's Word—and by the end of my walk, I feel full of blessings. I highly recommend giving it a try!

Keep an eye on the bulletin for the link later this month.

~ **Nadine LeBlanc**

Coordinator of Faith Formation

Dear Parishioners,

This February, our **Grade 8 and Grade 9 candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation** will participate in the **Coldest Night of the Year** walk.



This national event raises funds to help people in our community who are experiencing **hurt, hunger, and homelessness**. We invite you to join us in supporting this great cause by making a donation. Your generosity will not only help those in need but also encourage our young candidates as they live out their faith through service.

Our Parish Goal: \$800

Donate Online: Click on the link below in blue

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=5550175&langPref=en-CA>

Every contribution makes a difference!

Thank you for your support and prayers for our candidates and for those who need our help.

Blessings,

Nadine LeBlanc

St. Mary Magdalene Parish – Faith Formation



Christmas Novena Prayer

Divine Infant,

After the wonders of Your birth in Bethlehem,
You wished to extend Your infinite mercy to the whole
world by calling the Wise Men by heavenly inspiration
to Your crib, which was in this way changed
into a royal throne.

You graciously received those holy men who
were obedient to the Divine call and hastened to
Your feet. They recognized and worshipped
You as Prince of Peace, the Redeemer of mankind,
and the very Son of God.

Show us also Your goodness and almighty power.
Enlighten our minds, strengthen our wills,
and inflame our hearts to know You,
to serve You, and to love You in this life,
that we may merit to find our joy in You
eternally in the life to come.

O Jesus, most powerful Child,
I implore You again to help me:
(State your intention here...)

Divine Child, great omnipotent God,
I implore through Your most Holy Mother's
most powerful intercession, and through the boundless
mercy of Your omnipotence as God,
for a favorable answer to my prayer during this Novena.

Grant me the grace of possessing
You eternally with Mary and Joseph,
and of adoring You with Your holy angels and saints.

Amen.

🌲 **Save the Date! Children's Faith Formation Christmas Party**
will be held on **Sunday, December 21st.** from 2PM to 4PM
It will be a joyful celebration with **lots of fun activities** for the kids.
Stay tuned for more details!

"Finding the Light of Christ in the Darkness of December" presented by Retired Bishop Bill Hockin at Christ Church Parish on Westmorland St. from 12:10 to 1 pm. Talk on Dec 17th - Bill Hockin. Donations are free will.

VIGIL CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE FOR \$5

Message to St. Columba & Sts. John & Paul Parishioners:

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Donations towards the purchase of Christmas flowers for the church are currently being accepted. Donation envelopes are at the back of the church. ***Please ensure you write "In memory of a loved one" on the back of your donation envelope.***

3rd Sunday of Advent – JOY- Warmth brings Joy –
Will be the collection of hats, winter socks, scarfs, gloves, handwarmers, for the women's & men's shelters.

4th Sunday of Advent – LOVE – Sharing the Love & Care –
We will be collecting hygiene kits for Fredericton Emergency Shelter

~ Thank you! Lynn Butler

The Catholic Women's League will be selling **RAFFLE tickets** after weekend Masses until December 20th on a **\$500+ gift card tree** with a second draw for an Italian Sweets stack. Tickets are **\$ 5 each or 3 for \$10**. Funds raised will be used to subsidize local non-profit organizations who uphold our Catholic values.

Fr. Martin Arputham HGN will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of his Ordination on December 21, 2025. Fr Martin is the Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish. As parishioners, we are grateful and wish Fr. Martin a Happy Anniversary; we celebrate with him this milestone in his ministry as a priest. On December 21, please keep Fr. Martin in your prayers. Any cards or special greetings may be sent to the Parish Office to be shared with him. Thank you very much for your kind thoughts.

JUBILEE CLOSING MASS – Mark your calendars for the closing Mass of the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope in the Diocese of Saint John. This Mass will take place on Sunday, December 28, 2024 (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph) at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. More information to follow in the coming weeks

For parishioners wanting 2026 Numbered Offertory Envelopes, please contact the office at 506-444-6001 or email: office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES

Christmas Flower Donation Envelopes are being set out at each entrance of St. Dunstan's Church. Donations are being accepted up until December 19th for beautiful poinsettia arrangements in honour of a loved one who has passed. Please make sure you mark on the back of your envelope who you would like your donation for Christmas Flowers to be in memory of.

Thank you!

☀️ Come Experience Our New Prayer Corner! ☀️

We're excited to share that the **Monsignor Boyd Family Centre** now has a special space just for you — the **Bishop Dollar Room**, located across from the kitchen. A huge thank you to Mr. Richard Brennan who built the **amazing** fireplace frame out of his time and goodness of his heart!!



This peaceful corner is perfect for:

🙏 Quiet reflection and prayer or friendly chat over coffee. Whether you need a moment with God or a conversation with a friend, this space is here for you. Come and make it part of your visit!

God bless, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Nadine LeBlanc, Faith Formation Coordinator

Offertories Received Week Ending December 7, 2025

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

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Regular offertories	\$573	\$1091	\$5885	\$7549

Next Special Collection is December - CHRISTMAS