



ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

St. Columba † *Sts. John & Paul* † *St. Dunstan's*

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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

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Pastoral Council Chair: Evert Garcia

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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

Family Faith Formation: Nadine LeBlanc

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Finance Administrator: Matthew Brennan

Liturgy: Margaret Savidge

September 6th 2026 to September 13th, 2026

1st Reading: *Ezekiel 33.7-9*

2nd Reading: *Romans 13.8-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 18.15-20*

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 at 2:30-3:30 - Mass at 4:00 PM

First Sat. Mass – 9:00 AM – ROSARY & CONFESSION AT 9:30 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

PLEASE NOTE: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 7TH FOR LABOUR DAY

A Gift of Heritage and Faith

We are grateful to share that the **Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception** from Saint John have graciously donated two beautiful altar tables to our parish. One table is now placed behind the altar, displaying the Holy Bible, while the other is positioned in front of the altar.

As the **Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception** close their residence after many years of faithful service and ministry, we are deeply blessed to receive and preserve a part of their heritage. These furnishings represent a lasting legacy of faith, dedication, and service to the Church, and we will cherish them for generations to come.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the **Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception** for this meaningful gift. We also express our sincere appreciation to **Graydon Nicholas**, who generously rented a truck and traveled to Saint John with **Father Suresh** to pick up and transport these treasured pieces to our parish.

More information about these special gifts and their significance will be shared during the upcoming celebration of the 200th Anniversary of St. Dunstan's Church.



MASS INTENTIONS:

St. Dunstan's Mass Intentions September 5th to September 13th 2026

Mass Schedules		Mass Intention	Sponsored By	Priest
First Sat. September 5 th	9:00 AM	Family Peace of Christ	Paulette Lawyer	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sat. September 5 th	4:00 PM	Michael Joseph Melvin	Mike Melvin	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. September 6 th	9:00 AM	Rev. Michael T. Murphy	St. Mary Magdalene Parish	Fr. Peter Osborne
Sun. September 6 th	11:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory	Mark & Paulette Lawyer	Fr. Peter Osborne
Tues. September 8 th	12:05 PM	For The Parishioners	Fr. Suresh Savariraj	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Wed. September 9 th	6:30 PM	Linda Gegan Paul Francis Young	A Parishioner Dana Young	Fr. Peter Osborne
Thurs. September 10 th	12:05 PM	Yolanda Valentino	A Parishioner	Fr. Peter Osborne
Fri. September 11 th	6:30 PM	Special: for the fast recovery of Agatha & Pablo Carino	Millie	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sat. September 12 th	4:00 PM	Michael Joseph Melvin	Mike Melvin	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. September 13 th	9:00 AM	Rev. Philippe U Goguen	St. Mary Magdalene Parish	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. September 13 th	11:30 AM	Charline Leblanc Beaupré	Nadine LeBlanc	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules		Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. September 6 th	11:00 AM	Rev. Charles Mersereau	St. Mary Magdalene Parish	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. September 13 th	11:00 AM	Rev. Thomas Barry	St. Mary Magdalene Parish	Fr. Peter Osborne

ST. COLUMBA

Mass Schedules		Mass Intentions	Sponsored By	Priest
Sun. September 6 th	9:00 AM	John Mooney	Diane Mooney	Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN
Sun. September 13 th	9:00 AM	Rev. Richard J. Coughlan	St. Mary Magdalene Parish	Fr. Peter Osborne

Mass at St. Thomas Chapel, Thursday September 10th at 10:30 AM

Mass at St. Anne's Court, Thursday September 17th at 4PM • Mass at Pine Grove, Thursday September 24th at 2PM

UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Truth & Reconciliation Meeting: Sept. 10 th 2026 5PM – Rm 123	Cemetery Committee Meeting: September 15 th 2026 – 11:45 – 1PM-Rm121A	Parish Council Meeting: Sept. 17 th 2026 - 6 – 7:30 PM -M.S. Rm Finance Committee Meeting: Sept. 24 th 2026 5PM-7:30 Sts. J&P Basement
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For the week of September 6th to September 13th, the Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:
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✦ RCIA Course Begins This September — All Are Welcome! ✦

Are you curious about the Catholic faith? Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic, or simply wanting to learn more? Do you know someone searching for a deeper relationship with God? **Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program begins September 12th at 11AM in room 123 at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre**, and we invite anyone who feels called to explore the Catholic Church to join us. Whether you're unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or returning after time away, RCIA offers a warm, supportive journey of discovery. **WHAT TO EXPECT:**

Scripture, and the teachings of the Church Sessions that explore faith	A welcoming community ready to walk with you
Opportunities for questions, conversations, and spiritual growth	Guidance and support as you discern your next steps in faith

If your heart is nudging you toward something more, consider this your invitation. Come and see what God has in store for you this September. For more information or to sign up, please contact the parish office at 506-444-6001 or by email: office@stmarymagdalene-parish.ca.

**THE CHURCH DEDICATES SEPTEMBER TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS;
HER FEAST DAY IS SEPTEMBER 15th.**

According to many saints, including St. Alphonsus, just as Jesus is the King of Martyrs, so also Mary is the Queen of Martyrs, having suffered more, and longer, than all other martyrs except Jesus. She willingly suffered her torments, consoled only by knowing the sufferings of her Son were an offering to appease for our sins and purchase our eternal salvation. St Bernard described Mary's suffering as one of the soul and being far greater than that of the body, (i.e.) a martyrdom not by the sword, but by the sorrow in her heart. And we are told her sufferings lasted her lifetime. Indeed, details of her sword of sorrow were predicted to her by Simeon in the temple just after Jesus' birth, placing her grief of compassion for her Son continuously before her as He grew. Later, after He ascended to heaven, the memory of His passion lingered in her soul till she was assumed to heaven. And St Alphonsus tells us that Mary, being more enlightened by the Holy Spirit than all the prophets, understood even better than they did, their predictions in scripture about His barbarous death. The Rosary of the 7 Sorrows of Mary was revealed directly by Mary to St. Bridget in the 14th century, bearing promises for those who remember Mary's sorrows. St Bridget revealed the power of this rosary in a story about a nobleman who made a compact with the devil, lived it out for 60 years, and as he was dying, refused confession believing he would not be forgiven for his sinful life. The priest returned to hear his confession telling him on the third visit that the Father in heaven told him to return to hear his confession, as God wished to have mercy on him. The man wept, confessed, died and went to purgatory, and God told the priest it was because of Mary's intercession - despite the man's sinful life, he had maintained a devotion to the sorrows of Mary and pitied her whenever he thought of them. The Rosary of the 7 Sorrows regained popularity with the modern - day approved apparitions of Kibeho, Rwanda, in the 1980's, when Mary appeared to a young visionary, Marie-Claire Mukangango, commissioning her to reintroduce the Rosary of the 7 Sorrows to the world. Marie-Claire was later killed in the genocide of over 1 million people in Rwanda. This rosary is often prayed throughout Sept and especially on Sept 15. Take a copy of this and other prayers to Our Lady of Sorrows from the poster table across from St Joseph's altar at St Dunstan's Church. Get together with others in the parish to pray the rosary together even one time this month. Our Lady has requested it. Or take a shorter prayer to say during your day.



Healing Hands Exhibition

The **Fredericton Homeless Shelters** invite the community to **Healing Hands: An Exhibition of Stories, Strength and Scars**, a moving photographic exhibit sharing stories of healing, growth, and resilience. The exhibition will be on display at the Fredericton Public Library from **October 1–31, 2026**.

An opening reception will be held on **October 1 from 4:00–7:00 p.m.**, with light refreshments served. All are welcome to attend and support this inspiring celebration of hope and courage.

The **Fredericton Choral Society (FCS)** begins its fall 2026 season with a rehearsal/reception on Monday, September 14, 7–9 pm at Christ Church Parish Church, corner of Westmorland and Charlotte Streets. Rehearsals are held at the church each Monday from 7–9 pm. The FCS is a non-auditioned choir welcoming singers of all levels. The major works for the December 19th performance are Mendelssohn's cantata, "Von Himmel hoch" accompanied by orchestral ensemble and Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" accompanied by the East Coast Brass. For more information, please contact fcs-exec@googlegroups.com. Membership fees available upon request

STEUBENVILLE: A WITNESS STORY:

Worthy! That word has a new meaning to me, love is beautiful, love is kind and God is love, my experience at Steubenville is centered on the word of how God always finds us worthy irrespective of where we are and what we've been. I'm constantly reminded that my worth does not come from what the world or people think of me, or from my mistakes, but from God's love for me. I'm more confident in who I am, aware of how much God values me as his child. This experience has made me to fully understand what it means to be worthy of God's love which has helped in strengthening my faith and providing he zeal to do more for God with the gifts he's blessed me and most of all to share the renewed Joy I've found in the love of God finding me worthy to be called – Child of God
~ G.O

Are you looking for support this Christmas season?

St. Mary Magdalene Parish **Christmas Exchange Program 2026** offers direct assistance to families and individuals in need in the Fredericton area. The registration process will begin on October 1st, 2026 and run through October 31st. To be eligible for the program, individuals must be: 1). on social assistance and registered with Social Development NB; 2). a permanent resident of Fredericton. 3). able to attend an in-person interview with the parish priest and the program coordinators in November (TBD)

To be on the 2026 list, call 506-444-6001 or email: office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca

TWO BURSARIES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS THIS SEPTEMBER!

- 1). A \$500 Bursary** sponsored by the family of Madeline Moran for a **FEMALE STUDENT** entering (or attending) a Business degree (BBA). To apply, please submit a copy of your acceptance letter from a university; your participation in SMMP religious programs and your need for assistance.
- 2). A \$500 CWL bursary** for a CWL member attending a post secondary school, a child of a CWL member, grandchild of a CWL member, or a first-year university entrant from St Mary Magdalene Parish. To apply, please submit a copy of your acceptance letter from the university you plan to attend, your participation in St Mary Magdalene religious programs and your need for assistance.

For further information regarding the bursaries, contact Judy Ingram, President SMM CWL, (506) 459-3401

SMMP MASS ATTENDANCE

CHURCH & TIMES	DATE: August 29th-30th
ST. COLUMBA	
Sunday, 9:00 AM	55
ST. DUNSTAN'S	
Saturday, 4:00 PM	169
Sunday, 9:00 AM	267
Sunday, 11:30 AM	351
STS. JOHN & PAUL	
Sunday, 11:00 AM	63
TOTAL	905

Christmas will be here before we know it, which means it is time to begin collecting donations for our **2026 Christmas Exchange Program**. Over the years, your generosity has helped ensure that families and individuals in need received 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 refundable bottles and cans by bringing them to the **SOUTHSIDE REDEMPTION CENTRE at 70 Timothy Ave SOUTH**. Please clearly mark your bag or box with **#36**. When this number is included, the redemption proceeds are automatically deposited by e-transfer directly into St. Mary Magdalene Parish bank account.

📄 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 u 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).

🚒 PLEASE HELP COLOMBIA

After the 7.4 earthquake many families were affected and now struggle with no homes or basic needs like food and medical supplies. People hoping to find their loved ones under debris, and children with no place to call home anymore depend on donations to get the care and hope they do desperately need. Your donations to the **Colombian Red Cross** are making a huge impact!

To donate, please go to this link:

<https://ayuda.cruzrojacolombiana.org/emergencia-colombia-terremoto>

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast

Sunday September 13th 10:00AM to 1:00PM

Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street.

Adults \$ 12 • Children \$ 5 • Families \$ 35

**Proceeds will be used to support the
LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN
for Special Olympics. Everyone welcome.**

St Mary Magdalene Parish invites parishioners to participate in a new chapter of Faith Formation: **A Bible Study Program** that takes you on a journey through all of Scripture:

"THE GREAT ADVENTURE" - Your Journey Through the Bible.

It is a *Timeline Study – The Story of Salvation* (ASCENSION The Faith Formation Leader from Ascension Press.

<https://ascensionpress.com>. We will be working with the Manual Book: **The Bible, Catechism of the Catholic Church.**

Perhaps you have questioned how to better understand the Sacred Scripture? If you have ever felt this way, this is an opportunity to approach the Bible through a didactic methodology and pedagogical knowledge with renowned authors and teachers. The study group starts:

Saturday, September 19th 2026 - 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

We *meet every 3rd Saturday*, running through to December 2027, where we will spend time answering personal questions, clarifying doubts, discuss discerning moments in the readings and reviewing the homework from the manual book. To register for this course, please contact:

Jose Zeron at: jfzeron@outlook.com or

Mark Tejares at meatejares@gmail.com

Offertories Received Week Ending August 30th 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	---	---	245	245
Poor & Needy	20	155	385	560
Loose Collection	57	166	1250	1473
Envelope Collection	1057	877	4220	6154
P.A.D.	70	815	2399	3284
Building Fund	---	---	225	255
Vigil Candles	---	---	197	197
Needs of the Church	---	---	---	---

**Next Diocesan Collection: NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH
September 27th, 2026**