

# *Saint Mary Magdalene Parish*

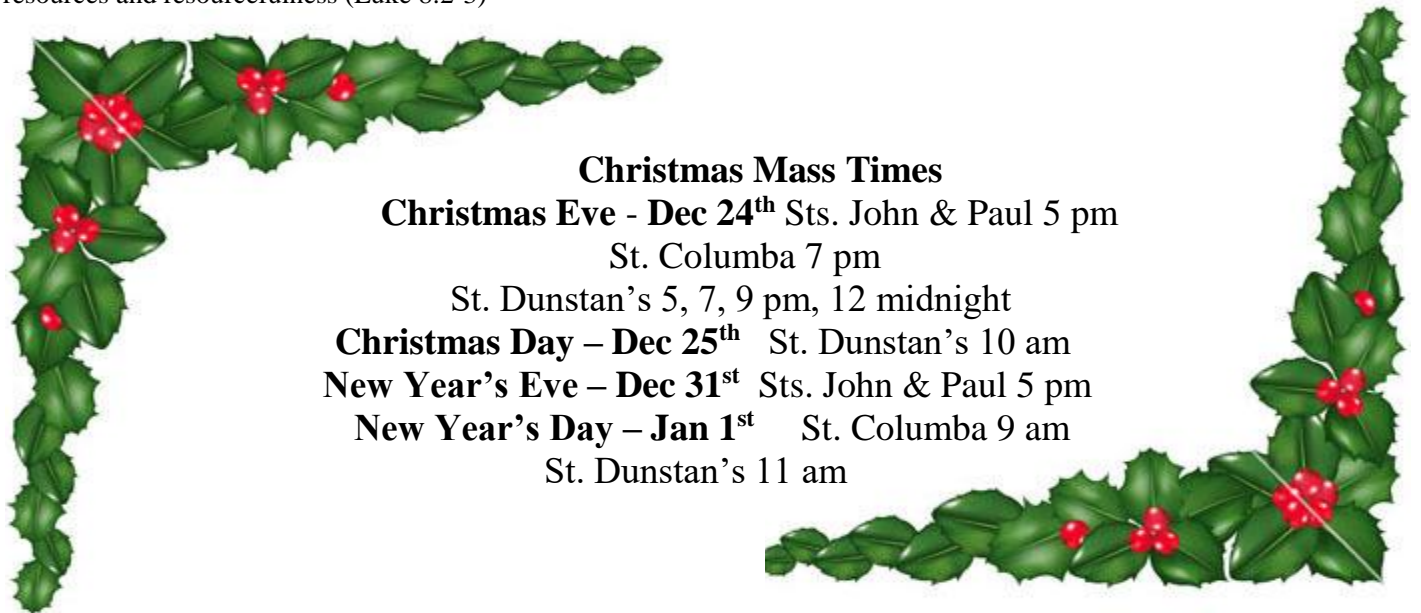
*St. Columba* † *Sts. John & Paul* † *St. Dunstan's*  
*Fredericton Junction* *New Maryland* *Fredericton*

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**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Mary Magdalene has often been mistaken as one and the same as Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus (John 12:3-7) and the woman who anointed Jesus feet (Luke 7: 37-48). However, scripture scholarship from early textual interpreters, such as Origen, to present day conclude that Mary Magdalene is not either of these women. Of course, all of them are sincere followers of Jesus and offer us much to inspire our own relationship as his disciples. It is important to note once again this week that Mary Magdalene was a witness to Jesus crucifixion, burial and resurrection and was the first to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus to the world. She also accompanied Jesus on his mission and provided for this mission from her resources and resourcefulness (Luke 8:2-3)



## **Christmas Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve - Dec 24<sup>th</sup>** Sts. John & Paul 5 pm

St. Columba 7 pm

St. Dunstan's 5, 7, 9 pm, 12 midnight

**Christmas Day – Dec 25<sup>th</sup>** St. Dunstan's 10 am

**New Year's Eve – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>** Sts. John & Paul 5 pm

**New Year's Day – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>** St. Columba 9 am

St. Dunstan's 11 am

**At Sts. John and Paul Church Site our new Parish is offering the opportunity to celebrate Advent by doing something community oriented each Sunday of Advent. Here is the schedule for Advent.**

**December 23rd - Forth Sunday of Advent** – Non-perishable items for the Food bank.

**Advent Wreath Families.** **December 16th** - Natalie, Ryan, Liam and Amelia O'Shea

**December 23rd** - Melanie, Chris, Gillian and Ellie Miles

**St. Dunstan's Church Site Christmas Exchange.** There are still Gift Tags on the Jesse Tree located at the Regent Street entrance as well as Tags for Non-Perishable Food Items. Information and directions are on a sheet on the table. Thank you for your generosity and support of our Christmas Exchange Program. **ALL FOOD AND GIFT ITEMS** are to be dropped off at St. Dunstan's no later than Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

**Sign-up Sheet for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Christmas Masses at St. Dunstan's Church Site is at the Regent Street entrance of the Church. Please sign up once for one ministry.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**St. Columba Church Site**

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Special Intention  
 Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am Loretta Birch

**Sts. John & Paul Church Site**

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am Rachel Currie  
 Mon 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Father Tom Daley  
 Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 am Marcellus MacDonald  
 and Paul Harriman

**St. Dunstan's Church Site**

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Diane McNeil LeBlanc  
 Thur 20<sup>th</sup> 12:05 pm Carol Ann Ramsay  
 Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 pm Joe Steever  
 Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am Keith and Carl Gorman  
 11:30 am Brendon Oreto

Mass Intentions: Contact Marlita Chase (Parish Office 444-6001). Indicate at which Church Site that you want the Mass celebrated. [stdun@stdunstansparish.ca](mailto:stdun@stdunstansparish.ca).

**St. Thomas Chapel – Thursday's @ 7:30 am Mass**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Eucharistic Adoration 1–2 pm at St. Dunstan's**

**Eucharistic Adoration Sts. John & Paul Thursdays 1-8 pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm  
 at St. Dunstan's Church Site**

**Legion of Mary Tuesday mornings at 11 am St. Dunstan's**

**Natural Family Planning [www.billings.life/en](http://www.billings.life/en) 450-9343**

**Sunday Missals 2018-2019 are now available at all our  
 Church Sites.**

**Sunday Missals for Young Catholics at St. Dunstan's  
 office \$8.00 ea.**

**Readings for December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

1st Reading Micah 5:2-5a  
 2nd Reading Hebrews 10:5-10  
 Gospel Luke 1:39-45

Christmas Eve Mass in French will be celebrated on **December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, in Saint Mary's Chapel on the Base in Gagetown** with Fr. Shawn Daley.

**NECROLOGY**

|        |                                |      |
|--------|--------------------------------|------|
| Dec 17 | Rosalie Mary Losier            | 1980 |
|        | Mildred Rogers                 | 1987 |
|        | Anne Elizabeth Acker           | 1994 |
|        | Harry James (Tommy) Malone     | 1994 |
|        | James Porter                   | 1996 |
|        | Elaine Frances Young           | 2009 |
|        | John Harris Bent               | 2010 |
| Dec 18 | Mary Rose McSorley             | 1971 |
|        | Rev Everett Joseph Connors     | 1989 |
|        | Leo Losier                     | 2004 |
| Dec 19 | Dorothy Thompson               | 1971 |
|        | James Wilson Paterson          | 1979 |
|        | Miles W Lynch                  | 1987 |
|        | Rev James Paul Mitchell        | 1989 |
| Dec 20 | Thomas Vincent Greene          | 1993 |
|        | Francis J Toner                | 1975 |
|        | Rev James Herbert Reinsborough | 1982 |
| Dec 21 | Bertha Willett                 | 1977 |
|        | Evelyn Mary Adams              | 1985 |
|        | Louise Winnifred Howes         | 1985 |
|        | Yvon Durand                    | 2002 |
|        | Patricia Boudreau              | 2003 |
| Dec 22 | Mrs. Helen Hill                | 1970 |
|        | Ann M Grannan                  | 1971 |
|        | Joseph Gilbert Hughes          | 1979 |
|        | Barry John Burns               | 1999 |
|        | Joseph Aurelle Michaud         | 2003 |
|        | Joseph Arthur Steever          | 2012 |
| Dec 23 | Julia Gallant                  | 1959 |
|        | Harold Feeney                  | 1966 |
|        | Michael Power                  | 1966 |
|        | Charles R Barry                | 1968 |
|        | Rebecca Hazel Carten           | 1994 |
|        | Brendon Layden Oreto           | 1998 |

**Faithful Departed**

**Bill Tucker**, husband of Elaine

**Eleanor Mary Comeau**, sister to Richard (Betty) Comeau

**Sanctuary Lamp**

*In Loving Memory Helen & Robert Poore  
 with love from daughter Linda and Family*

**St. Anthony's monthly "Touched by Cancer"  
 Mass for those whose lives have been affected  
 in any way by cancer will take place Friday,  
 December 21 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.**

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*Summary of your donations December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>*

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**St. Columba Church Site**

Collection \$ 1,241

**Sts. John & Paul Church Site**

Collection \$ 1,219  
Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) \$ 866  
Total \$ 2,085

**St. Dunstan's Church Site**

**Offertory (operating)**

Envelope \$ 6,901  
Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) \$ 1,425  
Loose \$ 1,472  
Total \$ 9,798  
Budget \$ 8,888  
Variance \$ 910  
Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc) \$ 646  
Kitchen Reno Donations to date \$ 30,602

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE DEC 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**ST. COLUMBA CHURCH SITE**

**Greeter**

Judy and Frank Simpson

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Judy Simpson

**Lectors**

Francine Jones-Harnish

Deanna Pospolita

**Offertory**

Judy Simpson

Frank Simpson

Mark Shannon

**STS. JOHN & PAUL CHURCH SITE**

**Lectors**

Neyda Long

Patricia Varty

**Offertory**

Mark & Janice Leahy

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Isabell McDonald (co)

Jackie Lovely

Albertine Allport

**ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH SITE**

**Lectors**

5pm Veronica Saliendra

Spencer Smith

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Curry Smith (H2)

Marie Costello

Krista Casey-Smith

9am Alice Coady

Patricia Kelly

Andrea McLaughlin (H2)

Godwin Njoku

Hughena Macneil

Bob Scott

Karen Kelly

11:30 Robert Michaud

Noreen Vaillancourt

Carole Dilworth (H2)

John Brennan

Alynn Morrison

Rose-Anne DiGiacinto

Marlita Chase

**Save the Date - Annual Catechist Retreat "I Believe...What?: Rediscovering The Creed"** with Dr. Andrew Wilson. Villa Madonna January 25th-27th 2019. Cost \$175 (includes meals and accommodations). **Open to all ministries.** Further info Margot McAloon-Parker 444-6025 or [fredreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:fredreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org)

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF.... THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO GET DONATIONS IN FOR FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVES ONES:**

**St. Columba Church Site Memorial Donations for Christmas Flowers** – Anyone wishing to make a donation towards Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place your donation in a white envelope and put it in the collection box. Please include your name, envelope number and what family members you would like to honor.

**Sts. John & Paul Church Site invites you to** make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for **Christmas flowers** in memory of a loved one, you may do so by completing the form located at the church entrance and placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at Mass. Names of deceased loved ones will be included in the Christmas bulletin.

***Christmas Flower Donations for St. Dunstan's Church Site*** – You are invited to make a donation for 'Flowers' in memory of a loved one to help make our Church beautiful for Christmas. Please write **"FLOWERS"** on the front of your regular envelope and then write the name(s) of your loved one(s) on the back or place a special envelope in the offering. A special display listing all those being remembered will be placed next to the side Altar.

**Advent Prayer Booklets - Please pick up one of the following Advent Booklets for yourself or your family to assist you on your Advent journey. They are on the tables at the entrances of the church.**

1. The Fathers Love – Henry Nouwen
2. Peace on Earth – Danielle Bean
3. Word Made Flesh – Gabrielle Johnson
4. Jesus The Savior Among Us – Pope Francis
5. Living Faith – Daily Devotions
6. Advent Calendars

**Children's Gifts to Pine Grove Nursing Home & Veterans Unit at DECH.** Children (through their parents) are invited to bring gifts for residents during Advent. Please see notice with further information at the church entrances.

Give the Gift of Camp- Camp Sheldrake is a non-profit Catholic based camp located in Miramichi for ages 5-17. For a discounted price of \$300 you can purchase a gift certificate to sponsor a child of your choice for a week of camp in the upcoming 2019 summer season. To pick up gift certificates locally please contact Natalie O'Shea 454-2516 or by email [natoshea12@gmail.com](mailto:natoshea12@gmail.com)

### **Incarnation: God is among us – How can I tell? (Fr. John Jennings)**

Christmas is just around the corner and we may be feeling like the busyness is just too much. In the midst of it all we can lose sight of what we really can celebrate. This feast is the Feast of the Incarnation – God takes on our humanity in the person of Jesus Christ. God comes among us. This is the great truth of our Gospels. This is what we celebrate ... and live. How can we tell that God is among us?

Last Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> in Advent we heard John the Baptist as he called for repentance as the way to “prepare the way of the Lord”. Repentance is really a change of heart. Such a call means that we look at things differently. The same old attitudes that seem so much a part of our lives served us well. But in a new time, they call for change, rethinking and reimagining. John call for repentance is for a renewal so that our world, local and global may prepare for living with “God among us”.

In the reading from Luke’s Gospel (Luke 3:10-18) we again meet John the Baptist. John is often seen as the last of the Old Testament prophets and at the same time, the first of the apostles of Jesus. As prophet, he calls on people to change, to prepare for the advent of God into our worlds. As apostle, John calls for us to recognize and acknowledge that God is now among us.

Listening to this prophet and apostle on this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, we hear him respond to a very practical question that we all have about this repentance and change of heart. “What then should we do?” How do we live as persons, communities and a world where God is among us? Is it really possible? John offers several responses but they have a consistent focus. They call us to live and build a life, a community, a world marked by real values that are life-giving, open and conscious of others. They are not about self-preservation, self-centeredness and closed to others.

John the Baptist’s proclamation calls for values of compassion, respect, reconciliation, justice and peace. This are the values of God’s love translated to our own lives and relationships. Paul, writing to the Philippian community of Christians (Phil.4:4-7) reveals the same message in his prayer: live with gentleness to all, that God’s peace may be with you.

As we continue to move closer to the Feast of the Incarnation both John and Paul help us to find a response to our question. How can we tell that God is among us? It is by revelation. We can reveal this wonder when we live the values of God’s love in ourselves, our community and our world. That is what the Incarnation is really about.

The Old Testament prophet Zephaniah (Zeph.3:14-18) presents us with the ultimate result of celebrating and living the Incarnation vision of God’s active presence:

*Rejoice and exult with all your heart. The Lord, your God is in your midst.  
God will rejoice over you with gladness. You will be renewed in God’s love.*

**Do we really want this vision in our life, our community, our world?**

**Sts. John and Paul Catholic Women’s League will be holding their Annual Spring Luncheon** on April 27, 2019 in the Family Center. Watch the bulletin for more details.

**Sts. John and Paul Catholic Women’s League will be hosting a Ladies Day Retreat** on March 23, 2019 in The Family Center. The guest Speaker is to be announced. Bring a friend.

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have transportation  
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at St. Dunstan's.  
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### **Weekday Mass Times**

**Saturday @ 5:00 pm at St. Dunstan's**

**Sunday @ 9 am at St. Columba and  
St. Dunstan's**

**Sunday @ 11:00 am at Sts. John and Paul**

**Sunday @ 11:30 am at St. Dunstan's**

**Websites:** [www.stdunstansparish.ca](http://www.stdunstansparish.ca)  
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