



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

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Liturgy: Margaret Savidge

August 16th 2026 – August 23rd 2026

1st Reading: *Isaiah 56.1, 6-7*

2nd Reading: *Romans 11.13-15, 29-32*

Gospel: *Matthew 15.21-28*

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

2026 Christmas Exchange Program

Over the years, your generosity has helped ensure that families and individuals in need receive a gift card to help make Christmas a little brighter and more joyful. Thanks to your support, many have been able to experience the comfort and dignity of a normal Christmas celebration. ❤️

Once again, we are asking for your help and generosity this year.

🎁 How You Can Contribute:

- Take an envelope from the Jesse Tree, place your donation inside, and drop the envelope in the collection basket at Mass or return it to the parish office.
- Send an e-transfer to office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca and include*“Christmas Exchange Program”* in the message/note section.
- Donate your recyclable bottles and cans!** You may bring your recyclables to the **Monsignor Boyd Family Centre**, or take them directly to the **Southside Redemption Centre** at **70 Timothy Ave, Hanwell Rd.** If bringing them to the depot yourself, please provide our registered account **number #36**. The refund from your recyclables will be automatically transferred to the account **via e-transfer** to **St. Mary Magdalene Parish** and will support the Christmas Exchange Program.



Christmas Exchange Program

📄 All donations are eligible for a tax receipt and will be included in your annual charitable contribution record. If donating by envelope, please be sure to write your name on the envelope.

🙏 Thank you for your continued support, kindness, and generosity. Together, we can help make Christmas a season of hope, joy, and blessing for those who need it most. ❤️ Thank you for helping us share Christ's love with our community this Christmas. As Jesus said: *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35).

MASS INTENTIONS:

St. Dunstan's Mass Intentions to August 15th to August 23rd 2026

Mass Schedules	Mass Intention	Sponsored By	Priest
Sat. August 15 th 4:00 PM	Mary Yaworski	David & Verna Gourley	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. August 16 th 9:00 AM	Sharon Nevers	Bruce & Regina Spencer	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. August 16 th 11:30 PM	Souls in Purgatory	Bruce & Regina Spencer	Fr. Peter Osborne
Tues. August 18 th 12:05 PM	For All of the Parishioners	Fr. Suresh Savariraj	Fr. Peter Osborne
Wed. August 19 th 6:30 PM	Mary Ryan	Graydon Nicholas	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Thurs. August 20 th 12:05 PM	Special: For the Bryne Family	Anne Byrne	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Fri. August 21 st 6:30 PM	Augusta Harriman	Anne & Pat Murphy	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
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 AM	The Saad Family	Asma Saad	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. August 16 th 11:00 AM	Special Intention	Gerald & Norea Mercer	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. August 23 rd 11:00 AM	Joseph O'Kane & Oliver Legere	Rob & Tracy O'Kane	Fr. John Jennings

ST. COLUMBA

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. August 16 th 9:00 AM	Rev. John D. Keane	Fr. Suresh Savariraj	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. August 23 rd 9:00 AM	Pauline Mott	Faithful Parishioner	Fr. John Jennings

The Sanctuary Candle burns August 16th to August 22nd for Yolanda & Achille Valentino

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of **AUGUSTA HARRIMAN**, who passed away on August 9th, 2026
For the family members of Augusta, we pray that *today and always, her loving memory bring you peace, comfort, and strength*

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of **ELIZABETH "BETTY" HARVEY**, who passed away on August 5th, 2026
Wishing the family of Betty peace, comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold forever in their hearts

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 COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

Women's Catholic Group Meeting:
August 20th 2026 - 7:30 PM–9PM

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting:
September 3rd 2026 – 6:45-8PM

Liturgy Meeting : Sts. John & Paul Church
August 27th 2026 - 6PM

Parish Council Meeting:
September 10th, 2026 - 6:00 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



💖 🌱 White Heart of Hope and Prayer 🌱 💖

🚶 🚶 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. 🙏 🙏 💙



Called & Gifted Charisms Discernment Process –

As a missionary disciple, you are **CALLED** by God to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do, and you are **GIFTED** by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation with charisms through which God intends his love to reach others. Learn to discern your charisms and discover God's unique call for you in intentional missionary discipleship! Called & Gifted Charisms Discernment hosted by **Our Lady of Peace Parish**, beginning **September 11 - 12, 2026**. For more information or to register, visit: <https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/called-gifted>, or contact Patty: olpcalledandgifted@gmail.com

Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly

"TOUCHED BY CANCER" MASS

for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at **St. Anthony's Church** on **Friday, August 21 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!**



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



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.

Catholic Young Adults Women's Night:

The Catholic Young Adults of Fredericton hosts a monthly women's night of prayer, faith and fellowship. Activities vary month to month but include praying the rosary, book clubs, group discussions on different aspects of our Catholic faith, crafts and charitable works. All are welcome. Meetings are typically held at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre attached to St. Dunstan's. For more information, please email:

Angela Bosse at catholicyoungadultsfredericton@gmail.com

Join **CMDA Canada** for a three-week online program exploring Christian hope in the face of suffering, grief, dying, and end-of-life care. Led by theologians and Christian healthcare professionals, this series includes video presentations, personal reflection, and small-group discussion. Participants will also be equipped to bring the program to their own communities, parishes, churches, and ministry settings. Summer 2026 online sessions are available:

Monday: August 17 and 24 at 1:00 PM

Thursday: September 10, 17, and 24 at 8:00 PM.

Register at: <https://cmdacanada.org/event/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope-summer-series/>. Questions? Contact Brad MacKinnon at bmackinnon@cmdacanada.org

Be part of God's mission!

We are looking for volunteers for **The Bible Timeline – The Story of Salvation**. Whatever your gifts, there is a place for you! Many gifts. One mission. Let's grow in faith together!

If you are interested in being a part of our team, please contact

Mark Tejares: meatejares@gmail.com

or Jose Zeron – jfzeron@outlook.com

Learn to celebrate your marriage EVERYDAY!

Fall in love all over again with your spouse! It can happen on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Experience. Mark the date and sign up for this fantastic opportunity-October 16-18th 2026 being held at **Between the Hearts Renewal Centre**, Amherst, NS. Take the time to renew, restore and rekindle your relationship! For more information, contact Ron or Joanne Arsenault, (506) 451-8489, or email ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org

Offertories Received Week Ending August 9th 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	---	---	120	120
Poor & Needy	10	20	285	315
Loose Collection	19	56	1161	1236
Envelope Collection	640	530	2932	4102
P.A.D.	70	821	2422	3313
Building Fund	---	---	60	60
Vigil Candles	---	---	95	95
Cemetery Fund	---	---	---	---

Next Special Collection: BUILDING FUND SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026