

St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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Marriage: Call the office 6 months before desired date

RCIA: Call the office any time

May 25th – May 31st, 2025 – 6th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 15.1-2, 22-29

Gospel: John 14.23-29

2nd Reading: Revelation 21.10-14, 22-23

THE PRAYER LINE GROUP – A WITNESS STORY

A faithful parishioner asked the Prayer Line Group to intercede for his brother who was having a bladder cancer surgery. We received an update as follows: "Thank you everyone for your prayers, my brother's bladder cancer surgery went well and is healing. He will be meeting with doctors to discuss the surgery and the pending treatments." Amen – prayers really work !!!

CLOSING THE MONTH OF MARY AND THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA with a special mass on Saturday, May 31st at 4 p.m. BRING A ROSE (real or artificial) for a PROCESSION to the front of the church with the STATUE of OUR LADY OF FATIMA. We will then deposit our rose at the foot of the STATUE AT THE ALTAR. AFTER MASS, we will have A LED ROSARY IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY FOR ALL WHO WISH TO STAY. THOSE WHO CANNOT STAY FOR THE ROSARY, ARE INVITED TO PICK UP YOUR ROSES QUIETLY FROM THE STATUE WHILE THE ROSARY IS RECITED. TAKE YOUR ROSES HOME TO RECEIVE BLESSINGS AND GRACES for you, your family and your home. 🙏

FREDERICTON REGIONAL JUBILEE MISSION: on June 2-4, Bishop Riesbeck will preach a three-day Jubilee Mission on the theme, "Rejoice in Hope." Inspired by *Spes Non Confundit*, the Jubilee Bull of Indiction of Pope Francis, Bishop Riesbeck will speak on our need for hope in these times, the relevance of Jesus as the anchor of our hope, and the role of the Holy Spirit as the agent of hope empowering us to mission as apostles of mercy and hope. These missions **will take place at Saint Theresa's Church** (Our Lady of Peace Parish) beginning from **6:30 pm-8:30 pm**, ending with a reception. Each session will begin with **Mass followed by a teaching**, with a **healing rosary on Monday, Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday** and **commissioning prayers on Wednesday**. Come and be a seeker of hope! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khOPij3hbUg>.

1st EUCHARIST and CONFIRMATION ~ Please keep the children and youth of our parish in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Thirteen young people will be Confirmed by Bishop Riesbeck on Sunday, June 1st at 3:00 pm at Holy Family Church. 1st Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, June 8th at the 11:30 am Mass at St. Dunstan's Church. All are welcome to attend both Masses.

Readings for June 1st

1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11

Gospel: Luke 24.46-53

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23

ST. DUNSTAN'S

Mass Intentions:

Sat, May 24 4:00 PM Donald Losier
Sun, May 25 9:00 AM Mario Marcantoni
11:30 AM Adele De Santis
Tue, May 27 6:30 PM Joan Daley
Wed, May 28 6:30 PM Vicente-Torralba Couple
Thu, May 29 12:05 PM Clarice Roxborough
Fri, May 30 6:30 PM Roy Campbell

Sat, May 31 4:00 PM Garnet, Helen and Janice Moore
Sun, Jun 1 9:00 AM Joseph Doucet
11:30 AM Francis A. Levangie

Mass Times:

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

Divine Mercy / Rosary: 2 PM, Tuesdays
9:30 AM, First Saturdays

Rosary to St. Joseph: 6 PM, Wednesdays

Adoration: 6 PM, Fridays
7 PM, 1st Fridays

Confessions: 2:30 PM-3:30 PM, Saturdays
May call the office for other times

**Sanctuary Lamp for the week of May 25th
In Loving Memory of Charline LeBlanc Beaupré**

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Intentions:

Sun, May 25 11:00 AM Mary Ramsey
Sun, Jun 1 11:00 AM Brent Hawkes

Mass Time: 11:00 AM Sundays

Rosary / Divine Mercy: 10:10 AM Sundays

Adoration: 1 – 5 PM Thursdays

ST. COLUMBA

Mass Intentions:

Sun, May 25 9:00 AM DFM of Dobbelsteyn Family
Sun, Jun 1 9:00 AM Pepi DiGiacinto

Mass Time: 9:00 AM Sundays

Offertories Received - Week Ending May 18

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

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Regular offertories	\$460	\$1,221	\$7,691	\$9,372

**Next Special Collection is May 25 for Pope's Pastoral
Works**

Please note that **masses on June 2nd and 3rd** will be celebrated in St Theresa's Church as Father Suresh will concelebrate with Bishop Christian. No masses in St Dunstan's on these dates.

The **2024 Annual Parish Report** is now available online. Paper copies are also available for pick up in the parish office.

Camp Sheldrake Sponsorship ~ St. Mary Magdalene is pleased be able to sponsor one child/youth to attend Camp Sheldrake, located near Miramichi, during the 2025 camp season. Families who could use help to cover camp fees, whose child is registered in the parish Faith Formation programs and have not been sponsored in the past are eligible. Sponsorship includes camp fees plus a \$50.00 gas card to help with travel costs. Applications are available at the parish office. **Deadline is June 6th.** Sponsorship subject to space availability at Camp Sheldrake. The selected family will be instructed on how to register.

Are you interested in a pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Québec? - Our Lady of Peace Parish is looking to see if there is an interest in a five-day pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Québec mid September 2025. We have gathered preliminary quotes for a bus, accommodations, guided tours in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and Old Québec City. Based on one bus, fifty-six Pilgrims, double occupancy lodging, and two tours, we estimate this five-day pilgrimage would cost approx. \$1000.00 per person. Before we go further with plans, we need to know if this is something that parishioners in other Fredericton region parishes would be interested in. If there is enough interest, we will have an information meeting with more details. If you are interested in this pilgrimage, please contact Ricarda Bradley by email Ricarda_b@outlook.com or by phone (506)367-2005 by May 30th.



A Note on Prayer

Prayer is a universal *human activity*. It can be found in every country, in every period of human history, at every age of life. It expresses the awareness of a relationship with a Being greater than oneself, distinct from oneself, present within oneself.

Christian prayer is clearly marked by *faith in God who has made himself known*, not only as the Creator of the universe, but as *Father, Son and Holy Spirit*. The faithful pray to the Father through the Son in the Spirit.

We learn to pray, just as we learn to speak, walk or sing. The Gospel offers a profound insight into this. Impressed by Jesus' prayer, the disciples ask him to teach them how to pray: he teaches them the "Our Father," with its two poles: God and humanity. Several other Gospel passages show Jesus at prayer, in close contact with his Father (*abba* = dad), jubilant under the action of the Holy Spirit (Mt 11:25-27), in anguish before death

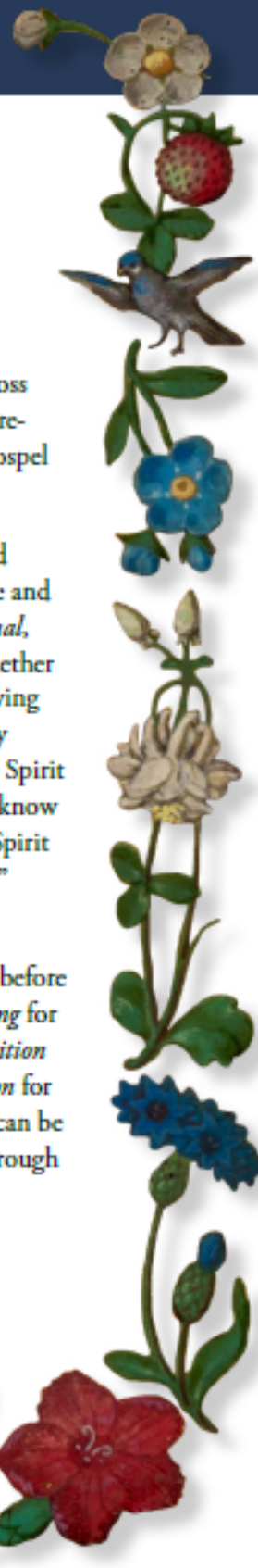
(Lk 22:39-46), and confident on the Cross (Mt 27:46; Lk 23:46). The great prayer recounted in chapter 17 of Saint John's Gospel reveals the heart of Christ.

Prayer is *personal*, that is, it expresses and enriches the faith of each person, unique and precious in God's eyes. It is also *communal*, since it is lived in union with others, whether physically or spiritually present, those living in this world and those who have already entered into eternity. It is *spiritual*: "The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words" (Rom 8:26).

Prayer takes on different *hues*: *adoration* before God's unfathomable mystery, *thanksgiving* for his countless and unceasing benefits, *petition* in the face of daily difficulties, *intercession* for our sisters and brothers in humanity. It can be *vocal* (out loud), *mental* (in the mind through

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meditation); the body participates (seated to listen; kneeling to adore and implore), eyes closed and recollected. It has a daily rhythm: morning or evening prayer, the Lord's Day....

Prayer is *nourished* by the *word of God*, the Old and New Testaments, in particular the book of Psalms that Jesus himself used; it is also nourished by the liturgy, the privileged place of God's presence; by the teaching of the Church's *Magisterium*: for example, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which devotes its entire fourth part to prayer (n. 2558-2865); in the life and experience of *the saints*, who are inspiring models and privileged intercessors, especially the *Blessed Virgin Mary*.

Prayer is connected to daily life, with its ups and downs. Jesus himself showed this when he rejoiced at the Holy Spirit's action in the humble (Lk 10:21) and when he trusted in his Father after the death of his friend Lazarus (Jn 11:41-42).

We can pray in different places: in nature, in the bedroom, in a church; alone, as a couple, as a family, as a Church.

The *cycle of the liturgical year* colours Christian prayer, from Advent to Christmas, from Lent to Easter and Ordinary Time, with the great mysteries of the faith (Creation, Incarnation, Redemption, Eternal Life) and the figures of the saints. The sacraments, lived out in prayer, are all essential places for this, with the celebration of the Eucharist and its extension, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, at the forefront.

The official prayer of the Church (the liturgy of the hours), the recitation of the rosary, the stations of the Cross or other devotions remain important sources for the life of prayer. Gazing at the Cross of Christ, statues of the Blessed Virgin or other saints is a great help in fixing the mind. Sacred music can also inspire us.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (n. 2650) states: "in order to pray, one must have the will to pray."

"Looking to Jesus" (Heb 12:2), the faithful can have their faces radiant and be transformed in him, as the experience of the Transfiguration (Lk 9:29) reminds us.

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A Special Prayer Request from the Grondin Family: **"We ask for prayers for the imminent death of Greta Grondin."**

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 1700s.