

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

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

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December 6th, 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Note to all parishioners at St. Mary Magdalene Parish:

As you are aware, we are now in the orange level of our COVID 19 protocols in Zone 3. This means that we are back in our household bubbles and that we can have 50 or fewer people at a Mass depending on the capacity to social distance.

If you would like to attend at Sts. John and Paul or St. Dunstan's you need to register for Mass by calling our Parish Office (444-6001) between 8:30 and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. If you are put through to our voice mail, please give your name and phone number and the names of anyone else from your household bubble who will be attending. Also indicate the Mass time you want. (Sts John and Paul @ 11 am on Sunday, St. Dunstan's at 5 pm Saturday, 9 or 11:30 am on Sunday). If we are filled to capacity, we will call you and let you know, otherwise you are on the list.

To assure everyone's safety, please do not attend if you or someone in your household bubble is waiting for a COVID 19 test result or have been asked to self - monitor for symptoms over a 14-day period and are still within that time frame. As well, please do not attend if you have any flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, difficulty breathing, headache, sore throat, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, runny nose).

It is most important that everyone is screened with all of the questions and that you sanitize your hands and allow the attendants to seat you in the places they are asked to sit you. This requires us to be patient and kind with each other. The volunteers who are screening, signing you in, asking you to sanitize your hands and sit you have been carefully instructed as to what they need to do to keep everyone safe. They have been coming early for Masses for many weeks now to care for us in this way. Cooperation and BIG THANK-YOUS are most important for them to receive from each of us. They have been wonderful in their generosity and we cannot thank them enough.

Fr. Bill and Fr. Peter

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH:

Please see note at the back of this bulletin on what is happening for Christmas Outreach at each of our three church sites and how you can be involved.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

For Christmas Mass times and how you can sign up please see the note at the back of the bulletin.

Please see the Bishops Advent Letter at the back of the bulletin.

Opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent:

Saturday, December 12th @ Sts John and Paul Site from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Sunday, December 13th @ St. Columba Site 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Saturday, December 19th @ St. Dunstan's Site -1:00 pm - 3pm (2 priests available)

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 6th 9:00 am Lorraine Mills
 Sun 13th 9:00 am Eugene McGinley

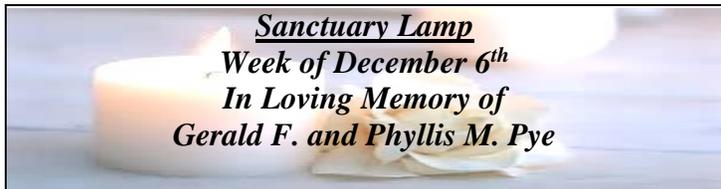
Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 6th 11:00 am Celine Leblanc
 Sun 13th 11:00 am Billy Sutton

St. Dunstan's Church Site

Sat 5th 5:00 pm Edmond and Rachel Losier
 Sun 6th 9:00 am Michael Darrah
 6th 11:30 am Richard Albuquerque
 Sat 12th 5:00 pm George & Mary Jane McGraw
 Sun 13th 9:00 am Tim Dilworth
 13th 11:30 am Sonny & Eileen Grasse

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



*Sanctuary Lamp
 Week of December 6th
 In Loving Memory of
 Gerald F. and Phyllis M. Pye*

Volunteers needed for Masses at St. Dunstan's Site: We need 6 attendants at each Mass to welcome, screen, collect your contact information, offer direction about sanitizing, offertory and seating as you arrive for Mass. This is all an essential aspect of gathering safely according to government guidelines as we live this pandemic reality.

If you are interested and able to assist please choose one of the three Weekend Masses and you will be assigned on a rotating basis so as not to be tied up each weekend. There will be training for the role and it will require arriving for Mass 45 minutes before Mass begins. To sign up please phone or email the Parish Office and give both your phone number and email.

NECROLOGY

Dec 7	Clarence J DesRosier	1981
	Wilson Joseph MacMillan	1991
	Bridie Collins	2001
Dec 8	Florence May Cluney	1982
	Rev Henry M Dobbeltsteyn	1984
	Eugene John Rideout	1998
	James Robert Poitras	2001
	Walter Carney McGinn	2007
Dec 9	Ferdinand C Whalen	1982
	Mary May Hughes	1990
	Brian Joseph Ouellette	2005
	Mary Veronica McSorley	2013
	Gregory Lloyd Crawford	2016
	William (Billy) Tucker	2018
Dec 10	Dr J Gerard DeGrace	1988
	Stanley George Ubsdell	1991
	M Theresa Herbert	2003
	Dorothy O'Rourke	2007
	Isabel Mercer	2016
	Julie Marie Thomson	2017
Dec 11	Joseph W O'Connor	1983
	Edward Daniel Keenan	1996
	Charles Herman Malchow	1999
	Antonio DiPasquale	2012
Dec 12	Gertrude Burns	1985
	Thomas Vincent Greene	1993
	David Patrick Simpson	1998
	Mary Ann Caverly	2000
	Ancel Lawrence Dubee	2000
	Prof. Reinhold G Kaiser	2016
	Lila MacNeil	2017
Dec 13	Ambrose Chambers	1987
	Loretta Katherine Cameron	2001
	Mathias Noel	2012

Faithful Departed

John Harper, husband of Nicole
Fr. Louis Cyr, SJ, brother of Joe Cyr
Carrie Burns, daughter of Wendy

Readings for December 13th

1st Reading Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
 2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

**LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR
 STS JOHN AND PAUL CHURCH SITE**

Date	Lectors
December 6 th	Albert & Margaret Murphy
December 13 th	Ray & Anita Allain
December 20 th	Lorraine Bird

2020-2021 Sunday Missals (\$4.00 each) are now available to pick up in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre Parish office from Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm. Please phone before you come, the Missal will be brought to you at the back door. Please have the correct change.

Missals are available at the entrances of ALL the church sites. An envelope is inside the cover of the missal for your donation. Just put it in the offertory box.

Parents of children/youth (Kindergarten to Grade 9): Last week we sent a letter to all of the parents who have children registered in our religious education programs in 2019-2020 detailing what we are offering parents this year to assist them with 'at home religious education'. If you still want to register your child/youth in our Religious Education Program for 2019-2020 please see the note from Fr. Bill at the back of the bulletin for details. The letter gives a link for registration for this coming year. If you have not received it, please see the note at the back of this bulletin.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

Sts. John & Paul Church Site - Special envelopes are available on the table in the foyer for anyone wishing to make a donation toward our Christmas flowers in memory of loved one(s). Please include your name, envelope # and the name(s) of your loved one(s) and place the envelope in the collection basket at Mass by December 20th. A list of those being remembered will be displayed at Christmas.

*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.*

St. Columba Church Site - Anyone wishing to make a donation towards Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to use one of the envelopes at the entrance of the church marked 'Christmas Flowers'. Please include your; name, envelope number and what family members you would like to honor. A list of those being remembered will be displayed at Christmas.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT STS. JOHN & PAUL SITE: Every Thursday, at Sts. John and Paul Church Site from 1pm to 5 pm. Thursday, December 10th Fr. Peter will be giving a teaching on the Mass. Beginning at 1:30 pm during Adoration and will be available for Reconciliation following the presentation.

Government mandated protocols will be followed.

"Waiting in the Darkness" ~ Join Sr. Karen Kelly for an online Advent Retreat on Wednesday, December 16th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. To join the retreat through Zoom please register with Patty at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericto.n.ca to receive a link. By joining through Zoom you will be able to participate in discussions. Or you may watch the retreat on the Our Lady of Peace Parish Fredericton Facebook page.

We solicit your generosity once again with the Pro-Life Offering on the 2nd Sunday of Advent December 6th.

Holy Communion distributed in your vehicle between 10:15 am and 10:30 am Sunday, St. Dunstan's site

New for Families:

As we begin the season of Advent, Saint John Diocese Faith Formation website sjdfaitformation.com has added a new button on the website called "**Bite-size Faith Formation for Families**".

Each week a new advent resource will be added that families can easily access and share with their children. Margot McAloon Parker
Diocese of Saint John, Director of Religious Education
Fredericton Regional Coordinator

The Salvation Army Kettle Campaign are looking for volunteers during December to 'Adopt A Kettle for One Day'. Please call 455-3243 if you are able to volunteer.

**Note from Fr. Bill and Fr. Peter
re: Christmas Masses at St. Mary Magdalene Parish**

Dear Parishioners,
Greetings!

You will be glad to know that the Parish Pastoral Council, the Liturgy Committee and the two of us have been meeting to make plans for the up-coming Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

We will be adhering to all of the Government Protocols to assure your safety. You also are dispensed from the obligation to attend Masses during this Pandemic Time in order for you to make clear and wise choices that keep you and others as safe as possible.

We will be offering the following Mass times at the following Sites:

6:00 pm on Christmas Eve at St. Columba Site
(Fredericton Junction)

4:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Christmas Eve at Sts. John and Paul Site (New Maryland)

4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:30 pm and 12:00 midnight on Christmas Eve at St. Dunstan's Site (Fredericton)

11:30 am on Christmas Day at St. Dunstan's Site (Fredericton)

The maximum number of people that can attend each Mass depends on how wide spread COVID 19 is and the particular 'Color' Level that we in Zone 3 are designated by our Government Authorities at the time. We will presently in the 'ORANGE LEVEL' so we will plan for a maximum of 50 people at each Mass as the maximum allowed in a Zone at this Level. If we are at the 'YELLOW LEVEL' at Christmas, we will allow more people to sign up for each Mass up to the maximum we can seat with strict adherence to the 2-meter social distancing mandate. At St. Columba and Sts John and Paul Sites, if need be, we will be seating some in the downstairs (Parish Center) areas where the Mass will be live streamed.

It is a high probability that many of you will be participating in Christmas through Live Streaming on our Parish Website or a Televised Mass. However, some of you who can do so safely and pass all of the Covid 19 screening questions will be able to attend Mass at one of the Church Sites. You will be limited to attending no more than one of the Masses so as to make space for as many as possible to attend.

HOW TO SIGN UP?

You are required to **Sign -Up by phoning the Parish Office (444-6001) for those at St. Dunstan's and Sts. John and Paul Sites. At St. Columba Site please Sign-Up by contacting Pauline Mott at 368-2693.**

When you phone please give each of the names of people in your family (household bubble) who will be attending and a contact phone number for them. Only those whose names are on our list will be allowed to attend when they arrive for Christmas Mass unless less than 50 have signed up to attend that Mass.

You will be given the screening questions when you register and again as you arrive for the Christmas Mass you are attending. The questions are as follows:

1. Have you traveled outside of New Brunswick in the Past 14 days?
2. Are you in close contact with anyone who is presently in a 14 day isolation because of travelling into the province?
3. Have you been in close contact with anyone with Covid 19 or have you been told you have Covid 19 in the past 14 days?
4. Have you been told to monitor for Covid Symptoms because of a possible exposure to Covid 19?
5. Are you presently waiting for the results of a COVID 19 test?
6. Do you have any of the following Symptoms? fever, cough, difficulty breathing, headache, sore throat, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell).

It is a possibility that loved ones will be coming home for Christmas from outside of our province and zone. If they are isolating under the same roof as you or if you are in close contact with them, please participate in Christmas Mass through Live Streaming rather than attending one of these Masses in person. If you have any cold or flu-like symptoms, please... please stay home.

The Good News is that you all will be able to participate this Christmas in a Christmas Mass through Live Streaming, Television or one of these Masses. Each of the Masses at St. Dunstan's Site will be Live Streamed and you can connect through our website by googling 'St. Dunstan's Parish Fredericton'. Please choose with safety as a first priority and as a Christmas Gift to each other.

Many Blessings as we journey together this Advent Season!

Fr. Bill and Fr. Peter

Christmas Outreach at St. Mary Magdalene Parish What is happening and how can we participate?

Christmas Outreach to those in need will be happening at each of our three Church Sites. This is what is happening and how you can contribute:

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH SITE (Fredericton Junction):

1. This will be the 24th year for the Community Christmas Program, which was organized in 1997 as a joint effort between the churches in our communities. To date, we have assisted almost 300 families with groceries at Christmastime, as well as the Oromocto Food Bank through financial donations. Due to COVID, this year we need to make changes to our program in order to follow provincial guidelines and to keep our volunteers safe.

Instead of grocery orders, eligible families will receive help through grocery store gift cards, delivered before Christmas. Families will then be able to purchase the groceries they need for the holiday season. All families in our communities are eligible provided they are not receiving assistance from any other agency. All names will be cross-referenced to avoid duplication.

If you know of someone who would benefit from this program, please contact Pauline Mott (368-2693 or rpmott@nbnet.nb.ca) with the following information about the recipient: name, phone number, address, and number of persons in the household. Please also include your name and number as the main contact for this family. This wonderful project is already funded for this year.

2. In addition, you can drop off mittens and socks in a box at the entrance of the Church which will be given to the Oromocto Food Bank.

3. Funds will be collected and given to the Fredericton Homeless Shelters for the purchase of personal hygiene items. To contribute just take an Envelope at the Church entrance that is marked 'Christmas Outreach -St. Columba Site' and put it in the Offertory Box at the Church entrance when you come to Mass. You can also phone the Parish Office 444-6001 and you can arrange to make an E-Transfer.

STS. JOHN AND PAUL SITE (New Maryland):

1. Several families will be sponsored through the Salvation Army. We will be giving gifts certificates so people can do their own shopping for their Christmas food and gift items. These gifts certificates will be purchased by a couple of parishioners and get to the families a few weeks before

Christmas. It would be best if you contributed through money donations rather than purchasing gift cards yourselves.

2. Mittens, Hats and Socks will be collected in a box at the Church entrance that will go to the Food Bank to be distributed in Christmas Boxes. Please have them in the box at the Church no later than Dec. 13th.

3. Funds will be given to the Fredericton Homeless Shelters to purchase personal hygiene items.

4. To Contribute please take an envelope at the Entrance of the Church marked 'Christmas Outreach – Sts John and Paul Site' and put your donation into the Offertory Box at the Church entrance. You can also phone the Parish office at 444-6001 to arrange an E-Transfer.

ST. DUNSTAN'S SITE (Fredericton):

1. 'The Christmas Exchange' sponsors over 90 families each year. This year we will be sponsoring that number again. Rather than purchasing groceries and gifts for these families ourselves, we will be purchasing gift cards so they can shop for the food and gift items they need. Our Christmas Exchange team will be purchasing and distributing these gift cards. If you would like to contribute, it is best that you donate funds rather than purchasing gift cards. Having our team purchase them will mean nothing will need to be dropped off at our parish office and make sure we do not have to go out of our homes to shop and drop off gift certificates at the Church. This, of course, will aid greatly all of the efforts to not spread Covid 19.

2. We will also be making a significant donation to the Food Banks in our area so food items can be purchased that we would otherwise be collecting in the Parish during Advent.

3. To Contribute to these Christmas Outreach activities please pick up an envelope at the entrance of the Church marked 'Christmas Exchange -St. Dunstan's Site' and put it in the Offertory Box at the entrance of the Church. You can also phone the parish office at 444-6001 to arrange to make an E-Transfer. If you are pondering how much to donate, you might figure how much you spent in past years on food items and gifts that you donated in past years and give that amount in \$\$\$.

Many thanks for your amazing generosity that allows us to participate in all of these kind and caring efforts.

Have a Blessed Advent!

Fr. Bill Brennan and Fr. Peter Osborne

Are you called to join other Canadian Catholic women learning how your leadership has the power to transform where you work, volunteer and live? Applications are now available for the **2021-2022 Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation Program**. The in-person and online program, facilitated by the Providence School of Transformational Leadership and Spirituality at Saint Paul University (Ottawa) runs from April/21 to May/22. Visit www.cwlfcanada.ca. Application deadline is November 20, 2020.

CAN WE HELP?

During these days we all need to be conscious of what people are living with so we can be of assistance. We never know when we may need to know contacts for ourselves or others who need help, protection, safety and direction. Our Parish Bulletin is an instrument available to us to be informed. Domestic Violence is one such area to be well informed about and so please become familiar with the following:

The following community organizations are connections to provide support and guidance on how to recognize domestic or intimate partner violence, how to seek assistance if you are a victim, a child or a bystander who wants to help. The following organizations have professionals trained in how to assist and link people to the appropriate resources within our community. People who are in the midst of a threatening or violent event are reminded that 911 is the first option.

- Transition House for Abused Women and Children: 459-2300 (24 Hour Crisis Line), 457-2770 (Daytime Business Line)
- Gignoo Transition House: 458-1224 (24 Hour Crisis Line), 458-1236 (Daytime Business Line)
- Chimo Helpline (Provincial Crisis Line) 450-4357

<http://www.chimohelpline.ca>>www.chimohelpline.ca

Dear faithful,

A new liturgical year is upon us, which begins with the season of Advent. Advent, which means “coming”, is a season of preparation for Christmas. We sense the urgency of the prophet Isaiah, “A voice cries out: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.’” (Isaiah 40:3) We remember Christ’s first coming over 2000 years ago, but we also look forward with joyful expectation to Jesus’ second coming at the end of time.

We may find it difficult to be joyfully expectant amidst such great uncertainty. The realities of the pandemic have added stress and often emotional anguish to many among us, particularly those on the front lines, and those who may feel isolated. Jesus does not turn a blind eye to our suffering; he calls us to draw near to him so that we can experience his peace in our trials. We must be ready and willing to tend to the needs of others as we are able as apostles of mercy, and accompany each other during this time of pandemic, never forgetting those most in need.

Christ’s promise of joyful hope is for us. When we make room in our hearts for Jesus, especially through prayer and the sacraments – privileged encounters with Christ - he fills us not just with a happy demeanor, but a true joy that wells from within. Christian joy is an enduring presence of the heart that increases as we move closer to God and remains with us, even in the midst of intense sufferings. As we prioritize our spiritual life and make a renewed commitment to personal and family prayer, our joy will increase and we will be able to share it with others. In this time of great darkness, there is no greater contribution we can make to society than to bear the light of Christ as his missionary disciples.

“Advent, therefore, is the time to prepare ourselves for this Prince of Peace by being at peace with ourselves, our soul, that is often in anxiety, anguish and without hope. For this, one needs to start with oneself.” (*Pope Francis Homily, December 4, 2018*) Let us draw near to Jesus with longing hearts knowing he is the saviour we have been waiting for, and eagerly awaiting his second coming in glory. Let us give God permission to use us powerfully to reflect the light of Christ to others, as we echo the words of St. Paul, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!” (Phil 4:4)

With the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Jesus with Mary,
✠ Christian Riesbeck, CC
Bishop of Saint John

November 23, 2020

Hi parents and guardians, (Religious Education/Faith Formation)

As we indicated in a letter in late August, our religious education/faith formation program will be done at home this year. Included below are two options that offer lots of flexibility. They're meant for you to do whatever you can, so don't worry about covering all of the material.

If your child is in grade 2, they will be preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

If your child is in grade 3 (or older) and has not made their First Communion, please phone Fr. Bill at the Parish Office (444-6001) and he will give you directions on what is required to prepare them.

If your daughter/son is in grade 7, 8 or 9, they will be invited to do Faith Formation on-line with youth leaders from the Fredericton Parishes. More information will follow in the near future for these grades, **please note that books are not required to be ordered for these grades.**

If your child is in Grade 9, they will be preparing for Confirmation. Confirmation sessions will be announced at a later date via e-mail.

Registration this year will be on-line. Please follow this link (or copy it into your browser), fill out the required information and submit (sample form included below).

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/ReligiousEd1/CFFRegistrationFall2020>

The fee per book is \$20 – date for pick-up and payment will be confirmed by a separate e-mail

We are offering the following options:

Option 1 - Be My Disciples Program:

This is the program we have been using for a number of years. It's easy to use at home with the student books as your guide. There are 24 chapters in each book/year level that cover all of the essential themes of our faith lives in the Church. It would be ambitious to do all 24 chapters, so you might find yourself doing less than that. It will be important to do at least 10 between October and May.

If you have several children close in age, you can use one book for both children. Every book comes with a code that allows you to access the book on-line.

Each chapter has a page titled, "With my Family". You might choose to let this page be your guide and use the references in that page to direct you to other parts of the chapter for more content.

Option 2 - Heritage Program:

This is a supplement to the "Be My Disciples Program". It's often given to parents to use as a "catch-up" for children who are beginning Religious Education for the first time. It is also easy for parents to use at home. There are 10 lessons that cover the life of Jesus, the central beliefs of the Church, all of the Sacraments, making Christ-centered decisions (Morality), and Catholic prayers and practices. There is one book for ages 9-11 and one for ages 12-14.

Thank you all for your continued support for the faith of our youth.

Sincerely, Fr. Bill

Camp Sheldrake Memorial Board

Camp Sheldrake, a Catholic base children's camp located on the Miramichi, has erected a Memorial Board in their main lodge as a way for families to remember deceased love ones through sponsorship of children to attend camp. For a minimum donation of \$500, a loved one's name will be placed on the Board and a child will be sponsored in the deceased loved one's name to attend one week of camp.

Donors to this Memorial will be invited to a ceremony held in their area to memorialized their love one through prayers, memory sharing and, placing of the name on the Board.

For more information on this memorial, please call Camp Director, Hilary Whitney at 626-1489 or visit our website at www.campsheldrake.com . One can also contact an area Board member as follows: Miramichi: David Lavoie (627-0799); Fredericton: Tracey O'Kane (454-7835); Saint John: Mavis Drummond (832-0104). Camp Sheldrake is a non- profit organization and can provide tax receipts for donations made.

Our Sacred Stories

Jesus – Emmanuel & the Call for a Change of Heart (Fr. John Jennings)

Dr. Michael Higgins is a former President of St. Thomas University. He is now President of Corpus Christi-St. Marks at UBC. In his regular blog, he commented on a recent interview done by CBC and CTV with noted cellist, Rémy Bélanger de Beaufort, who was attacked and badly injured on Halloween night in Quebec City by a man with a sword. Two other persons died of their injuries.

Mr. Bélanger was interviewed in his hospital room. Bandaged and splinted, he was still in recovery. He bore the signs of the multiple fractures and wounds he suffered, including a near severed finger that had been reattached.

Recalling that night, Mr. Bélanger indicated that he held no anger or hatred towards his attacker. He stated, remarkably to the interviewer: “I was in the ambulance and I had already forgiven him. I told myself, ‘why not try to say I love him’, and I realized I did.”

Dr. Higgins commented on Mr. Bélanger’s statement with: “In other words, Christ-like, he moved beyond a facile forgiveness to a place of deep compassion and non-judgement. Astonishing.” In this perhaps, we discover the full meaning of what we hear in Mark’s Gospel as he introduces John the Baptist and his call for repentance. (Mark 1:1-8) More than this, Jesus as he begins his mission is described by Mark as proclaiming the same call: “Repent and believe the good news.” (Mark 1:15)

Often, we direct this call for repentance to forgiveness of our personal sins and faults. Frequently, we find ourselves focused on what we perceive as breaches of God’s law or rules and commandments. This might satisfy our desire for clear, straight forward answers, but repentance is much more than this. Repentance is really an ongoing, lifetime of transformation. Often, we refer to it as a conversion of life or a change of heart.

Living faith and the conversion it calls for is all about relationships – with God, with neighbour, with all humanity and creation itself. These relationships are like a network of friendships. In this context, a mature view of sin is the wounding of these relationships, revealed in the ways we fail to pay full attention to their care and their well-being. Sin then, is not about single acts or neglects, but rather about our whole attitude of life that distances us from others and from God. We wound other, creation and God with our neglect and self-centeredness.

Repentance is a whole change of heart, a redirecting of our lives to bring new life to our relationships.

Undertaking conversion or repentance then, is to begin a new life journey. We see this in the way Mark describes this coming of John the Baptist bearing this message. It is no small thing, that the Gospel writer opens his telling of the story with the words: “The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, Son of God.” (Mark 1:1) It is not the end, nor even the middle.

For John the Baptist, the call to repentance is only a first step, just as the call of Jesus to “repent and believe the good news” is only to be seen as the initial piece of a life-long discipleship. Transformations and conversions are life-long pilgrimages. They ultimately are processes of becoming. Rémy Bélanger de Beauport has revealed something of the depths of such a call to turn our lives around with a transformation of our heart. It is life-giving beyond ourselves and has the power to create a whole new world – truly good news for all humanity.

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Please continue to tune into the **Live Stream Mass** through our Website on Sunday at 9 am. It will also be uploaded to the Homepage so you can view it at another time. To live stream, google St. Dunstan’s Church Fredericton and look for a ‘click here’ button right below the two Video Screens. The Mass will be uploaded to one of those Video Screens.

Live Stream Link to Website:

<https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>

St. Mary Magdalene Facebook

Other Links:

Live Stream Link to Website:

<https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>

St. Mary Magdalene Facebook:

Daily TV Mass – <https://saltandlighttv.org/mass>

Weekdays at 9 am and 1 pm.

Diocese of Saint John <http://dioceseofsaintjohn.org>

The following is a link to *The New Freeman*

<http://newfreeman.ca/>

Offertories: Nov 29	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$12,707	\$462	\$401	\$11,844
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,505	\$50	\$952	\$2,502
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$453,027	\$22,556	\$71,152	\$359,319
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$613,993	\$31,144	\$85,957	\$496,892
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$160,966)	(\$8,588)	(\$14,805)	(\$137,573)
Poor & Needy	\$135	\$0	\$0	\$135
Building fund	\$25	\$0	\$0	\$25
Christmas Exchange	\$1,510	\$0	\$150	\$1,360
Other	\$697	\$65	\$74	\$558
# PAD users	136	1	31	104
# Envelopes used	164	25	21	118
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

Offertories: Nov 22	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$9,798	\$382	\$659	\$8,757
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,460	\$50	\$952	\$2,458
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$438,502	\$21,924	\$69,963	\$346,615
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$601,201	\$30,495	\$84,166	\$486,540
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$162,699)	(\$8,571)	(\$14,203)	(\$139,925)
Poor & Needy	\$145	\$0	\$0	\$145
Building fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dev & Peace (Covid-19)	\$240	\$0	\$0	\$240
Priest's Illness	\$1,111	\$121	\$275	\$715
Other	\$10	\$0	\$0	\$10
# PAD users	133	1	31	101
# Envelopes used	188	29	33	126
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

Offertories: Nov 15	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$5,116	\$600	\$375	\$4,141
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,460	\$50	\$952	\$2,458
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$423,321	\$21,542	\$68,732	\$333,047
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$575,618	\$29,197	\$80,585	\$465,837
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$152,297)	(\$7,655)	(\$11,853)	(\$132,790)
Poor & Needy	\$265	\$0	\$0	\$265
Building fund	\$290	\$80	\$100	\$110
Dev & Peace (Covid-19)	\$5,614	\$215	\$835	\$4,219
Dev & Peace (Other)	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$365
Other	\$337	\$54	\$53	\$230
# PAD users	133	1	31	101
# Envelopes used	262	39	31	192
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

Options for your offertory contributions available to you at this time.

- Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) you can make your donations through a debit at your bank on a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly basis. There is a PAD form you can receive by contacting the office. You would have to fill out and return to the office along with a copy of a voided cheque. Form available at

<https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>

- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) You can e-transfer your offertory at any time with this option, if you do online banking. You would use the following email address: stdun@stdunstansparish.ca

Website: Michael Minifie, Business and Facilities Manager is designing a new Website that will be St. Mary Magdalene Parish Website. We will inform you when it is in operation. This will reflect our new parish reality rather than having a St. Dunstan's and a St's John and Paul website. In the meantime, as you know, we are using the St. Dunstan's Website for all of our on-line and live stream events.