



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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Office Hours: 9 am – 5 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays || 9 am – 9 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays
2 pm – 6 pm on Saturdays || 8 am – 1 pm on Sundays

For Baptisms: Call the office *one month before desired date*

For Marriages: Call the office *6 months before desired date*

For RCIA: Call the office any time

Confessions: 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Saturdays @ St. Dunstan's. For any other time, call the office.

Aug 31st – Sep 6th, 2025 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29

Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7-14

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” – Matthew 28:19

Become a Catechist – Share the Light of Faith!

Are you passionate about your Catholic faith and eager to make a difference in the lives of others?

Our parish is seeking dedicated catechists to help form the hearts and minds of children, youth, and adults in our faith community.

What is a Catechist?

A catechist is someone who teaches and witnesses the Catholic faith, helping others grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

You don't need to be a theologian — just a person of faith, willing to share your love for God and the Church.

We're looking for catechists for:

- Children's Religious Education (Grades 1– 8)
- Confirmation Prep
- Family Catechesis Programs

Training and support will be provided.

Whether you're a seasoned catechist or simply feeling called to serve, we'll walk with you every step of the way.

There will be a workshop on September 10th at 6:30 pm in Monsignor Boyd Family Centre.

Interested?

Contact St. Mary Magdalene Parish at (506) 444-6000 or faithformation@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca or speak with Nadine LeBlanc.

Readings for Sep 7th

1st Reading: Wisdom 9.13-18

Gospel: Luke 14.25-33

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

ST. DUNSTAN

Mass Schedules

Sat Aug 30th 4:00 PM

Sun Aug 31st 9:00 AM

11:30 AM

Tue Sep 2nd 6:30 PM

Wed Sep 3rd 6:30 PM

Thu Sep 4th 12:05 PM

Fri Sep 5th 6:30 PM

Sat Sep 6th 4:00 PM

Sun Sep 7th 9:00 AM

11:30 AM

Mass Intentions

Clayton Flores

Mrs. Woon Ho

Nestor Flores

NO MASS

NO MASS

Patricia & Steve Okoye

Sylvia Herron

Josie Mazucca

Ella Steinhoff

Bill Crossman

Sponsored by

Alvarez Flores Family

Theresa Sleep

Alvarez Flores Family

NO MASS

NO MASS

Oma Okoye

Nina DiGiadinto-Bober

Ann & Pat Murphy

Anonymous

Richard Brennan

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules

Sun Aug 31st 11:00 AM

Sun Sep 7th 11:00 AM

Mass Intentions

DFM Boudreau & Parent

Mary Ann Coates

Sponsored by

Bernie Parent

Theresa Sleep

ST. COLUMBA

Mass Schedules

Sun Aug 31st 9:00 AM

Sun Sep 7th 9:00 AM

Mass Intentions

Thomas E. Bray

Greg & Bev Shannon

Sponsored by

Carol & Rolston

Shannon Family



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Looking to Strengthen Your Marriage? Take a step toward a deeper, more joyful relationship at the **Marriage Encounter Weekend**, happening **September 26–28, 2025 at Between the Hearts Renewal Centre, Amherst, NS**. This unique experience, rooted in Catholic values, *offers couples private time to reconnect, reflect, and grow together*—no group sharing required. The weekend includes presentations by Catholic couples and a priest, accommodations, and meals.

Registration fee: \$135 per couple (with opportunity to make a donation). No couple is ever turned away due to finances. For details or to register, contact Ron & Joanne at (506) 451-8489 or email ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org. **Give your marriage the gift of time and renewal!**

VIGIL CANDLES: Those who like to light the vigil candles for their intentions are asked to get the candles from the office.

RCIA will resume in October. If interested, please call the office.

SUNDAY CATHECHISM: As we prepare for the beginning of the Faith Formation Program for children, we would like to put a call out to all who would like to volunteer as a "Catechist". This invitation is also for all current catechists who have been volunteering in the past. We will have an **initial meeting on Thursday, September 11th at 6:30pm in Mary Sullivan room at MBFC.** If you feel a call to help but are not sure how to go about it, please join us for a meet and greet.

PILGRIMAGE to the Cathedral / September 6, 2025: Thank you to all who put their name to attend the Pilgrimage. A very special thank you to those who are volunteering to take passengers in their vehicle to ensure everyone has a ride to Saint John, it is much appreciated. We will gather as a community for prayer, devotions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, and attend the Jubilee Pilgrimage Mass. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend if you still want to join with your own vehicle. There are posters with instructions for directions at each entrance of the church.

The St. Mary Magdalene Parish Outreach Ministry to the Fredericton Community Kitchens began in 2018, through the leadership of John Denning, as an ecumenical initiative with Wilmot United Church to help provide food security for some of the most vulnerable members of the Fredericton community. Wilmot United did not continue after Covid. St. Mary Magdalene parishioners stepped up and formed four new teams, plus a list of spares, to ensure that the supper shift would be covered every Sunday. This continued as a rewarding ministry for many parishioners until August 24, 2025.

The Community Kitchens' administration has chosen to move forward with a different model for the Sunday supper shift, opening it to volunteers from the greater Fredericton area. Some of our volunteers will continue with that shift, some will volunteer for the 2pm - 4pm Sunday shift or other shifts, while others are choosing to pursue other volunteer opportunities.

Father Suresh, Father Peter and the whole Parish wish to express sincere gratitude to all those parishioners who participated, through the years, in our Outreach Ministry to the Community Kitchens and followed the Gospel message of Jesus, giving generously of their time and gifts to feed the hungry. ***To recognize their contributions to our parish and to the Fredericton community, all Community Kitchen volunteers will be invited to a meal in their honour to be held after Father Suresh returns from his vacation.*** The Executive Director of the Fredericton Community Kitchens, Cassandra LeBlanc, has also expressed thanks for the dedication and commitment of our St. Mary Magdalene volunteers. If any parishioners are interested in volunteering for Community Kitchen shifts on weekends or during the week please use the following link:
<https://frederictoncommunitykitchens.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=80700>

🎵 Invitation to Join Our New Choir at St. Dunstan's!

We are reaching out to you with a heartfelt invitation to join our music ministries. *Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love praising God through music, we'd love to welcome you! And if you know any young adults or "young at heart" folks who might be interested, please feel free to pass this along.* Rehearsals are usually every Friday evening. If you're interested in joining this adventure, feel free to email the office or reach out to Marlene at 506-282-4331 or email at marlenerr@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts will resume in September. The next breakfast will be on Sunday, September 14th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Proceeds will be used to support the Law Enforcement Run for Special Olympics. Everyone welcome.

Statement regarding the Urgent Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza: Having agreed with the Executive Committee's invitation, and after extensive review, the **Permanent Council** approved a "**Statement Regarding the Urgent Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza**" under its name. This Statement is addressed to the faithful and encourages them to pray and fast for an end to the war; it also reiterates Pope Leo's XIV's comments on the matter, without adding to them.

For your information, please find attached a copy of the Statement, which was published this week on the CCCB's social media platforms, including the website (see "What's New"):

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/justice-and-peace/peace-and-security/>

In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/justice-et-paix/paix-et-securite/>

The Saint John Diocesan Council for Development and Peace will hold its Fall Campaign Workshop on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton, beginning at 10 am to 2 pm. Adah Ogbe, our D&P Maritime Regional Animator, will present the workshop on the Fall Campaign, Turn Debt into Hope. If you cannot attend in person, you can join the meeting virtually, via Zoom. Here is the link to REGISTER for the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212703> After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with the meeting link.

FINANCE REPORT

Offertories Received - Week Ending August 24				
	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>	<u>Total</u>
Regular offertories	\$530	\$1,526	\$6,280	\$8,336
Next Special Collection is September 7 for Building Fund				

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

'Christ is our Saviour, and in Him, we are one family' - Pope Leo XIV