

# Saint Michael

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Bulletin for January 11, 2024

**Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica**  
12 Howard Street, Miramichi

**Saint Michael's by-the-Sea**  
7321 NB-117, Miramichi Bay

**Saint Margaret's Church**  
9371 NB-11, Saint Margarets



*The Baptism of the Lord*, by Tintoretto

## *The Baptism of the Lord*

From Pope Benedict XVI's *Jesus of Nazareth*: 'Jesus' public ministry begins with His Baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist... Baptism itself was a confession of sin and the attempt to put off an old, failed life and to receive a new one.'

Is that something Jesus could do?

The dispute between the Baptist and Jesus that Matthew recounts for us was also an expression of the early Christians' own question to Jesus: "I need to be Baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

Jesus answers: "Let it be so for now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness..."

The act of descending into the waters of this Baptism implies a confession of guilt and a plea for forgiveness in order to make a new beginning. In a world marked by sin, this 'Yes' to the entire Will of God expresses solidarity with us, who have incurred guilt but yearn for righteousness.'

'The whole significance of Jesus' Baptism, the fact that He bears all righteousness, first comes to light on the Cross: The Baptism is an acceptance of death for the sins of humanity, and the voice that calls out "This is My Beloved Son" over the Baptismal waters is an anticipatory reference to the Resurrection.'

Learn more about the Baptism of the Lord, and our Baptism in the Lord, through our freely-accessible parish subscription to FORMED, forming Catholics for life:

[stmichaelsbasilica.ca/formed](http://stmichaelsbasilica.ca/formed)

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**Hours:**  
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**Lord's Day Mass Times:** St. Michael's Basilica: Saturday 4pm, Sunday **10:30am & 5:30pm**  
St Michael's By-the-Sea: Saturday **4pm**  
St Margaret's Church: Saturday **6pm**

**Daily Mass Times:** St. Michael's Basilica: **9am** Monday - Friday ; **4pm** jeudi la Messe française

**Eucharistic Adoration:** **9:30am** First Fridays  
**Confessions:** St. Michael's Basilica: **3pm** Saturdays

# Weekly Mass and Prayer Intentions

## Saint Michael's Basilica

Saturday January 10	4pm	Mr. Elroy Rigley, Kenneth Quinn, June Dignam, Betty Losier, Margaret Sweeney, Ron Flanagan, Anna Sullivan, Frank Kane, Jean Brideau, Morrie Haye, Yvonne Comeau, Bertie George, Dan Laviolette, Katherine Phee, Ted, Ron & Patty Flieger, Bernadette Keating & d.f.m., for a special intention, thanksgiving, and holy souls in Purgatory
Baptism of the Lord Sunday January 11	10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
	5:30pm	Joan Barry
Monday January 12 Memorial - Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys	9am	George Murdock Sr.
Tuesday January 13	9am	Holy souls in Purgatory
Wednesday January 14	9am	Frank Kane
Thursday January 15	9am	Michelle Sweeney
	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday January 16	9am	Mabel Clancy
Saturday January 17	4pm	Kenneth Quinn, June Dignam, Betty Losier, Margaret Sweeney, Frank Kane, Gordon & Helen Blakely, Yvonne Comeau, Katherine Phee, Raymond MacKnight, Leona Hallahan, Peter MacDonald, Allison Fleiger, Jake & Rita Chaston, Bligh & Jackie Woodworth, Lyle & Ethel Connors, Ann Isiah & Steve Blakely, Fred LeBelle & d.f.m., Bernadette Keating & d.f.m., for a special intention, and holy souls in Purgatory
Sunday January 18	10:30am	Kevin Murphy, and Paul MacLean

## Prayer for Christian Unity

5:30pm *Pro Populo* - for the People

## Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday January 10	4pm	Mary, Roland & Gene Walsh, and Yvonne Comeau
Saturday January 17	4pm	John Quinn, and Theresa Quimby

## Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday January 10	6pm	Margaret Sweeney, Kenneth Quinn, and June Dignam
Saturday January 17	6pm	William James Hogan

*Please Pray For:* the Holy Father's January 2026 prayer intention, that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

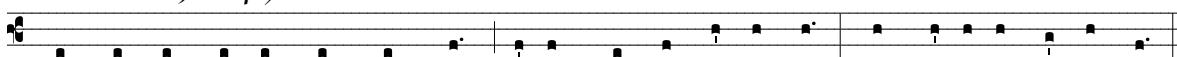
And, let us pray for Norine Hogan.

*Readings:* Isaiah 42:1-7; Acts 10:34-38; Gospel of Matthew 3:13-17

*Psalm:* 29 R:11 *The Lord will bless His people with peace.*

*Entrance Antiphon:* from Matthew 3. After the Lord was Baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

*Communion Antiphon:* from John 1



Be- hold, the One of whom John said: \* I have seen and tes- ti- fied that this is the Son of God.

# Parish News

**Holy Spirit Renewal** resumes January 4, for **weekly gatherings 2pm Sundays** in the parish centre, for those who hear the call and desire to respond to Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC's call for all the faithful to have a deep and personal relationship with Jesus through the Church, being led by the Holy Spirit to be intentional missionary disciples.

**Faith Study** resumes January 8, for **weekly gatherings 1pm Thursdays** in the parish centre. The next study will be of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, from her childhood through her life with Jesus, until her Assumption. This will focus on how she is *the* model of holiness and discipleship for the Church and all believers.

## **Family Catechesis and Religious Education resumes:**

**6:30pm Monday January 12** for Grade 2,

**6:15pm Wednesday January 14** for Grade 9,

**7:30pm Wednesday January 14** for Grade 8, and

**6:30pm Sunday January 18** for Family Catechesis.

Everyone is encouraged to join us in sharing our Faith as a community.

Please pray for our parish families and youth journeying in their preparation for Christ's Sacraments.

**Cursillo** - Ultreya every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the parish centre.

**From our Pastor, Father Antonio Reyes:** My profound gratitude for your prayers, love, and support expressed in your Christmas cards and gifts. May God grant you His grace of peace, love, and good health, and the undying commitment to serve Him and neighbour.

**Volunteers in high-trust parish roles** who have not completed a Police Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Search within the past five years are asked to **renew**. This includes anyone with a key, anyone counting collections or signing cheques, and anyone working with youth or vulnerable adults. Please visit the parish office for a letter to take to the RCMP or local police station. Renewals are requested as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and caring parish environment.

Also coming soon: Online Vector Safety Training for all high-trust volunteers.

Assistance will be available for those without computer access or who need help navigating the system. More information to follow.

**Annual White Gold Dinner/Concert 5pm Sunday February 8** at the **Beaverbrook Kin Centre**, featuring local musicians including Susan Butler and the Villagers. Tickets \$35 by reservation only, contact Susan at 506-622-1780 or [susanbutler867@gmail.com](mailto:susanbutler867@gmail.com)

**Christmas Memorial Poinsettias** - additional donations received for Patsy Keating and Donna & Tracey Smith

**Saint Margaret's Tree of Remembrance** raised \$1,675, thank you for your support & generosity!

January 1-8 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish	St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$6,064	\$635
Renovation	\$1,276	\$130
Capital Campaign (raised so far: \$896,765)	\$57	
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$279	
Mary Mother of God Offering	\$3,110	\$180
Cemeteries	Basilica \$122	St. Andrew's \$250
		\$35
		\$45



## Knights of Columbus®

Father Bernard M. Broderick  
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Community breakfast first Sunday of every month, 8am-Noon  
Senior Dances - Saturdays at 8pm, doors open at 6:30pm  
Fundraising Bingo - Sundays at 7pm, doors open at 5pm  
All are welcome to our accessible hall at 67 King Street!  
Call 506-773-7225 for information or to join in service, in fraternity and charity!



## Catholic Women's League of Canada

Saint Michael's Council

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and witness to the love of God through ministry and service.  
Visit CWL.CA to see all our resources.  
New members are always welcome! We meet the second Thursday of each month.  
Requesting items for our Christmas Basket Fundraiser.  
Membership dues of \$32.00 are being collected for 2026.

## Saint Vincent De Paul

Saint Michael's Basilica

*Clothing for those in need, from community donations*

The Saint Vincent de Paul **clothing ministry** is open to those in need, **Saturdays from 9am-Noon**, in the Saint Michael's Basilica Parish Centre.  
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Thanks for your continued generosity!

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## Miramichi Irish Festival

See [irishfestmiramichi.ca](http://irishfestmiramichi.ca)

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## POT OF GOLD 50/50

Drop a toonie marked with your number into one of the yellow boxes at St. Michael's Basilica, Chatham Superstore, or Kingston's Gas Bar for a chance to win. Email [potofgold5050@gmail.com](mailto:potofgold5050@gmail.com) or call 506-623-9056 to get your number to play your toonies. January 5 #2353 did not play, \$412 will roll into the next draw.

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