

St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN	Co. Pastor: Fr. Peter Osborne
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Parish Office Hours: Mondays | Wednesdays | Fridays - 9 am -5 pm // Tuesdays | Thursdays - 9 am - 9 pm
Saturdays - 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm // Sundays - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Confession: 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm Saturdays at St. Dunstan's Church. For other times, please call or email the office

Baptisms: Please call the office ONE (1) MONTH before desired date

Marriages: Please call the office SIX (6) MONTHS before desired date

RCIA: Please call the office any time to request information

September 7th to September 13th, 2025 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

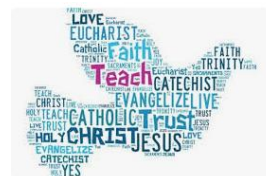
1st Reading: Wisdom 9.13-18

Gospel: Luke 14.25-33

2nd Reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Faith Formation - Call for Catechists Volunteers - MODIFIED DATE FOR THE MEETING:

As we are preparing for the beginning of the Faith Formation Program for children, we would like to put a call out to all who would like to volunteer as a "Catechists". We will have a **"first initial meeting"** on **Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Monsignor Boyd Family Centre**. If you feel a call to help but are not sure how to go about it, please join us for a meet and greet.



Faith Formation Registry: To register your child into the Faith Formation Program, you can find the registration form on the table at the entrance at each church site. Registration forms can also be found on our Parish website: www.stmarymagdalene-parish.ca under "Faith Formation".



Is God Calling You to Serve the Youth? Do you feel a stirring in your heart to walk with the young people of your parish? **Now is the time to answer that call!** Join us for the **Youth Ministry Training Workshop, October 3-5, 2025** at the *Between the Hearts Retreat Centre, Amherst, NS*. This dynamic weekend will equip you with the tools, inspiration, and community you need to make a real impact in the lives of youth. **As all costs are covered, spots are limited**

to two participants from each area in our diocese: Woodstock, Fredericton, St. Stephen, Sussex, Upper Miramichi, Miramichi and Saint John. **Apply by September 24, 2025.** Successful applicants will be notified by September 26, 2025. **Apply on line:** <https://forms.office.com/r/5B4pa35sNP> For more information, contact: **Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis** catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or by phone 506-627-6465

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2025

1ST READING: Numbers 21.4-9

GOSPEL: John 3.13-17

2ND READING: Phillipians 2.6-11

ST. DUNSTAN

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By
Sat. September 6 th 4:00 pm	Jose Mazucca	Ann & Pat Murphy
Sun. September 7 th 9:00 am	Dr. Todd Curtis Way Ella Steinhoff	Patricia & Dwight Wilson Anonymus
11:30 am	Bill Crossman	Richard Brennan
Tues. September 9 th 6:30 pm	NO MASS	NO MASS
Wed. September 10 th 6:30 pm	NO MASS	NO MASS
Thurs. September 11 th 12:05 pm	Ho Woon Wah	Bernardine Carter
Fri. September 12 th 6:30 pm	Charline LeBlanc Beaupré	Nadine LeBlanc
Sat. September 13 th 4:00 pm	Charline LeBlanc Beaupre	Nadine LeBlanc
Sun. September 14 th 9:00 am	Ho Woon Wah	Thomas and Betty Lo
11:30 am	Cristy Lily Edlene Flores & Rik Camiel Roger Deman (Wedding Anniversary)	Cristy Lily Edlene Flores

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By
Sun. September 7 th 11:00 am	Mary Ann Coates	Theresa Sleep
Sun. September 14 th 11:00 am	Timothy Gallan	Lorraine Bird

ST. COLUMBA

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Sun. September 7 th 9:00 am	Greg & Bev Shannon	Shannon Family
Sun. September 14 th 9:00 am	Albert & Pauline Simpson	The Simpson Family



SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH THE CHURCH DEDICATES TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Our Lady of Sorrows appeared to St. Bridget of Sweden in the 14th. c., revealing the Rosary of 7 Sorrows. From this rosary we understand better the sufferings of Our Lady and her Son, our neighbours and our own sufferings and sins. This Rosary regained popularity with the modern-day-approved apparitions of Kibeho, Rwanda in the 1980's. Our Lady appeared to a young visionary in Rwanda, Marie-Claire Mukangango, commissioning her to reintroduce this Rosary to the world. Marie-Claire was later killed in the genocide of over 1 million people in Rwanda. The Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows is often prayed throughout September and particularly on September 15, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Copies will be available on the table across from St Joseph's altar, at St Dunstan's Church (front left side of the church), next week, continuing throughout September. Please take a copy and pray for your intentions, families and peace in the world, and for the intentions of Our Lady of Sorrows who suffers greatly along with her Son for the sorrows of the world

Anniversary of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

On the evening of Sept. 13, 1935, an angel called "The Executor of Divine Wrath" appeared to St. Faustina, dressed in a dazzling robe and striking the earth with lightning bolts. Saint Faustina, a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus the Divine Mercy and recorded them in her *Diary*, pleaded with the angel, asking him not to unleash a certain "sign of divine wrath." "But my plea was a mere nothing in the face of the divine anger," she said. Then after having an intense vision of the Most Holy Trinity, St. Faustina found herself interiorly pleading with the God in the following words, "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us". As St. Faustina prayed these words, the angel became helpless, unable to carry out the punishment he intended. The next morning, Jesus first gave St. Faustina specific instructions on how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which should be said on Rosary beads. "This prayer will serve to appease My wrath", He said (476). Join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us: www.formed.org and search "Divine Mercy Chaplet"

WELCOME TO THE FALL SEASON OF SAINT DUNSTAN'S CHOIR

The acclaimed **Saint Dunstan's Choir** which has been providing music for the 11:30 Mass and special occasions for more than 25 years, is still alive and well. We welcome individuals of all ages, young and old alike. We are a four-part choir that sings both contemporary and classical church music. If you like to sing, can carry a tune and are willing to attend rehearsals, please come and join us. In addition to experiencing the joy of singing with others, you will be enhancing the liturgical experience for our parishioners. Although being able to read music is an asset, it is not necessary as guidance in learning your part is provided.



We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm and on Sunday mornings before Mass from 10:45-11:15 am. Rehearsals start on Wednesday September 17. Please use the Brunswick Street blue double doors to gain entrance to the church. Need more information or have questions? Please call Helen Chenier at (506) 454-3035

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: **Looking to Strengthen Your Marriage?** Take a step toward a deeper, more joyful relationship at the **Marriage Encounter Weekend**, happening **September 26–28, 2025 at *Between the Hearts Renewal Centre, Amherst, NS.*** This unique experience, rooted in Catholic values, offers couples private time to reconnect, reflect, and grow together—no group sharing required. The weekend includes presentations by Catholic couples and a priest, accommodations, and meals. Registration fee: \$135 per couple (with opportunity to make a donation). No couple is ever turned away due to finances. For details or to register, contact Ron & Joanne at (506) 451-8489 or email ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org. **Give your marriage the gift of time and renewal!**



FILM SCREENING: "PERMISSION" – You are invited to a special screening of the film "Permission: Fr. Bob Bedard's Vision for the Church", on **September 14, 2025, at 3:00 pm** (doors open at 2:00 pm) **at the Villa Madonna Retreat House.** On this 40th anniversary year of their founding on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, come discover the heart of the Fr. Bob Bedard the founder of the Companions of the Cross and a major figure of renewal in the Canadian church. See why many in the church continue to find inspiration in his vision of a Church explosively alive. For more information, please contact info@immaculateconception.ca. Space is limited, register today! <https://form.jotform.com/252294613131046>.



Everyone is welcome to attend the **Twilight Retreat**, hosted by St. Theresa's CWL, on **Monday, September 8th, in St. Theresa's Church Hall at 45 Royal Road.** First session begins at 4:30 pm, followed by a potluck, second session and closing prayer at 8 pm. Presenter is Father David Fulton. Topic: "Doors to the Sacred".



PLEASE NOTE: The Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Paris and Rome is being postponed until spring. Updates to follow in the bulletin and our Facebook Page.



Fall Sessions: Dying with Christ - Living with Hope:

Join us on Zoom for one of three free three-week options to experience Dying with Christ - Living with Hope – a powerful, hope-filled course exploring suffering, grief, dying and our Christian call to care. Led by theologians and healthcare professionals, this series offers timeless insight into how dying with Christ is attainable for everyone. Choose the option that works best for your schedule (Atlantic Time):

- September 16, 23 & 30 at 7:30 pm AST
- October 15, 22 & 29 at 8:00 pm AST
- November 13, 20 & 27 at 7:30 pm AST

This series also equips you to bring the program to your church or community and to explain Christian teaching around M.A.I.D. Register or learn more:

<https://cmdacanada.org/event/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope-spring-series/>



Hello Fredericton singers! The fall is coming, and we hope you'll consider joining

The Fredericton Choral Society for the singing of some choral classics. This fall our concert date is Dec. 16, 2025, and we will be performing highlights from Part 1 of Handel's "Messiah" as well as "Carols of the Nativity" by Stephen Chatman, accompanied by the East Coast Brass. The Fredericton Choral Society is a non-auditioned choir which rehearses each Monday, 7-9 p.m. at Christ Church (Parish) Church, corner of Westmorland and Charlotte Streets in downtown Fredericton. Our first rehearsal for fall 2025 will be Monday, September 8 from 7pm to 9 pm at "The Parish Church". For more information, please contact: Greg Geldart gregfredericton@gmail.com

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 Mi'Kmaq and Passamaquoddy Tribes/Nations, signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700's.



The Winner of August's 50/50 Draw is Dan T. Dan will be taking home \$182.00! Huge thanks to everyone who supported the 50/50! The last draw will be the last Sunday in September

Offertories Received Week Ending August 31				
Please call the Parish Office at 444-6001 if you have any questions				
	St C	Sts J&P	St D	Total
Regular offertories	\$595	\$1,376	\$6,120	\$8,091
Next Special Collection is September 7 for Building Fund				