

# ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

**St. Columba** + **Sts. John & Paul** + **St. Dunstan's**  
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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN  
Pastoral Council Chair: Evert Garcia  
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Administrative Assistant: Debbie Brooks

Parish Office Hours:  
**Monday to Friday**  
9 am - 5 pm  
**Saturdays** - 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**Sundays** - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Co. Pastor: Fr. Peter Osborne  
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## 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

**December 21<sup>st</sup> to December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Isaiah 7.10-14*

Gospel: *Matthew 1.18-24*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *Romans 1.1-7*

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

| Mass Times St. Dunstan's   |  |
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| Christmas Eve Mass:<br>Christmas Day Mass:<br><br>New Year's Eve Mass:<br>New Year's Day Mass: | Sunday December 21 <sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM<br>Monday December 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday December 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM<br>Wednesday December 24 <sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM; 7:00 PM and 11:45 PM<br>Thursday December 25 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM<br>Friday December 26 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM<br>Saturday December 27 <sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM<br>Sunday December 28 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM<br>Tuesday December 30 <sup>th</sup> at 12:05 PM<br>Wednesday December 31 <sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM<br>Thursday January 1 <sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM |

| Mass Times Sts. John & Paul                 |  |
|---|--|
| Christmas Eve Mass:<br>New Year's Day Mass: | Sunday December 21 <sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM<br>Wednesday December 24 <sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM<br>Sunday December 28 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM<br>Thursday January 1 <sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM |
| Mass Times St. Columba                      |  |
| Christmas Eve Mass:<br>New Year's Day Mass: | Sunday December 21 <sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM<br>Wednesday December 24 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM<br>Sunday December 28 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM<br>Thursday January 1 <sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM    |

FOR PARISHIONERS WANTING 2026 NUMBERED OFFERTORY ENVELOPES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT  
506-444-6001 OR EMAIL: [OFFICE@STMARYMAGDALENEPARISH.CA](mailto:OFFICE@STMARYMAGDALENEPARISH.CA)

VIGIL CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE FOR \$5

**MASS INTENTIONS: December 21<sup>st</sup> to December 28<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**ST. DUNSTAN**

| <b>Mass Schedules</b>                     | <b>Mass Intentions</b>   | <b>Sponsored By</b>              | <b>Priest</b>             |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sat. December 20 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM    | Geraldine Doucette   | Patricia Roussy                  | Fr. Kenneth Centeno       |
| Sun. December 21 <sup>st</sup> 9:00 AM    | Theresa & Baltjalt Salem   | Saliba & Nada Saad               | Fr. Peter Osborne         |
| Sun. December 21 <sup>st</sup> 11:30 AM   | George Saad  | Saliba & Nada Saad               | Fr. Peter Osborne         |
| Sun. December 21 <sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM    | David & Sherry Brooks  | Debbie Brooks                    | Fr. Kenneth Centeno       |
| Mon. December 22 <sup>nd</sup> 6:30 PM    | Catherine Algon Ndi  | Joyceline Lum & Family           | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Tues. December 23 <sup>rd</sup> 6:30 PM   | Brendon Oreto<br>Ho Woon Wah                                     | Tony Oreto<br>CWL                | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Wed. December 24 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM    | Rosemary Thomas<br>Charline LeBlanc Beaupré                      | Steve Thomas<br>Nadine LeBlanc   | Fr. Peter Osborne         |
| Wed. December 24 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM    | Paul & Elaine Young  | Dana Young                       | Fr. Peter Osborne         |
| Wed. December 24 <sup>th</sup> 11:45 PM   | Bill Uigie, John & Josie<br>Mazzuca                              | Buz Mazzuca                      | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Thurs. December 25 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM | Margaret & Charles Burns<br>The Prevost Family                   | Michael Burns<br>Melvina Prevost | Fr. Peter Osborne         |
| Fri. December 26 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM    | Noed Dominic Serrano &<br>Mary Basily Lily Zaraste-<br>Newlyweds | Cristy Flores                    | Fr. Peter Osborne         |
| Sat. December 27 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM    | Vassula Ryden  | Paulette Lawyer                  | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Sun. December 28 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM    | Thanksgiving- Jude & Borgia<br>Perlita Duldulao                  | Jude & Borgia<br>The Family      | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Sun. December 28 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM   | The Alvarez-Rangel Families                                      | Maria Rangel                     | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |

**STS. JOHN & PAUL**

| <b>Mass Schedules</b>                   | <b>Mass Intentions</b>  | <b>Sponsored By</b>                         | <b>Priest</b>             |
|---|---|---|---------------------------|
| Sun. December 21 <sup>st</sup> 11:00 AM | Arthur Leo Ley  | Lorraine Bird                               | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Wed. December 24 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM  | Special Intention for those<br>experiencing homelessness-<br>May they find faith in God | A Faithful Parishioner                      | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Sun. December 28 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM | Lorry Maples<br>Fr. Ken Weir  | John Valentino<br>Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN | Fr. Peter Osborne         |

**ST. COLOMBA**

| <b>Mass Schedules</b>                  | <b>Mass Intentions</b>        | <b>Sponsored By</b>                               | <b>Priest</b>             |
|--|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Sun. December 21 <sup>st</sup> 9:00 AM | Thomas Allian<br>Fr. Ken Weir | Leo & Juanita Gaudet<br>Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Wed. December 24 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM | Pepi Di Giacinto              | Verna Shaw  | Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN |
| Sun. December 28 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM | Pauline Mott                  | The Dibblesteyn Family                            | Fr. Peter Osborne         |

**Message to St. Columba & Sts. John & Paul Parishioners:** 4th Sunday of Advent – LOVE – Sharing the Love & Care –  
We will be collecting hygiene kits for Fredericton Emergency Shelter ~ Thank you! Lynn Butler

**We welcome VICA MIRAN MARTIN Child of Mark Martin and Allen Joy Miran into the catholic church. Vica will be baptized on December 20th by Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN**

## Christmas Novena

### 9 Days of Prayer to the Divine Infant Jesus

Christmas is not just a date—it is the miracle of God becoming man to dwell among us. The Christmas Novena is a beautiful way to prepare your heart for the birth of Jesus, growing in hope, humility, peace, and joyful expectation. From December 16 to December 24, Catholics around the world unite in nine days of prayer to welcome the Savior with hearts ready to receive His light.

The Christmas Novena dates back centuries and is especially rooted in European and Latin American tradition. It mirrors the nine months of Mary carrying the Savior in her womb, as well as the nine days the Apostles spent in prayer waiting for the Holy Spirit. Beginning on December 16, the novena leads believers into the final days of Advent—a time of grace, preparation, and spiritual renewal. Early Christians used these nine days to meditate on the mystery of the Incarnation: God entering history as a Child, choosing humility, poverty, and love. Today, the Christmas Novena remains one of the most beloved devotions, helping the faithful slow down, reflect deeply, and welcome Jesus into their homes and hearts.

St Mary Magdalene Parish celebrates the **Christmas Novena from December 15<sup>th</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup>** since the participants in the celebration could participate with the entire family after school and work. Also, Christmas eve celebration begins at 4 pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December it's inconvenient to celebrate the last day of the Novena alongside of Christmas eve mass.

Novena Masses will be celebrated during weekdays at 6:30 PM. **NO NOON MASSES.**

### Faith Formation Christmas Celebration: Immersive Nativity!

This Sunday, December 21 – 2:00 PM Arrival | 2:15 PM Start | St. Dunstan's Church

Followed by a Christmas Party | Monsignor Boyd Family Centre | Gym

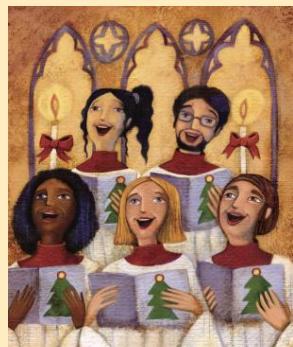
Join our K-12 Faith Formation for a **Living Nativity** led by confirmation students (gr. 8+)! More than a play – an evangelization moment to proclaim: "Go tell it on the mountains that Jesus Christ is born!" **IN HIM, we are LOVED, VALUABLE, NEVER ALONE.**

Everyone Welcome – Be the Crowd!  
(Shepherds, sheep, angels – simple costumes:  
pillowcase/fabric, white clothes.)

Arrive at 2 PM for seating. Confirmation leaders guide all!  
Like the crèche, a "living Gospel" that draws us to adore the Infant Jesus. All parishioners invited!

We will continue the celebration in Monsignor Boyd Family Centre's gym for games, music and treats.

PS: Santa Clause will greet you and hear your wishes! 😊



**The 11:30 AM SUNDAY MASS CHOIR**  
will be singing at the  
Christmas Eve 11:45 PM Mass.  
Featuring Soloist –  
Luke Nofall. All are welcome  
to join the festivities with  
caroling before Mass <3

### Christmas Novena Prayer

Divine Infant,

After the wonders of Your birth in Bethlehem,  
You wished to extend Your infinite mercy to the whole world by calling the Wise Men by heavenly inspiration to Your crib, which was in this way changed into a royal throne.

You graciously received those holy men who were obedient to the Divine call and hastened to Your feet. They recognized and worshipped You as Prince of Peace, the Redeemer of mankind, and the very Son of God.

Show us also Your goodness and almighty power.  
Enlighten our minds, strengthen our wills,  
and inflame our hearts to know You,  
to serve You, and to love You in this life,  
that we may merit to find our joy in You eternally in the life to come.

O Jesus, most powerful Child,  
I implore You again to help me:  
(State your intention here...)

Divine Child, great omnipotent God,  
I implore through Your most Holy Mother's most powerful intercession, and through the boundless mercy of Your omnipotence as God, for a favorable answer to my prayer during this Novena.

Grant me the grace of possessing You eternally with Mary and Joseph, and of adoring You with Your holy angels and saints.

**Amen.**

## Dear Parishioners,

This February, our Grade 8 and Grade 9 candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will participate in the Coldest Night of the Year walk.



This national event raises funds to help people in our community who are experiencing **hurt, hunger, and homelessness**. We invite you to join us in supporting this great cause by making a donation. Your generosity will not only help those in need but also encourage our young candidates as they live out their faith through service.

**Our Parish Goal: \$800**

**Donate Online:** Click on the link below in blue  
<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=5550175&langPref=en-CA>

Every contribution makes a difference!

Thank you for your support and prayers for our candidates and for those who need our help.

Blessings,  
Nadine LeBlanc  
St. Mary Magdalene Parish – Faith Formation



In the three-video Dying with Christ – Living with Hope series, we seek to demystify death and the dying process, making way for a new approach to end of life questions. The discussion, led by theologians and healthcare professionals, will give timeless perspectives on suffering, grief, dying, and our duty to care. We will discover that when we make a commitment to die with Christ, we can truly live with hope.

### FREE TRAIN THE TRAINER SESSIONS

- January 14, 21, and 28 at 7:00 PM ET
- February 2, 9 and 16 at 6:30 pm ET
- February 24, March 3 and 10 at 1:00 pm ET



[cmdacanada.org/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope/](http://cmdacanada.org/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope/)



#### ABOUT CMDA CANADA

Dying with Christ - Living with Hope is a production of the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada. CMDA Canada seeks to equip, encourage and engage Christian doctors and dentists across Canada.



#### Learn More

If you have any questions, you can learn more by scanning the QR code, using the URL above or contacting Brad MacKinnon at [bmackinnon@cmdacanada.org](mailto:bmackinnon@cmdacanada.org).

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS MEN'S GROUP** - Growing in prayer through the scriptures together as men, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Men's Group meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month 7:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lincoln. For more information, or to receive email updates please email [sacredheart3n1@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheart3n1@gmail.com)

Fr. Martin Arputham HGN will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of his Ordination on December 21, 2025. Fr Martin is the Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish. As parishioners, we are grateful and wish Fr. Martin a Happy Anniversary; we celebrate with him this milestone in his ministry as a priest. On December 21, please keep Fr. Martin in your prayers. Any cards or special greetings may be sent to the Parish Office to be shared with him. Thank you very much for your kind thoughts.

## JUBILEE CLOSING MASS

The closing Mass of the Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope in the Diocese of Saint John. This Mass will take place on Sun. December 28<sup>th</sup> (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph) at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.



**Children's Faith Formation Christmas Party TODAY**  
from 2PM to 4PM

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN DECORATING THE CHURCHES FOR CHRISTMAS.**

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**  
**Blessings from Father Peter Osborne,  
Father Brian Murphy, Father John Jennings  
and Father Suresh Savariraj, HGN**



**Alpha –**  
**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**  
**You are invited to be our guest!**  
**Come and bring a friend!**

When: Kick off "Come and See" - Monday, January 19, 2026, 6:30 pm – 8:15 pm, then continuing every Monday, 6:30 pm – 8:15 pm, running from January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

- Note - there will be no session on March 2<sup>nd</sup> (March Break) and April 6<sup>th</sup> (Easter)



Where: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish  
31 Gondola Point, Road, Rothesay NB

Please register to reserve your spot:  
[Alpha@immaculateconception.ca](mailto:Alpha@immaculateconception.ca),  
or contact Jen or Ivan Bachynsky

Scan the QR code to register!

## Offertories Received Week Ending December 14, 2025

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

|                     | <b>St C</b>  | <b>Sts J&amp;P</b> | <b>St D</b>   | <b>Total</b>  |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Regular offertories | <b>\$877</b> | <b>\$1915</b>      | <b>\$4877</b> | <b>\$7669</b> |
|                     |              | <b>(2 weeks)</b>   |               |               |

Next Special Collection is December - CHRISTMAS