St. Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba † *Sts. John & Paul* † *St.Dunstan's*

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Thursdays: 9 AM – 9 PM
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November 29th, 2026 to December 6th, 2026

1st Reading: ***Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8*** 2nd Reading: ***1 Corinthians 1.3-9*** Gospel: ***Mark 13.33-37***

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
First Fri. Mass – 6:30, followed by Adoration & Confession
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 10:30 AM
Thursdays – Adoration 1PM-5PM

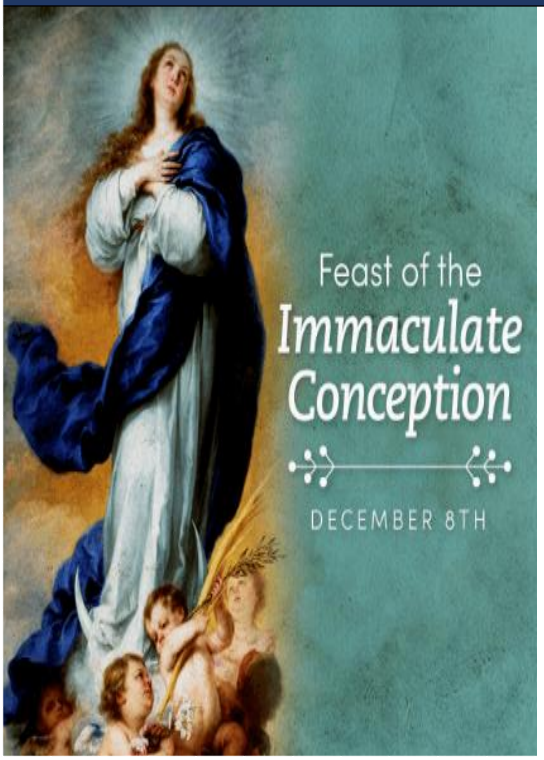
Mass Times St. Columba Church

Sundays at 9:00 AM

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This is to acknowledge that the land on which we gather 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 IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY



On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius 1X declared a new dogma of the church: that by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, the most blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

Twenty-four years before this, in 1830, Our Lady had already appeared to St. Catherine Labouré and asked her to have a medal cast and distributed in a precise form, including on the front, the words: "***O MARY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE***." Such a description of Mary had not been seen before in the church. Mary also told her, those who wear the medal around their neck as a visible sign of devotion to her and her Son, "***will receive great graces***." So many miracles occurred.

The medal became popularly known as the "***Miraculous Medal***," and still is. When Mary first appeared to St. Catherine, rays of light also flowed from rings of precious gems on Our Lady's fingers. But some gems did not shine. Our Lady explained they were gems from which souls did not request graces from her. Let us take Our Lady's request seriously. Prayers and a small number of blest miraculous medals are available in December on the poster table across from St. Joseph's altar, St Dunstan's Church. Or get a medal from Our Lady of Fatima Church Bookstore: olfcustomrosaries@gmail.com and (506)-442-0012

MASS INTENTIONS:

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Mass Intentions November 28th to December 6th, 2026

St. Dunstan's		Mass Intention	St. Dunstan's		Mass Intention
Sat. November 28th	4:00 PM	Eugenie Godin	Fri. December 4th	6:30 PM	Colleen MacDonald
Sun. November 29th	9:00 AM	Ngwanma Anochie	Sat. December 5th	9:00 AM	Special: Birthday Cristian Ramirez & Marlene Rodriguez Ramirez
Sun. November 29th	11:30 AM	Margaret Gorman	Sat. December 5th	4:00 PM	Garnet, Helen & Janice Moore
Tues. December 1st	12:05 PM	Laura Carroll	Sun. December 6th	9:00 AM	Joan Marie O'Hanley
Wed. December 2nd	6:30 PM	Andre R. Vietinghoff	Sun. December 6th	11:30 AM	Special: Birthday Mary Oketola
Thurs. December 3rd	12:05 PM	Andre R. Vietinghoff			
St. Columba		**Mass Intention**	**Sts. John & Paul**		**Mass Intention**
Sun. November 29th	9:00 AM	Rev. Michael A. Coughlan	Sun. November 29th	11:00 AM	Stan Wadden Special: For Thanksgiving
Sun. December 6th	9:00 AM	Rev. Joseph A. Hanebry	Sun. December 6th	11:00 AM	Ann Brennan

34TH ANNUAL ADVENT CAROL FESTIVAL

The festival features Fredericton's downtown choirs, including our own
Saint Dunstan's 11:30 Mass Choir.
When: Wed. December 2nd at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Brunswick Street Baptist Church
Cost: A "free-will" donation to support CBC's *Make the Season Kind* campaign

Advent Devotional Books Available

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord this Advent season, Advent Devotional Books are available on the tables at each church entrance. We invite you to take a copy and use it as a guide for prayer and reflection throughout Advent.

A donation basket is provided beside the books for anyone wishing to help offset the cost of their purchase. Thank you for your generosity and support. Advent blessings to all! 🙏🕯️✝️

ADVENT CANDLES:

Advent Candles by the **L'Arche Community in Wolfville**, are available for purchase in the parish office.
Each set consist of five-10.5" tapers for $15/set.
Get yours while supplies last!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to work the Salvation Army Kettles during this Christmas season.
Available hours to volunteer are flexible. If you are interested, please contact: Shawna – (506) 447-7851 or Mary – (506) 455-3243

Donations for Christmas Flowers:

Donations for Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one can be made by using the envelopes located at the church entrances. Please indicate on the envelope:

- Your own name.
- The name of the person you wish to remember.
- The church for which the flowers are intended.

Chalice invites you to join:

Chalice Share Tables: an outreach program initiated by Fr. Pat Cosgrove. As a leading Canadian Catholic Charity, Chalice offers more than 30 years of experience supporting people living in poverty across 14 countries worldwide. Chalice Share Tables supports individuals and families living on limited incomes by offering a caring community, personal money management skills training, incentives for regular savings, and small loans in times of critical personal need such as Christmas essentials, back-to-school needs, prescription medication, and vehicle repair. Chalice Share Tables invites you to be a glimmer of light through which God's love can shine. Join as a leader, volunteer, or participant. *For more information or to sign up*, please contact Selvi Roy at selviroy@chalice.ca or 902- 252-3917 ext. 108/ 902-213-7562.

PINEGROVE FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:

Experience a drive-through or walking tour **at Pinegrove Nursing Home,** featuring more than 150 decorated Christmas trees and fragrant wreaths lining the grounds. The TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY commences **December 1st.** All are welcome!

Parish Community Communication Initiative

One Parish, Many Cultures, One Family

At **St. Mary Magdalene Parish**, we are blessed by the rich diversity of cultures, languages, and traditions that make our parish such a vibrant and welcoming community. We would like to invite all parishioners to help us build stronger connections by creating community communication groups within our parish. The purpose of this initiative is to bring people together, strengthen communication, and help everyone feel a greater sense of belonging. By creating these communication groups, we will be able to share information about parish activities, cultural celebrations, and special events more effectively. It will also help us welcome new parishioners and connect them with members of their own cultural community, making it easier for them to feel at home in our parish family. We will be meeting with each community to gather contact information and identify a community leader who can help communicate important information and upcoming events to their group.

Location: Mary Sullivan Room	**MEETING SCHEDULE**
Meeting Times: • Saturday after Mass	**European Community** – November 28 & 29
• Sunday at **10:10 a.m.** AND **12:40 PM**	

Together, we can create a communication network that helps us stay connected, support one another, and grow as a parish family. Every person matters, and every community enriches our parish. We warmly encourage you to attend your community gathering and be part of this exciting initiative. With your participation, we can build stronger relationships, foster greater engagement, and continue growing as **one united community in Christ. We look forward to meeting you and hearing your ideas. Together, let us strengthen the bonds that make our parish a welcoming home for all.**

"For just as each of us has one body with many members... so in Christ we, though many, form one body." (Romans 12:4-5)



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe DECEMBER 11TH, 2026

Father Suresh Savariraj will preside at a special Mass on Friday, December 11, 2026, at 6:30 pm in St. Dunstan's Church in celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. Graydon Nicholas will give a short talk on the miraculous appearances of Our Blessed Mother to St. Juan Diego in Mexico City in December of 1531. There will be an Indigenous presence with drumming and chanting, a Spanish choir, and a special collection in support of GIGNOO Transition House. A reception will follow in the gymnasium of the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre with traditional Bannock and a light lunch, plus a Mexican Folk Dance. Everyone is invited to attend.

FESTIVITIES GALORE AT STS. JOHN & PAUL CHURCH, NEW MARYLAND:

Sat. Dec. 12th 6:00 PM

Sts. John and Paul Church will be hosting a **PRE-CHRISTMAS GATHERING** with a Potluck, a Yankee Swap, Christmas Music, karaoke, lots of fun. Bring your own beverages.



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE MAY 16-27, 2027

$3100 (taxes included)

Join Fr. Carlos Jacinto, Fr. Robert Savoie, Fr. Arthur Bourgeois, Fr. Jean-Guy Dallaire, Fr. Alphonse Richard and Fr. Cornelius Ngurukwem for a spectacular, weeklong pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE in Bosnia. The trip includes:

- Round-trip bus transportation: Moncton to Halifax Airport and return
- Round-trip airfare departing from Halifax
- Coach transfers: Sarajevo – Medjugorje – Sarajevo
- Accommodations in double or triple rooms with private facilities
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Experienced professional local guide

NOT INCLUDED: Optional Single Room supplementary $250

A **$700 deposit** secures your seat and is **due by December 1st, 2026.**
The remaining balance **of $2400 is due by February 1st, 2027.**
Seats are limited. Payment may be made by cash or cheque.
For more information, contact **Hector Caissie** (Tour Coordinator)
at **506-857-2295**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Greeters/ushers and collectors are needed for Christmas Masses at St . Dunstan's Christmas Masses. If you would like to help with these ministries, please sign up ***no later than Sunday Dec 13th*** so that schedules can be prepared in advance and sent out.

Sign-up sheets are located in the Church office.

The Christmas Mass times are as follows:

- December 24th Christmas Eve: 4 pm, 8 pm, 11:45 pm
- December 25th Christmas Day: 10:00 am
- January 1st New Year's Day: Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, will be at 11:30 am.

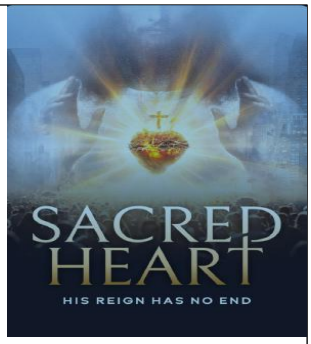
With our **200-Year Anniversary** celebrations underway, we will be saying **the following prayer at our regular Mass gatherings:**

Heavenly Father,

With grateful hearts, we celebrate 200 years of faith at St. Dunstan's Church, now part of St. Mary Magdalene Parish. We thank You for all who came before us—our Bishops, priests, religious sisters, and faithful parishioners who built our church, shared Your Word, celebrated the sacraments, and passed on the Catholic faith through generations. We remember with love those who have gone before us and give thanks for their lasting legacy of faith, service, and devotion. Bless our parish family today and strengthen our unity in Christ. As we look to the future, guide our Church and preserve the teachings of our Catholic faith. Bless our young people, especially those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Grant our parish wisdom, strength, and compassion to serve others, welcome all, and continue Your mission. Through the intercession of St. Dunstan and the loving guidance of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may the faith that has sustained our parish for 200 years continue to shine brightly for generations to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

~ Amen.

St. Dunstan's Church
200th Anniversary



Join us for a special screening of "*Sacred Heart: His Reign Has No End*"; a moving docudrama exploring the love and devotion of Jesus revealed through His Sacred Heart. Discover a message of love, grace, and hope that continues to inspire people around the world.

Two Screenings – Two Locations:

- **Friday, December 4 at 6:30 PM** – Sts. John & Paul Church, 727 New Maryland Hwy.
- **Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 PM** – St. Dunstan's Church, 120 Regent Street

Rated NR | Runtime: 1 hour 30 minutes

Everyone is warmly invited! Come and experience this inspiring film with our parish community.

One of our weekend staff members, Ronnit Peter is leaving. We wish him congratulations on his upcoming marriage and his new life in Halifax. You will be missed by our parish.

A special "THANK YOU" to Marlene Rodriguez and team for putting together the "All Saints Party" on Nov 21st. It was a great time. Hope to see it happen again. God bless you all.

Remembering Those Who Have Passed Away in 2026

With love and gratitude, we remember the beloved members of our Parish family who were called home to the Lord during 2026. Their lives have blessed us, and we have held each of them in our prayers:

Noreen Porter
Mary Ryan
Andrew Mockler
Joanne Manore
Leo "Charlie" Rowan
Eva Kennedy
Audrey Khoury
Brenda Jean Parsons
Kaja Knapic
Joan Mary E. Keenan Kenny
Kenneth Ramey
Florence Augusta Harriman
Johnny El-Khoury
Linda Gregan
Augustine "Gus" Mazzuca
Gezina H. Scholten
Ngwanma Anochie
Elizabeth Harvey
Miles Carpenter
Lucena Blando
George Peppin
Clifford Vautour
Philip Reid Sowers
Elizabeth M. Woods
Lucia Gallagher
Daniel Dobbelsteyn
Peter Toner
Carolee Sturgeon
Michael Jenkins
Mary Layden
Marguerite Brewer
Constance Lajoie
Saliba Saad

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We entrust them to Your loving care, and we ask You to comfort their families and friends with Your peace and the hope of the resurrection. ~Amen.

There will be a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** at the **St. Columba** church for the **Community Christmas Fund** on **November 29th.** This fund has been helping families in our area since 1997 with food and gift assistance to make their Christmas expenses easier. There will be envelopes at the back of the church for donations.

During Advent, St. Columba church site will be hosting special collections for the Jesse Tree on the following dates:

- Nov 29th. Prayer cards. Cards will be back of the church
- Dec 6th- Loaves & Fishes Food Bank collection!
- Dec 13th- Mittens, Hats and Socks
- Dec. 20th- Hygiene Kits for the Homeless- items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hairbrushes, sanitary wipes, sanitary napkins/tampons, sample sized body wash/shampoo/conditioner, etc.

Please help with this worthy cause.

Offertories Received Week Ending November 22nd 2026

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

	St C	Sts J&P	St D	Total
Sunday Missals	---	---	---	420
Christmas Exchange	300 *	300	360	660 /300
Poor & Needy	10	90	310	410
Loose Collection	17	223	1377	1617
Envelope Collection	1549	1976	4962	8487
P.A.D.	70	595	2393	3058
Christ the King	67	365	615	1047
Vigil Candles	---	---	171	171

Next Diocesan Collection December 25th, 2026: CHRISTMAS OFFERING