

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

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

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August 23rd, 2020 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Note from Fr. Bill: Some are asking how the new Provincial Government regulation that allows for people to have one meter distancing as long as we are wearing a mask will affect our protocols in the parish for attending Mass. Presently we are able to accommodate everyone that is attending by using the 2-meter social distancing and so we will continue to do that as an additional precaution for safety. However, as our gatherings increase in number and because we wear masks throughout the Mass, we have an option to revisit our seating arrangements at each site and will do so as is necessary with the numbers who are attending. I will keep you informed as changes are made. For now, we will be maintaining the two meter distancing until I inform you of a change. However, it does allow us more freedom in people needing to leave their seat to use the bathroom facilities. You will be able to use bathroom facilities at any time because we are maintaining the wearing of masks for everyone throughout the Mass except for those under 2 years of age and those with medical conditions preventing them from using a mask. We will continue the use of masks throughout the full Mass because we are not always able to keep the 2-meter distancing for seating people and movement that is necessary during the Mass for such things as bathroom use. Please see the Bulletin below regarding our protocols when attending church services.

1. We need to have the name and phone number of every person who attends as 'follow up' information should an incident happen.
 - You are free to choose the Mass you desire to attend.
 - We will keep the lists we have for St. Columba and Sts John and Paul Site and your name will be checked as you enter the church and are screened. If you are not on the list, just come to Mass and your name and phone number will be added.
 - For St. Dunstan's Site, you will be asked to fill out an information sheet with your name (and each family member's name who is attending with you) and a contact phone number. You will be asked to place it in a box when you arrive. It will be helpful if you fill this information out before you come to Mass and bring it with you. The sheet is attached.
2. You will be asked the following screening questions.
 - Do you have any of the following symptoms: fever/feverish, cough, sore throat, head ache, runny nose, a new cough or worsening chronic cough, new onset of fatigue, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell; in children, purple marking on the fingers and toes?
 - Have you had close contact within the last 14 days with a confirmed case of Covid-19?
 - Have you been diagnosed with Covid-19?
 - Have you returned from travel outside of Atlantic Canada within the last 14 days for any reason other than work purposes in another province?
 - Have you had close contact with anyone from outside of Atlantic Canada in the past 14 days?
 - Have you been told by a public health official that you may have been exposed to Covid-19
3. You will need to wear a mask throughout the Mass unless for health reasons you can not wear a mask or you are under 2 years of age.
4. You will be asked to sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church.
5. You will be seated in orderly fashion from front to back.
6. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of the Mass as you leave. Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only.



Lebanon: Development and Peace - Caritas Canada accepting donations to support hardest hit populations

Development and Peace wishes to convey its solidarity with the Lebanese people and with all of our partners in Lebanon, after the tragic explosions that shook the capital of Beirut, Lebanon, on August 4, 2020. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the people affected by this disaster and those who have lost loved ones.

Urgent needs

The shock wave is immense, and the needs of local communities are growing.

Our partners on the ground are already working to assess the situation and help those impacted by this disaster. Affected communities will need food, clean water, health care and shelter. The explosions destroyed a large proportion of the seed stored in the port, leading to fears of increased food insecurity in a context that was already greatly unstable due to the crisis.

Development and Peace partners quickly mobilizing

Our partners on the ground in Lebanon need your help to reach as many people as possible. Each donation makes a difference.

How can you help?

You can help by contributing to our Emergency Fund - Crisis in Lebanon to support the people hardest hit by this disaster.

Go to our website: **devp.org** and click on **DONATE NOW**, or call toll-free: 1-888-234-8533. Thank You

Development and Peace is participating in the Humanitarian Coalition's Lebanon Crisis appeal through its active membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

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/>

Outreach to Those in Need: During this Pandemic our local Food Banks, Fredericton Community Kitchen and Homeless Shelters are making tremendous efforts in providing for those in need. Our parish has been able to contribute to these through our Poor and Needy Fund that you contribute to regularly. We have been able to assist other efforts as well focused on the most vulnerable at this time. If you would like to contribute to any these programs just go to their website and follow directions on making donations to them.

The Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick is offering two (2) Scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 each, they will be awarded to one (1) student studying in a French educational institution and one (1) student studying in an English educational institution. Students must be entering their second year of studies or later, in a post-secondary program in the field of health care. Information and application forms are available online at www.chanb.com. Applications must be postmarked by September 30th 2020. For further information please email catholichealth@chpci.com.

Living with Uncertainties and Discoveries Life... and Faith (Fr. John Jennings)

Six months of Covid-19, no end in sight. When will the limits and restrictions be lifted? When can we again cross borders? When will we be able to gather freely with family, with friends? When will schools, work, community gatherings return in fullness? Will there be treatments, vaccines? When? So many unknowns, such uncertainties. Life has so many

In a world filled with uncertainties, facing constant questions, we live with many challenges. Yet... it is from our questions and often, doubts that we come to discovery, to finding new ways and new understandings of our world, our lives and even our faith.

Several years ago, I met a student who had many questions – questions about faith, questions about the Church, questions about our traditions and practices. She thought that she could no longer be Catholic, because she had these questions. She felt she did not believe everything and so was not Catholic.

In fact, to have faith is to have questions, and we all have them, lots of them. To believe is to want to understand and this necessarily raises questions in us. Such faith discovery is not unlike any of our relationships. When we first meet someone, we begin to ask questions. If they are someone with whom we want a relationship, questions arise, maybe even doubts about them, about us, about our relationship. To question is part of human life and part of faith.

To live in the Catholic faith means we are on a life-long journey. As we identify our doubts and ask our questions we are led to changes in our lives and to action, living the faith that we are coming to understand. It is not possible to have faith in what God is revealing to us in Jesus, his life and his mission without accepting changes in the way we live. Our Faith starts with knowing, with grasping words and teachings. Then it grows into a “living faith”, that is a relationship, touching not only our head, but our heart. Like all relationships, it is alive. It grows over a lifetime.

When Jesus asks his disciples in Matthew’s Gospel “Who do you say that I am?” there was a variety of responses (Matt 16:13-20). Peter gave a remarkable one, but we can be sure that he did not fully understand what he said. Every expression of our faith is more a beginning than a conclusion. It leads us to more uncertainties and further questions.

As well, like a couple in a marriage, the commitment of faith will take us to action and to places that we would not otherwise have gone. When it does, then we can say we have a “living faith”. In doing so, we discover the wonder of building a new world in which we live – the Reign of God takes on a reality for us and we other.

Whether it is the questions, fears and uncertainties of Covid-19, or the doubts and challenges we face in faith, they are often the route to discoveries and new ways of acting and living. The challenges, uncertainties and questions open the door to discovering new life.

Some Quotes for our ‘Journey’ this week:

“I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now,” wrote the Quaker missionary Etienne de Grellet.

“Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end.” John Lennon

“As we enter the path of transformation, the most valuable thing we have working in our favor is our yearning.”

– Cynthia Bourgeault, [The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind](#)

“Philippians 2:5: “Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” The words call us up short as to what we are actually supposed to be doing on this path: not just admiring Jesus, but acquiring his consciousness.”

– Cynthia Bourgeault, [The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind](#)

“Somewhere in those depths of silence I came upon my first experiences of God as a loving presence that was always near, and prayer as a simple trust in that presence.”

– Cynthia Bourgeault, [Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening](#)

We share the following Memorandum from
Fr. Doug McNeill with you:

MEMORANDUM

From: Rev. Douglas McNeill

Episcopal Vicar for Temporal Affairs

To: Pastors and the Parish Office

Re: 2020 Collections

Date: July 28, 2020

We have received notification from the CCCB and the Development and Peace Office of the yearly collections that are taken up during various times of the year, due to the current COVID-19 Crisis with additional collection dates. Realizing that many parishes have envelopes in their packets and people have continued to support these various collections, the CCCB and Development and Peace have issued alternate dates, for the convenience of the faithful.

We ask that you inform your parishioners of these additional dates and the other Fall collections and advertise them accordingly.

Upkeep of the Holy Land (April 10) Sept 13

Needs of the Canadian Church Sept 27

Papal Charities (May 9th) Oct 4

Evangelization of the Nations Oct 18

Development & Peace (Lent) Nov 15

Diocesan Collection for Infirm Priests Nov 22

Pro-Life Dec 6

Offertories: Aug 16	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$5,389	\$705	\$410	\$4,274
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,457	\$50	\$952	\$2,454
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$297,082	\$14,561	\$48,042	\$234,479
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$422,120	\$21,411	\$59,095	\$341,613
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$125,038)	(\$6,850)	(\$11,053)	(\$107,134)
Poor & Needy	\$225	\$0	\$0	\$225
Building fund	\$130	\$0	\$0	\$130
Other	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$90
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	160	22	16	122
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

Offertories: Aug 9	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$8,666	\$585	\$387	\$7,694
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,457	\$50	\$952	\$2,454
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$286,191	\$13,856	\$47,070	\$225,265
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$409,329	\$20,762	\$57,305	\$331,262
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$123,138)	(\$6,906)	(\$10,235)	(\$105,997)
Poor & Needy	\$420	\$0	\$0	\$420
Building fund	\$220	\$0	\$0	\$220
Other	\$30	\$0	\$0	\$30
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
Envelopes used	137	21	15	101
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

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

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

1. 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 below. You would have to fill out, scan and return via email along with a scanned copy of a voided cheque. Form available at <https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstanparish>

2. 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@stdunstanparish.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.