



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba †
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Sts. John & Paul †
729 New Maryland Hwy

St. Dunstons
120 Regent St

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Diocesan Newsletter: <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/email-newsletter-sign-up>

Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj HGN

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Mass Times

St. Columba: 9am on Sundays

Sts. John and Paul: 11am on Sundays

St. Dunstons: Tues, Wed, Fri – 6:30pm, Thurs – 12:05pm

Sat – 4pm, Sundays – 9am and 11:30am. First Sat – 9am

Rosary/ Divine Mercy

Sts. John and Paul: Sundays 10:10am

St. Dunstons: Tue 2pm, Wed 6pm: Rosary to St. Joseph,
Friday during adoration 6pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Sts. John and Paul: Thursdays 1-5pm

St. Dunstons: Friday 6pm, First Friday 7pm

Reconciliation – St. Dunstons: Saturdays 2:30-3:30pm. For other times please call the office

Baptism: Call the office one month before desired date **Marriage:** Call the office 6 months before desired date

RCIA: Call the office any time

March 2nd, 2025 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25

Gospel: Luke 6.27-38

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.45-49

I started to begin the First Saturdays in October of 2024; however, I knew about the First Saturdays for a long time; but I never had the opportunity until our parish started the First Saturdays in May of 2024 at St. Dunstan's Church. When I heard that the First Saturdays were to begin at St. Dunstan's I was filled with delight because I knew that my dream was to become a reality once and for all. Now I could take some time to spend with Our Blessed Mother and give Her the honor She deserves. What I needed from Our Blessed Mother is to honor Her and to intercede for us to Our Lord Jesus Christ because she is His Mother and She loves Him as well; therefore, she loves us as well also. The result of this was that my prayers were heard from my Blessed Mother Mary through her intercession to Our Lord Jesus Christ and I continue to do so every day through the Holy Rosary. I would strongly recommend that anyone who had the health to do so to make the First Saturdays to Our Blessed Mother and I am sure that you will not be disappointed in making those five first Saturdays. As the benefits you will be greatly rewarded for doing just that because I have done so and I have been greatly rewarded. Please take the time and do just that you will not be disappointed afterwards. - A parishioner from St. Dunstan

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church

Sun, Mar 2 9:00 AM Pepi DiGiacinto
Sun, Mar 9 9:00 AM Donald Harnish

Sts. John & Paul Church

Sun, Mar 2 11:00 AM Tim Gallan
Sun, Mar 9 11:00 AM Gary Osborne

St. Dunstan's Church

Fri, Feb 28 6:30 PM George Comeau
Sat, Mar 1 9:00 AM Floyd Griffith
4:00 PM Noel
Sun, Mar 2 9:00 AM Tammy Sorenson
11:30 AM Jane Wojcik
Hubert Mullin
Tues, Mar 4 6:30PM Susan Jasper
Wed, Mar 5 6:30 PM Thanksgiving for all prayers
heard
Thu, Mar 6 12:05PM Vi Murphy
Fri, Mar 7 6:30 PM Special Intention for our Priests
at St. Dunstans
Sat, Mar 8 4:00 PM Nathaniel Burchat
Sun, Mar 9 9:00 AM Frank and Margaret Forestell
11:30 AM Carmen Jacinto Punzalan

Readings for Mar 9th

1st R: Deuteronomy 26.4-10 **2nd R:** Romans 10.8-13

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

First Saturday- March 1st, 2025 Mass @ 9am, Rosary 9:30am, Confessions 2:30pm at St. Dunstan's

First Friday- March 7, 2025 Mass @ 6:30 pm, Adoration 7pm, Confessions 7:15pm at St. Dunstan's

Ash Wednesday (March 5) Mass schedule:

St Columba's: Noon
Saints John and Paul: 6:30 pm
Saint Dunstan's: Noon AND 6:30 pm.

Lent events – we will be praying the Stations of the Cross on Monday nights at 6:30pm during lent at St. Columba.

On Tuesdays at 2:00pm until 2:30pm, we do the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at the church. We pray for all our intentions through the Intercession of Mary Our Mother. Come and join us even if you can only come once in awhile or when time permits.

Catholic Women's League – The March CWL Meeting will be held on March 16th in the Mary Sullivan Room at 1:00pm. New members are welcome.

Lenten Reflection Books – Lent Reflection Books for adults and families are available at each of the churches.

Please be sure to pick one up to enrich your Lent experience this year.

The annual St Dunstan's Pancake Supper will be taking place March 4th from 4 – 6:30 pm. Pancakes, sausage, baked beans, syrup, coffee, tea, juice and dessert. - \$10 dollars per person – Family of four \$30 dollars. Volunteer sheets and donation lists are available by regent street entrance. Take outs will be available as well. You may also make a donation on your offertory envelopes, by indicating 'Pancake Supper' on them. For more information contact Mary MacMullin or Richard Brennan.

St. Mary Magdalene Parish is hosting a fundraiser: Brunch for a Cause: Help Joan Tan Get a Second Chance at Life. Join us for a Brunch for a Cause to support Joan Tan, wife of one our parishioners Rafael Tan, who urgently needs a second kidney transplant. Joan's first transplant, unfortunately, failed, and she and her husband, Rafael, are raising funds for another life-saving procedure.

WHEN: March 2nd (Sunday) | 10AM - 2PM

WHERE: Monsignor Boyd Family Centre – Gym

PRICE: Adult: \$15, Kids (5-10 y/o):\$10, Kids (0-5 y/o): FREE

MENU: Pansit | Spring Roll | Porridge | Egg | Chocolate Rice Pudding | French Toast/Pancake | Sausage | Potato Taters

Let's come together as a community to support Joan! Every plate served helps make a difference. Food and/or Ingredient pledges are highly accepted and appreciated. For more details or to contribute, you may donate any amount at the office or etransfer by indicating "Help Joan Tan" or contact Evert Garcia at journeyforakidney@gmail.com to etransfer directly.

Regular Offertory envelope boxes are available at the church entrances of St. Columba and Sts. John & Paul. St. Dunstan's envelope boxes are available at the Regent St entrance. For new boxed envelopes, please call the office.

Offertories Received - Week Ending Feb 23

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

Regular offertories	\$50	\$1,601	\$5,729	\$7,380
Building fund	\$0	\$25	\$200	\$225

Next Special Collection is March 2 for Building Fund



Attention High School Students!
Steubenville Atlantic Conference
July 11th to 13th

The Lord tells us, "Be not afraid," and these words resonate with us today. Join Catholic teens at Steubenville Atlantic at Dalhousie University, Halifax, from July 11-13, 2025. This conference is designed to evangelize, equip, and empower those aged 14-18 (grades 9-12). **Registration fee:** \$350.00 (including transportation) with a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Other Opportunities:

- **Peer Leader for Young Adults (18-20):** Attend with a group and take on leadership roles at the discretion of group leaders.
- **Franciscan LEAD:** From July 7-11, 2025. A five-day Christ-centered immersion in leadership, evangelization, and discipleship inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. Teens first grow closer to Jesus, then learn servant leadership and evangelization.

Steubenville Atlantic Information Meeting ~ There be an online meeting for everyone interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference on Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference as a participant or a peer leader or attending Franciscan LEAD please contact Patty Cameron at faithformation@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca or (506) 444-6018 to have your name added to the list and receive the link to the meeting.

Coldest Night of the Year Thank You! – Thank you to the youth in our Confirmation Preparation classes, leaders and families who came out and walked last Saturday in the Coldest Night of the Year event. A big thank you to everyone who sponsored our team. Together we raised \$810.00 to support the John Howard Society of Fredericton! Thank you so much!

Here are the items we will be collecting the first week for Transition House:

- Women's leggings (all sizes)
- Women's t-shirts (short and long sleeves, all sizes)
- Cat Litter (Special Kitty brand, unscented, clumping.)

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Greener Village Food Bank – St. Dunstons Site only. Donations of pasta and pasta sauce for masses on March 1 and 2. Receptacles will be provided at all 3 church entrances.

Sts. John and Paul Site - For the Greener Village (Foodbank) we will collect: Canned Pasta Sauce, Canned diced tomatoes and cookies (Oreos, Dare, etc). These are for March 9th.

2025 A JUBILEE YEAR - What is a Jubilee? Celebrated every 25 years in the Catholic Church, a Jubilee is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation in which people are invited to come back into right relationships with God, with one another and with all Creation. The tradition is inspired by the biblical year of jubilee, a time when debts were cancelled, slaves were set free and the land was allowed to rest (Lev. 25, Deut. 15). This year, under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," Pope Francis invites Catholics to renew their hope and adopt a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone." Find out how Development and Peace — Caritas Canada will be living the Jubilee at devp.org/lent.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP - *Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!* Our Lady of Peace Parish, in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency, is pleased to announce that a tax preparation clinic will be provided (**Free of Charge**) to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation. The tax preparation service will commence **March, 2025**. Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment, drop-off or virtual** to prepare your income tax and benefit returns. The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex**

situations such as: returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business rental income or expenses. Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton** for further information at 506-261-7600 or email lintons21@outlook.com.

May 16– 26, 2025: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Hector Caissie and 2 accompanying priests, Fr. Carlos & Fr. Legendre. Cost of \$3770 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) INFO: Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or 506-857-2295.

JUBILEE 2025 MEN’S RETREAT – Ages 19+ yrs are invited March 14 to March 16, 2025, at Villa Madonna Retreat House. For more information and to register on-line (Deadline for registration is MARCH 1, 2025): <https://events.insogan.org/HIC> or contact Mark Nagas: marknagas@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Saint Patrick Breakfast will be held on March 9th from 10am to 1pm at the Knicol Hall (170 Regent Street). Adults \$10, Children \$5 and Families \$30. Proceeds for this event will be used to support Ryan Tapley of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish. Everyone is welcome.

Norms for Lenten Observance 2025 - The liturgical season of Lent begins this year on March 5, 2025. The following are guidelines of Lenten observance for the faithful of the Diocese of Saint John.

- Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.
- Fasting binds all persons from 18 to 59 years, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s own needs. There should be no eating between meals although fluids may be taken.
- Abstinence from meat binds all persons who are 14 and older, unless prevented by poor health. There should be no consumption of meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- The Universal Law of the Church mandates these observances for the spiritual well-being of the faithful.
- Removing Holy Water from fonts during the season of Lent is not permitted (CDF Prot. N. 569/00/L March 14, 2000).
- The covering of crosses and images from the Fifth Sunday of Lent may be observed.
- Lent is a penitential season and, as such, religious practices such as daily Mass, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.
- It is appropriate to use the Apostles’ Creed during the Lenten and Easter seasons so as to be in solidarity with the catechumens.
- Please note that the Easter Vigil celebration this year should not begin before 8:30 p.m.
- For additional pastoral notes, see Ordo, pp. 205-208

Mission Statement for the Month of March – From Pope Francis - For families in crisis
Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences

Welcome to the Catholic Family

1. **Holly Evangeline, daughter of Anthony & Amy Savidge. Baptised February 23, 2025 (in Toronto).**
2. **Vin Daniel Abdon, son of Kevin and Donna Abdon, baptised on February 26, 2025 at St. Dunstons.**

Congratulations to Allan Garcera and Ma. Clodine Garcera who exchanged their consent in the Sacrament of Marriage on March 1st, 2025 at St. Dunstons.

Land Acknowledgement for St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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 Mi’Kmaq and Passamaquoddy Tribes / Nations signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700.