

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

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

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August 9th, 2020 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A few quotes to inspire and offer hope

- "If plan A doesn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters — 204 if you're in Japan."
— **Claire Cook**
- "Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." — **Marie Curie**
- "People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing – that's why we recommend it daily." — **Zig Ziglar**, Author
- "Life keeps throwing me stones. And I keep finding the diamonds." — **Ana Claudia Antunes**
- "Sometimes you find yourself in the middle of chaos, and sometimes in the middle of chaos, you find yourself." — **Boonaa Mohammed**
- "And so, I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who ask, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." **Jesus of Nazareth, Luke 11:9-10**

Note from Father Bill:

Please see my note in this bulletin regarding the protocols for Weekend Masses. Note that you will be able to receive Holy Communion in your Vehicle on Sunday Morning from 10:15 am to 10:30 am. It is now just a 15-minute time slot.

Also, a note on use of the Bathroom when you attend Mass: The Bathroom is available for emergency. Please refrain from going down through the aisle of the Church to the bathroom once you are seated. This is to assure that we always are maintaining the required 6-foot social distancing. In case of an emergency for bathroom use, please sanitize the faucet handles, flush handle, paper towel dispenser, soap dispenser, and door knobs after bathroom use. To prepare your children for attending Mass, please let them know it is like 'being in their car seat' for the time they are driving. They are being asked to remain in the pew the same as the adults are for the time they are there. This too is a safety issue for us all. Many thanks for your considerate cooperation with everything that allows us to gather for Mass. Without it, we would not be able to gather.

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 9th 9:00 am For the People
 Sun 16th 9:00 am Ronald "Ron" J Roy

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 9th 11:00 am Ida Carrier
 Sun 16th 11:00 am Joe Weirathmueller

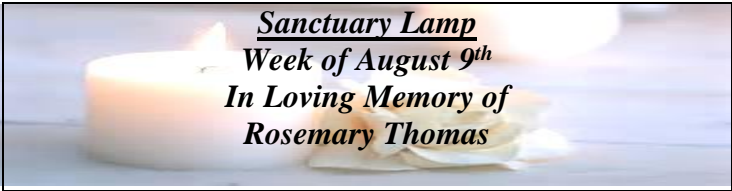
St. Dunstan's Church Site

Sat 8th 5:00 pm Michael Nicholas
 Sun 9th 9:00 am Landry & Godin DFM
 9th 11:30 am Norman Campbell
 Sat 15th 5:00 pm Daniel Scott Campbell
 Sun 16th 9:00 am Bill Sarty
 16th 11:30 am For the People

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

NECROLOGY

Aug 10	Gordon Currie Davidson	1992
	Madison Taylor Hickey	1998
	Mrs. Mary Audrey Hughes	1999
	Matthew James McCormick	1999
	Dorothy Rowan	2010
	Cyril Collins	2015
Aug 11	Mary Kathleen Gallant	1980
	George Francis Reid	1990
	Ralph Lawrence Timmins	1997
	Marie Yolande Urquhart	2003
Aug 12	Harry Joseph Alfred Doyle	2012
	Carol Ann Eardley	2018
Aug 13	Major Douglas Riggs	1984
	Vesta Christina Burns	1987
	Helen Gertrude Weaver	1998
	Ida Flavie Gorman	1999
	Arthur Francis Wade	2001
	Emery Joseph Girouard	2013
	Joseph A. Basque	2018
Aug 14	Ida Elizabeth Birtwistle	2003
	Josephine Smolinski	2003
Aug 15	Christine Elsie Currie	1988
	Mary Elizabeth Little	2000
Aug 16	Della Edna Chiasson	1993
	Michael Nagle	1994
	William Michael F Hogan	2015



Sanctuary Lamp
Week of August 9th
In Loving Memory of
Rosemary Thomas

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.

Readings for August 16th

1st Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
 2nd Reading Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
 Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

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.

Note from Fr. Bill,

Hope you are all staying safe and well. As you are aware, several weeks ago the government regulations in regards to COVID 19 have changed to allow for more than 50 people to gather for a religious service as long as the 6-foot social distancing can be maintained and other safety protocols are followed.

This will mainly affect St. Dunstan's Site which can accommodate more than 50 people safely. At Sts John and Paul Site and St. Columba Site we will set up a speaker in the Church Hall to accommodate those who arrive once the Church is filled to 'safe' capacity. At St. Dunstan's Site we will probably be able to accommodate those who decide to attend.

Of course, it is important to remind us all that we continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass so that safety remains a priority in discerning whether to attend or remain home. The decision to not attend Mass is deeply respected for the sake of keeping yourself and others safe. For those who discern to attend Mass, we will be moving to our regular weekend Mass schedule as follows:

Saturday @ 5pm -St. Dunstan's Site

Sunday @ 9 am at St. Columba

Sunday @ 9 am @ St. Dunstan's Site

Sunday @ 11 am @ Sts John and Paul Site

Sunday @ 11:30 am @ St. Dunstan's Site

The 9 am Mass will be livestreamed and you have the option of receiving Holy Communion in your vehicle at St. Dunstan's Site between 10:15 and 10:30 am on Sunday.

For those attending Mass, we do need to follow all of the safety procedures as follows:

1. We need to have the name and phone number of every person who attends as 'follow up' information should an incident happen.

-We will no longer be placed in Groupings of 50 people identified by a color. 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.

Thank you for all of those who have taken on special 'attendant' roles to assist us in gathering safely according to these protocols in compliance with government regulations. Be safe and well!!

Blessings, Fr. Bill

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/stdunstanparish>

St. Mary Magdalene Facebook

We Are Not Alone (Fr. John Jennings)

These are anxious times. Our entire global community faces the challenges of a pandemic. Despite all our efforts, at this point we do not have a means to control or eliminate the threat. Across the world, many are searching for a vaccine and a way of treating the virus. Beyond being on our guard and responding with social distancing and “locking down” our communities we have no effective response. We might slow or contain the virus, but still have to face it.

Such uncertainty creates fear and anxiety. In particular it is a fear of the unknown. Such fear is hard to address. And, we cannot handle it alone. We need some sense that we share the load together. That is the benefit of a community and we are in this together. It is also the benefit of recognizing that somehow, God is part of our journey.

At the center of our Christian faith is that wonder or mystery of the Incarnation, our belief that God loves us so much that God has come to share our humanness in the person of Jesus Christ. As the Gospel of John begins to relate the story and meaning of Jesus, the writer proclaims this truth of our faith. He puts it this way: “The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14).

As the story unfolds, the Gospel goes further. Relating the account of Jesus’s encounter with a Pharisee named Nicodemus, Jesus tells him: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:16-17) Salvation comes in recognizing that God comes among us and shares in our human story, even in the midst of our questions, uncertainties and the unknowns. In these anxious times, we need to know that our “being in this together” includes God who shares our humanity. The Incarnation tells us how we are saved.

To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him as our master and teacher, to learn who he is and what he is about. It also means that we reflect this Jesus in our own lives and in doing so become the face of our loving God to all. For this we need faith and trust, as well as the courage to let the spirit of Jesus grow within us, to follow him and to be like him. In the situations of our lives, this is not easy. For it means to step out into the unknown.

Matthew in his Gospel (Matt.14:22-33) captures the disciple Peter facing just this challenge. In so many ways, Peter is us. The Gospel story describes the way Jesus as going to a mountain to pray. The disciples take a boat to the other side of the lake. Caught in a storm, the disciples can’t get the boat to shore. Jesus comes to them on the water. Impetuous Peter shouts to Jesus asking that he be called to join him on the water. Jesus does so and Peter steps out in response. Like any good disciple, Peter sought to do what his master was doing.

As he walks toward Jesus, the Gospel notes that Peter suddenly felt the high winds and he loses his nerve. Filled with fear, he loses faith and begins to sink. Calling out to Jesus, he appeals for help. Jesus reaches out his hand and saves him. Like any good master, Jesus recognizes the challenge that his disciple has in stepping out where he has gone. As any good master as well, Jesus continues to reach out and touch his disciple. He does not desert Peter, but remains the caring and supportive teacher.

In these anxious times, that outreach of Jesus is the care and support we must have. Our faith in the Incarnation of our God in Jesus the Christ is how we are saved. We are never alone.

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/>

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR STS JOHN AND PAUL CHURCH SITE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
August 9 th	Lorraine Bird
August 16 th	Lynda MacNeil
August 23 rd	Fred & Mary Farrell
August 30 th	Mike MacIntosh

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

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>

Offertory Totals for the weekend of August 1 & 2 will be available in next weekends bulletin.

<u>Offertories: Jul 26</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>
Weekly, at Mass	\$5,447	\$670	\$439	\$4,338
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,484	\$50	\$952	\$2,481
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$258,814	\$12,744	\$42,818	\$203,252
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$383,745	\$19,465	\$53,723	\$310,558
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$124,931)	(\$6,721)	(\$10,905)	(\$107,306)
Poor & Needy	\$235	\$0	\$0	\$235
Building fund	\$35	\$0	\$0	\$35
Other	\$40	\$0	\$0	\$40
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	141	26	17	98
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

<u>Offertories: Jul 12</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>
Weekly, at Mass	\$8,329	\$470	\$352	\$7,507
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,430	\$50	\$952	\$2,427
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$241,163	\$11,397	\$39,075	\$190,691
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$358,162	\$18,167	\$50,142	\$289,854
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$116,999)	(\$6,770)	(\$11,067)	(\$99,163)
Poor & Needy	\$282	\$0	\$0	\$282
Building fund	\$525	\$0	\$0	\$525
Other	\$451	\$0	\$0	\$451
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	121	22	14	85
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

2019 Income Tax Receipts – Please call or email the office if you would like to have your receipt mailed to you 444-6001.

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/stdunstansparish>

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@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.