



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba †
118 Wilsey Rd FJ

Sts. John & Paul †
729 New Maryland Hwy

St. Dunstan's
120 Regent St

Father Suresh Savariraj, HGN

Father Peter Osborne

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am-5:30pm (Closed for lunch 12-1pm)

Weekends: Saturday 2 pm – 6 pm / Sunday 8 am – 1 pm

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Parish Website: <https://www.stmarymagdalene-parish.ca>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stmarymagdalene-parish-fredericton/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stmarymagdalene-parish-freddy/>

Livestream link for Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmarymagdalene-parish-mass1528/streams>

Diocesan Newsletter: <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/email-newsletter-sign-up>

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.

December 22nd, 2024 – 4th Sunday of Advent and December 29th, 2024 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1st Reading: Micah 5.2-5a

Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.5 -10

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Rosary and Divine Mercy:

Rosary before Mass:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturdays @ 2:30-3:30 pm, St. Dunstan's. (For appt. call the office)

Tuesdays @ 2 pm, St Dunstan's

Sundays @ 10:10am – 10:40am, Sts. John and Paul

Thursdays @ 1-5 pm, Sts. John and Paul

Wednesdays @ 6 pm (before Mass), St. Dunstan's

Preparation for RCIA, Sacrament of Marriage and Baptism, please call the office at (506) 444-6001.

Dear Parish family,

I am very happy to wish you and yours on Father Peter Osborne, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Staff and my behalf a Prayerful Greetings as we enter the Christmas Season.

As we adore the Christ Child in the manger at Christmas, may we be moved by the great love and humility that God showed to us in the birth of His Son! May its recollection bring us much peace and hope. May He, this year and every year be welcomed into our homes and hearts.

We take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely as you have been such a blessing to our parish by being active and supporting us with your gifts of time, talents and timely financial help.

Our special gratitude goes to all the volunteers in our different ministries who do such a wonderful job in serving the various needs of our parish with much enthusiasm and commitment.

I pray during the Eucharist that God may help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be His children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fr Suresh Savariraj HGN

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church

Sun, Dec 22	9:00 AM	Pepi DiGiacinto
Tues, Dec 24	6:00PM	Edward Ackerson
Sun, Dec 29	9:00 AM	Marg Gorman
Wed, Jan 1	9:00AM	Rick MacDonald

Sts. John & Paul Church

Sun, Dec 22	11:00 AM	James and Jean Foster
Mon, Dec 23	9:00 AM	No Mass
Tues, Dec 24	4:00PM	Marjory Rattray
Sun, Dec 29	11:00 AM	DFM of Haggart and Sequin Families
Mon, Dec 30	9:00 AM	No Mass
Wed, Jan 1	11:00AM	Gary Osborne and Tammy Sorenson

St. Dunstan's Church

Sat, Dec 21	4:00 PM	Hilarion and Eugenie Godin Richard Nicki
Sun, Dec 22	9:00 AM	Fr. Maurice Swift
	11:30 AM	Patrick F. Walsh
Mon, Dec 23	6:30PM	Brendon Oreto
Tues, Dec 24	4:00PM	Rosemary Thomas Elaine Young & Paul Young
	8:00PM	Johnny Mazzuca
	12:00AM	Charline LeBlanc Beaupre Johnny & Josie Mazucca
Wed, Dec 25	10:00 AM	Joesph Ing
Thu, Dec 26	12:00PM	No Mass
Fri, Dec 27	6:30 PM	No Mass
Sat, Dec 28	4:00 PM	Dick Nicki Arthur and Catherine Losier
Sun, Dec 29	9:00 AM	Fr. Ronald McBrime
	11:30 AM	Gary Osborne
Mon, Dec 30	6:30PM	No Mass
Wed, Jan 1	11:30AM	Souls in Purgatory
Thu, Jan 2	12:05PM	Gordon Scott
Fri, Jan 3	6:30PM	Hughena Macneil
Sat, Jan 4	9:00AM	Joan Whalley
	4:00PM	Donald Losier

First Friday - Mass @ 6:30 pm, Adoration 7pm,
Confessions 7:15pm at St. Dunstan's

First Saturday - Mass @ 9am, Rosary 9:30am,
Confessions 2:30pm at St. Dunstan's

Readings for Dec 29th

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28

2nd Reading: 1 John 3.1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2.41-52

Sanctuary Lamp - Week of Dec 22nd

In loving memory of Landry – Godin Families

Christmas 9-Day Novena Mass:
December 22nd to 23rd: 6:30pm

Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th

- Sts. John and Paul – 4:00pm
- St. Columba – 6:00pm
- St. Dunstan's – 4:00pm, 8:00pm; and midnight

Wednesday, December 25th

- St. Dunstan's – 10:00am CHRISTMAS DAY

New Years Day

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

- St. Columba, 9:00am
- Sts. John and Paul, 11:00am
- St. Dunstan's, 11:30am

Christmas Season Eucharistic Adoration Schedule for Sts John & Paul Church:

Thursday, December 26th - No Adoration

Thursday, January 2nd - Adoration as usual 1:00 to 5:00

It is the Advent collection for Sts. John and Paul community outreach:

- 4th week - Donations to Food Bank

The Christmas Exchange Program handed out 43 gift cards in the amount of \$200 each. We would like to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed a monetary donation toward this most important program for the less fortunate of our community. We are still collecting. If you wish to make a donation, please indicate "Christmas Exchange" on your envelope. These envelopes are available at St. Dunstan's church pews.

Donations for Christmas flowers in memory of your loved ones: Envelopes are available at the entrance to each church. Write your name, your envelope number (if any) and name of loved one(s) on the donation envelope and place it in the collection basket. A list of those being remembered will be displayed in each church at Christmas. Deadline is December 22nd, 2024.

Regular Offertory envelope boxes are available at the church entrances of St. Columba and Sts. John & Paul. St. Dunstan's envelope boxes are available at the Regent St entrance.

Parishioners are asked not to remove church displays, as they are taken care of by people already responsible for them, for set periods, and for certain feasts of the church.

THE ADORATION EXPERIENCE – A WITNESS STORY

Most of adult life I was an "off & on" Catholic. After 2020 I was witnessing so much division, hatred and evil in society that I did not want to live in a world without God!

Immediately I returned to going to mass and I remember the moment when I asked Jesus "please take away my addiction to alcohol and with Your grace help me to be fully alive in my Catholic faith". It was instant, the craving left me and then I couldn't get enough of Our Lord - even through prayer, confession; and Holy Communion. Then I attended an Adoration prior to mass. That was it, that was the missing piece that I needed in giving thanks to Our Lord. Remembering that it is the first of the 10 Commandments.

- A faithful parishioner

Sunday Missals for Young Catholics - This year all families registered in Family Faith Formation will receive a 2024/2025 Sunday Missal for Young Catholics. Additional copies are available for purchase at the parish office for \$10.00 for anyone who would like this valuable resource for their children. It also makes a great stocking stuffer!

St Mary Magdalene CWL Fundraiser – CWL Members will begin selling tickets on a Gift Card Tree. There will only be 250 tickets sold for a prize of \$1000 in gift cards. Tickets are \$10 each. Please support this fundraiser which in turn will fund parish and community projects.

Copies of Fr. John Jennings' weekly reflection: Our Sacred Stories are available at all the entrances of the church. You are welcome to pick one up.

Prayers for Peace will be 7:00PM – 7:45PM on Tuesday Jan 7, 2024 at St. Dunstan's.

2025 Catholic Calendars - Our Lady of Fatima Custom Rosaries still has plenty of our 2025 Catholic Calendars. Calendars are 1 for \$12 or 2 for \$20. If you would like to order any, please email us at olfatimagiftshop@gmail.com.

Jubilee prayer cards are available at the church entrances.

JUBILEE OPENING MASS - Mark your calendars for the opening Mass of the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope in the Diocese of Saint John. This Mass will take place on Sunday, December 29, 2024 (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph) at 5:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Dear St. Mary Magdalene Parish,

I'm reaching out on behalf of the Fredericton Community Kitchens to ask for your support during this holiday season. Like many charities, our holiday mail-out will not be sent out this year due to postal delays. Typically, our holiday mail-out raises over \$200,000—about 24% of our annual donations. We are asking local churches to share with their congregations and members that their generosity is needed more than ever during this time, to help us provide meals to those in need.

To make a donation:

1. **Donate Online:** Visit frederictoncommunitykitchens.com or canadahelps.org
2. **E-Transfer:** Send donations to info@frederictoncommunitykitchens.com with the password "donation"
3. **Credit Card by Phone:** Call **(506) 457-1788** and one of our staff members will process your donation over the phone.
4. **Cheque or Cash:** Drop off donations at **65 Brunswick Street** (open 7 days a week from 8 AM to 6 PM).

Thank you for your understanding and support as we navigate these postal delays. Your kindness makes a real difference in helping us continue our mission to feed Fredericton's hungry.

-The Fredericton Community Kitchens Team

Prayer line Ministry

The Prayer's Line is a Ministry involving members available to pray for all parishioners. Anyone can request a special intention to be prayed over. Whether it is for a job interview, school exams, medical tests/surgeries, for a sick person, accident etc. We will pray over these special intentions for a period of one week. You don't need to leave your name, simply the intention. All you have to do is call the office.

Dear brother Priests, Parish and Diocesan staff,

Please accept my sincere gratitude for all your hard work in your parishes during the year and for the many ways you contribute to the mission of our Church and diocese. I will be remembering your intentions during Eucharistic celebrations over the Christmas season.

*United in prayer and mission,
+Christian Riesbeck, CC
Bishop of Saint John*



May the blessings and protection of the Holy Family cover you and your family throughout this season and the whole year.

- The Pastoral Council

May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of His love at Christmas and always. Wishing all our families, children, and youth a very Merry Christmas from Patty and the Catechists of Faith Formation.

- Faith Formation

To all Parishioners and your loved ones: May the blessings, joy and love of the Holy Family be with you during the Christmas Season and throughout the coming year.

- Parish Truth and Reconciliation Committee

Wishing all Parishioners and your families the peace, joy and wonder of the Christmas Season and many blessings throughout the New Year.

- Volunteers of St. Mary Magdalene Parish Outreach Ministry to the Fredericton Community Kitchen

May you and yours have a Christmas filled with Peace, Joy, Hope, and Love as you contemplate the Holy Family at Bethlehem and the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, who "shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace". May our infant Savior show you the humble face of Emmanuel "God with us" this Christmas season.

- Chancellor, Knights of Columbus, Bishop Dollard Council 1942

Our D & P Parish Ctte. would like to sincerely thank all our generous D & P supporters over this past year, and wish everyone a most Joyous and meaningful Christmas, and every blessing of peace, joy, and health in the New Year.

- D & P Parish Committee

Birthright of Fredericton would like to extend warm Holiday wishes to all the Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Parish. Hope you all have a Blessed and Holy Christmas. Thank you.

-Director