



# St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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**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 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12

### Triduum at St Mary Magdalene Parish (April 17-19)

**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper:** 6:30pm at St Dunstan's

Please bring your bells for ringing during the Gloria. Following Mass there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Dunstan's, Sts John and Paul and St Columba until 10:00pm

**Good Friday Services:**

St Columba's: Noon

Sts John and Paul: 3:00 pm

St Dunstan's: Noon and 3:00 pm

**Easter Vigil:** 8:30pm at St Dunstan's

Please bring your bells for ringing during the Gloria

**Holy Saturday (April 19):** there will be a blessing of Easter food at St Dunstan's at 1:00pm.

Please note that on Holy Saturday there are no confessions and no 4:00 pm Mass at St Dunstan's.

### **Witness Story - Prayer Answered**

The Prayer Line received in October a request from a gentleman to pray for a niece who had a one-year old daughter who fell out of a third story window. The Prayer Line group came together spiritually and prayed for this child for a week. Father Suresh then received this message from the gentleman: "Dear Father Suresh thank you so much for your prayers for [the child]. I believe we have witnessed a miracle. She had no broken bones, some bruising in her lungs and a small laceration on her liver that will heal on its own. She was kept for observation. She was sitting up yesterday morning eating snacks and she was discharged from the hospital. Miracle after miracle! God is good and he was doing his work before we even asked!"

We welcome **IMHOEDE ADRIEL OSHOKHAI**, child of Imhoede Jude Oshomah and Josiah Motunrayo Olatundun, baptized on Mar 23, 2025 at St. Dunstan's Church.

**Regional Reconciliation** on April 6, 3pm at St Dunstan's Church.

**Readings for Mar 30<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> R:** Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

**2<sup>nd</sup> R:** 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

**Gospel:** Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

**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.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S**

**Mass Intentions:**

Sat, Mar 22	4:00 PM	Georges McGraw
		Mary Jane McGraw
Sun, Mar 23	9:00 AM	Ron Moore
	11:30 AM	Fernand Michaud
Tue, Mar 25	6:30 PM	Roger LeBlanc
Wed, Mar 26	6:30 PM	Real Gauvin
		Charline LeBlanc Beaupré
Thu, Mar 27	12:05 PM	Stevan Ciric
Fri, Mar 28	6:30 PM	Jeannette Altmunshafer
Sat, Mar 29	4:00 PM	Myrna Asejo
Sun, Mar 30	9:00 AM	Bill Sarty
	11:30 AM	Marie Armstrong

**Mass Times:**

6:30pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays  
12:05pm, Thursdays  
4:00pm, Saturdays  
9:00am, 11:30am, Sundays  
9:00am, First Saturdays

**Divine Mercy:**

2pm, Tuesdays

**Rosary to St. Joseph:**

6pm, Wednesdays

**Adoration:**

6pm, Fridays

7pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays

**Confessions:**

2:30pm-3:30pm, Saturdays

May call the office for other times

**Stations of the Cross:** 7:15pm, March 25<sup>th</sup>

**Food Bank Donations:** Suggested donations for Mar 29/30 are dry and "to cook" breakfast cereals

**Green Village Donations:** Suggested donations are peanut butter, Nutella, & various flavors of jam.

**Tax Receipts:** Now available for pick up at the office.

**Envelope boxes** are available at the Regent St entrance. For new boxed envelopes, please call the office.

**STS. JOHN & PAUL**

**Mass Intentions:**

Sun, Mar 23	11:00 AM	Albert Khoury
Sun, Mar 30	11:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory

**Mass Times:**

11:00 AM Sundays

**Rosary / Divine Mercy:**

10:10 AM Sundays

**Adoration:**

1 – 5 PM Thursdays

**Stations of the Cross:**

7pm, Friday

**Lenten Outreach Donation items for March 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

Transition House has a specific list of items they can accept due to the lack of space. While you can bring the items listed any week you want, please stay as close as possible to the items listed. Thank you.  
*Transition House items: Loofah, Razors, Bath bombs, Bath towels, shower caddies (Dollarama)*

**Fredericton Foodbank – Greener Village**

Suggested donations are canned tomatoes, canned pasta sauce, canned proteins (canned beans – black, white, red, etc), lentils, canned meat, cookies, kids' snacks (peanut-free please).

**Soup Sunday is back! Our 2nd annual!**

Please register so we have lots of soup to share! Email [reledstsjohnandpaul@gmail.com](mailto:reledstsjohnandpaul@gmail.com) with Soup Sunday in the subject line or sign up at the office. **Sunday March 23rd, 12:00 - 1:00 pm.** A variety of soups, sweets, tea/coffee, juice, and great company! A good will offering will be taken as well. Everyone is welcome!

**ST. COLUMBA**

**Mass Intentions:**

Sun, Mar 23	9:00 AM	Pepi DiGiacinto
Sun, Mar 30	9:00 AM	Marg Gorman

**Mass Times:** 9:00 AM Sundays

**Stations of the Cross:** 6:30 PM March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Summaries on Offertories received on Mar 16 will be available next week.**



## Attention High School Students! Steubenville Atlantic Conference July 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:faithformation@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca) or (506) 444-6018 to have your name added to the list and receive the link to the meeting.

### **CCCB Letter to Government regarding MAiD**

On March 10, with the approval of the Permanent Council, a letter was sent to federal government officials regarding the recently-concluded "national consultation" on expanding Medical Assistance in Dying ("MAiD") in view of introducing advance requests. This letter strongly urges and implores the federal government to halt any further expansion of "MAiD" and focus instead on advancing compassionate, life-affirming palliative care. It is a very important and informative read and can be found in English at [https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/CCCB-Letter-to-the-Honourable-Kamal-Khera-P.C.-M.P.-Minister-of-Health\\_MAID-Advanced-requests.pdf](https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/CCCB-Letter-to-the-Honourable-Kamal-Khera-P.C.-M.P.-Minister-of-Health_MAID-Advanced-requests.pdf) and in French at [https://www.cecc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Lettre-de-la-CECC-a-l'honorable-Kamal-Khera-C.P.-Ministre-Sante\\_Demandes-anticipees-AMM.pdf](https://www.cecc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Lettre-de-la-CECC-a-l'honorable-Kamal-Khera-C.P.-Ministre-Sante_Demandes-anticipees-AMM.pdf).

### **CLI White Paper, Reaching, Engaging and Inspiring the Next Generation**

How can we better reach, engage, and inspire Millennials and Generation Z in the Catholic Church? Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) just released a whitepaper addressing this urgent question! Based on an 18-month study with over 340 leaders and young Catholics, this resource provides key insights, actionable strategies, and an assessment to equip parish leaders in fostering deeper connections and creating faith communities where young people truly feel they belong. This whitepaper is available at <https://www.catholicleaders.org/next-generation>.

### **Development & Peace - Share Lent: Turn Debt into Hope : sign the petition!**



In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis calls on us to take part in the global Turn Debt into Hope campaign to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them."

Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, we must act!

Sign the global petition calling for:

1. Canceling unjust and unsustainable debts
2. Reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and the planet
3. Establishing a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations

**Please sign the petition in the church or online at [devp.org](http://devp.org)**

### **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.

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Living Lent



**In Short:**

- Lent was originally a period of preparation for baptism.
- Lenten themes include repentance, sacrifice, and spiritual growth.
- Three traditional Lenten practices are fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.



Beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, Lent is a period of about forty days, not counting Sundays. It's a penitential season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Lent is a good time to ask yourself:

- *What do I need to be happy?*
- *How do I spend my time, energy, money? What does this tell me about my priorities?*
- *Do I have unhealthy habits that pull me away from God?*

For catechumens and candidates, Lent is a time of purification and enlightenment, a time to respond to God with greater reflection and commitment.

### Body, Mind, and Spirit

The season of Lent speaks to the whole person by appealing not only to the mind and spirit but also to the senses:

**Ashes.** The ashes we receive on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday remind us of the passage of time and our constant need of repentance. Wearing ashes on our foreheads indicates our willingness to do penance for our sins.

**Violet.** The color of the clergy's vestments and church decorations during Lent symbolizes repentance, reflection, and conversion.

## Living Lent

We take time to prepare for things that are important to us. During Lent, we prepare for the greatest celebration of the Church year—Easter. We follow the path of Jesus, who journeyed through death to resurrection. We die to ourselves so that we, like Jesus, might rise again.

Lent is a time of preparation, a time of spiritual growth. We discard our faulty attitudes and unhealthy habits. We pick up new attitudes and fresh perspectives. The dying and rebirth that take place within our hearts reflect the paschal mystery—the suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord.

The word *Lent* comes from an early English word that refers to the lengthening of daylight hours during spring. While the season of Lent was originally a time of final preparation for those adults being baptized at Easter, the entire Church now enters into the spirit and practices of Lent.