

ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

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

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon. to Fri.: 9 AM - 5PM

Saturdays: 2 PM – 6 PM

Sundays: 8 AM – 1 PM

Co. Pastors: Fr. Peter Osborne

Family Faith Formation: Nadine LeBlanc

FaithFormation@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca

Finance Administrator: Matthew Brennan

Liturgy: Margaret Savidge

August 23rd 2026 – August 30th 2026

1st Reading: *Isaiah 22.15, 19-23*

2nd Reading: *Romans 11.33-36*

Gospel: *Matthew 16.13-20*

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 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Mass at 4:00 PM

First Saturday Mass – 9:00 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



🚶 🚶 If you have walked past the main entrance of our church along Regent Street, you may have noticed a **White Heart** displayed beside the sidewalk. Created with 🤍 white pebbles, ❤️ red mulch, and decorative edging on a wooden base, this heart stands as a visible symbol of **mental wellness, hope, and suicide prevention.**

💙 The White Heart reminds us that many people struggle silently with mental illness, depression, loneliness, anxiety, and thoughts of suicide. As a parish community, we want every person to know that they are loved, valued, and never alone. Through this symbol, we express our support, compassion, and prayers for all who are suffering.

🙏 We invite everyone entering the church to pause for a moment when passing the White Heart and offer a prayer for those facing mental health challenges or suicidal thoughts.

✨ Pray for healing. ✨ Pray for hope. ✨ Pray for strength. ✨ Pray for those who feel alone. ✨ Pray for families affected by mental illness.

📖 *"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)*

💖 Together, let us be a community of hope, compassion, and support. Please keep all who struggle with mental illness in your prayers.



MASS INTENTIONS:

St. Dunstan's Mass Intentions to August 22nd to August 30th 2026

Mass Schedules	Mass Intention	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. August 22 nd 4:00 PM	Special Intention	Lorraine Bird	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. August 23 rd 9:00 AM	Gbemi Oketola	Oym Oketola	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. August 23 rd 11:30 PM	The Saad Family	Asma Saad	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Tues. August 25 th 12:05 PM	For All of the Parishioners	Fr. Suresh Savariraj	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Wed. August 26 th 6:30 PM	Carole & Charline LeBlanc	Nadine LeBlanc	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Thurs. August 27 th 12:05 PM	Msgr. Arthur Kinsella	Fr. Suresh	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Fri. August 28 th 6:30 PM	Special: Completion of Academic Semester	Oym Oketola	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sat. August 29 th 4:00 PM	Michael Joseph Melvin	Mike Melvin	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. August 30 th 9:00 AM	Lynne (Swift) Godfrey	Mary McMahon	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. August 30 th 11:30 AM	The Mansour Family	Asma Saad	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. August 23 rd 11:00 AM	Joseph O'Kane & Oliver Legere	Rob & Tracy O'Kane	Fr. John Jennings
Sun. August 30 th 11:00 AM	Rev. Michael T. Murphy	Fr. Suresh	Fr. John Jennings

ST. COLUMBA

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. August 23 rd 9:00 AM	Pauline Mott	Faithful Parishioner	Fr. John Jennings
Sun. August 30 th 9:00 AM	Rev. Celestine Savoie	Fr. Suresh	Fr. John Jennings



It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of:
Lynne Godfrey • Lucena Blando
Mary Holland • Margaret Turmel • Miles Carpenter
*To friends and family of the departed, our hearts go out to you,
and know we are thinking of you during this difficult time.*



CAELUM IAIN SIBBALUCA CULLEN, son of Jonathan Glen Edward Cullen & Stephanie Oleo Sibbaluca, was baptized at St. Dunstan's Church on the 18th day of August 2026 by Fr. Peter Osborne

For the Sacrament of Baptism, reach out to the office one month before the desired date of baptism.



For the Sacrament of Marriage, reach out to the office 6 months before desired date.

Email: office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca or call (506) 444-6001



UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Liturgy Meeting : Sts. J & P Church: August 27 th 2026 - 6PM	Men's Catholic Group Meeting: Tuesday September 1 st 2026 – 7PM-8:30 PM	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting: September 3 rd 2026 – 6:45 - 8PM
Finance Committee Meeting: September 10 th , 2026 6PM-7:30 PM	Cemetery Committee Meeting: September 15 th 2026 – 11:45 – 1PM	Parish Council Meeting: September 17 th , 2026 - 6 PM – 7:30 PM

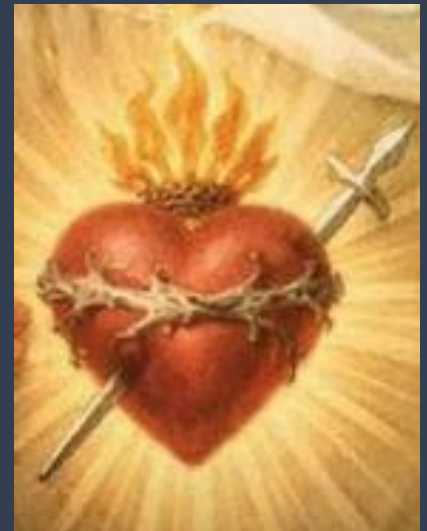
THE CHURCH DEDICATES AUGUST TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

While the Church dedicates June to adoration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, it dedicates August to veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, whose virtues bring us closer to God. We are strongly encouraged to emulate and practice these virtues, for no human person (other than Jesus) is closer to God. St Pope John Paul 11 said that from Mary we learn to love God. Church tradition teaches the heart is the center of our being, representing where we decide for or against God. From the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we learn to trust God and accept His will for us: "Be it done unto me according to your word", she told the angel, when told the Word would become flesh in her womb. And from her heart came the Magnificat, teaching us to worship our God: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His Name". With this understanding of Mary's Immaculate Heart, we should also seriously recall her words to the 3 children of Fatima on July 13, 1917, after showing them a vision of hell: you have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart... I shall come to ask for....the Communion of reparation on the first 5 Saturdays." And so she did, appearing to then Sister Lucia, on December 10, 1925: "Look my daughter at my heart, surrounded by thorns, with which (ungrateful children of God) pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies....I PROMISE TO ASSIST AT THE HOUR OF DEATH WITH THE GRACES NECESSARY FOR THEIR SALVATION, ALL THOSE WHO ON THE FIRST FIVE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS" RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION, CONFESS WITHIN 8 DAYS OF COMMUNION (now 20 days), RECITE 5 DECADES OF THE ROSARY, AND KEEP HER COMPANY 15 MINUTES BY MEDITATING ON THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY WITH THE INTENTION OF MAKING REPARATION TO HER HEART FOR THE 5 MAJOR BLASPHEMIES BEING COMMITTED AGAINST IT. For the month of August let us listen to Mary's express requests of us, to help save souls from hell; let us draw ever nearer to her to receive all the benefits and promises of devotion to her Immaculate Heart. Prayers of consecration to her Immaculate Heart, and a sheet detailing the Devotion of the 5 First Consecutive Saturdays can be found on the table across from St Joseph's altar in St Dunstan's Church (front left side). Come join the faithful who already practice this Devotion at St Dunstan's on first Saturdays of every month (see bulletin for details).

CATHOLIC DEVOTION for the Month of AUGUST



The IMMACULATE
HEART of MARY



TWO BURSARIES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS THIS SEPTEMBER!

- 1). **A \$500 Bursary** sponsored by the family of Madeline Morin for a **FEMALE STUDENT** entering (or attending) a Business degree (BBA). To apply, please submit a copy of your acceptance letter from a University; your participation in SMMP religious programs and your need for assistance.
- 2). **A \$500 CWL bursary** for a CWL member attending a post-secondary school, a son or daughter of a CWL member, grandson or granddaughter of a CWL member, or a first year university entrant from St Mary Magdalene Parish. To apply, please submit a copy of your acceptance letter from the university you plan to attend, your participation in St Mary Magdalene religious programs and your need for assistance.

***For further information regarding the bursaries,
contact Judy Ingram, President SMM CWL, (506) 459-3401***

A WITNESS STORY:

This Summer I had the opportunity to attend **Steubenville Atlantic**. It truly was an honour to be selected and I felt pride and love from my Parish who supported my journey to participate. The conference was opportunity for me to connect with my Parish peers and meet other youth from across the Atlantic who all shared my Faith and desire to spend a weekend focusing on developing our relationship with God. The energy was amazing and Dalhousie in Halifax was a great experience. I also enjoyed seeing familiar church leaders, such as Father Suresh and the Bishop at the event. The experience made me truly appreciate the strength and community of the Atlantic Faith community.

~ Layla

Men's Night: Faith, Fellowship & Brotherhood Men's Catholic Group

Men of the parish are invited to join us for our upcoming Men's Night! **Tuesday September 1st from 7PM - 8:30PM.**

Come enjoy an evening of fellowship, conversation, and an opportunity to grow together in faith and brotherhood. Whether you've joined us before or this is your first time, all men are welcome. Bring a friend and come meet other men from our parish community. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations to GRAYDON NICHOLAS

on winning an honour bestowed on only 7 people in history! Graydon was the province's first Indigenous lawyer, judge and lieutenant governor and has been recognized with the **Caritas Award**, an international honour that the Knights of Columbus bestows for what they consider extraordinary acts of charity, service and sacrifice for the good of others.



CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

Under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Peter Osborne, Associate Pastor of St. Mary Magdalene Parish, you can attend the pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi!

The trip includes:

- Round-trip airfare (incl. taxes & fuel surcharges)
- Deluxe air-conditioned coach
- 6-night accommodation at a 4 Star hotel with
- Entrance fees for all scheduled visits
- Daily Mass and sightseeing as per itinerary
- Escorted from Fredericton
- Local English-speaking Tour Guides
- Whisper Headsets



**\$5090 / Person/ Twin Room.
Oct. 26th to Nov. 2nd, 2026
INTERESTED??**

Contact:

office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca for details.

Grieving a Loss?



Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one.

Join us at **GRIEF SHARE:**

A weekly grief support group, meeting on **Wednesdays**

from 2 to 4PM Sept. 9th through to Dec. 2nd, 2026. Meetings are held at **Journey Church Fredericton – 131 Duncan Lane.**

To register, please visit: griefshare.org/findagroup or contact **Cathy Calhoun: cathycahoun58@gmail.com /phone 506-461-5030**

St Mary Magdalene Parish invites parishioners to participate in a new chapter of Faith Formation: A Bible Study Program that takes you on a journey through all of Scripture:

"THE GREAT ADVENTURE" - Your Journey Through the Bible.

It is a *Timeline Study – The Story of Salvation* (ASCENSION The Faith Formation Leader from Ascension Press.

<https://ascensionpress.com>. We will be working with the Manual Book: **The Bible, Catechism of the Catholic Church.**

Perhaps you have questioned how to better understand the Sacred Scripture? If you have ever felt this way, this is an opportunity to approach the Bible through a didactic methodology and pedagogical knowledge with renowned authors and teachers. The study group starts:

Saturday, September 19th 2026 - 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

We meet every 3rd Saturday, running through to December 2027, where we will spend time answering personal questions, clarifying doubts, discuss discerning moments in the readings and reviewing the homework from the manual book. To register for this course, please contact:

Jose Zeron at: jfzeron@outlook.com or

Mark Tejares at meatejares@gmail.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

ST. THERESA'S POTLUCK TWILIGHT RETREAT

ST. THERESA'S CHURCH • 1 WILLIAM ST. FREDERICTON

MON. SEPT. 14/26 • 4:30 PM – 8PM • Registration begins at 4 PM

Theme: "Blessed Are the Poor" (Matthew 5:3)

Facilitators: Steve & Tracy Horsley

EVERYONE WELCOME

Offertories Received Week Ending August 16th 2026

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

	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>	<u>Total</u>
Christmas Exchange	---	---	50	50
Poor & Needy	10	35	393	438
Loose Collection	17	58	1434	1509
Envelope Collection	542	600	3486	4628
P.A.D.	70	815	2393	3278
Building Fund	---	---	40	40
Vigil Candles	---	---	212	212
Cemetery Fund	---	---	5	5

Next Special Collection: BUILDING FUND SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026