

# Saint Michael

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Bulletin for January 12, 2025

**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 Christ,*  
painting by Andrea del Verrocchio and Leonardo da Vinci  
**Baptism of the Lord**

*From a sermon by Saint Gregory Nazianzen, from the office of readings of the day:*

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with Him, and rise with Him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to

sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; He who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists.

Then John says: *I ought to be baptized by you.*

He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of Him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of Him who has already come and is to come again.

*I ought to be baptized by you:* we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet. Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with Him. The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to Him as to an equal, bearing witness to His Godhead. A voice bears witness to Him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honour to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness.

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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 11	4pm	Aurore Bourque, Patty Foran, Karsten Keoughan, Henry LeBell, Helen Keoughan, Adelyn Robichaud, Ronnie Flanagan, Anne Comeau, Ivan Hallihan, Robby Robertson, Elroy & Louise Rigley, Emile & Theresa Aucoin, Tom & Jean Olsen & d.f.m., and Marie Claire Dubois & d.f.m.
Baptism of the Lord		
Sunday January 12	10:30am	John (Jack) Murphy, and Audrey Cormier
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Monday January 13	9am	For peace in this world, and for Mary Anne Gouverneau & d.f.m.
Tuesday January 14	9am	Maurice Bersure, for thanksgiving, and for a special intention
Wednesday January 15	9am	Michael Wood, and John, Paul, Denis Lordon & d.f.m.
Thursday January 16	9am	Barb & Rupert Clancy, and for holy souls in Purgatory
	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday January 17		
Memorial - Saint Anthony	9am	Doris Angela Galish & d.f.m., and Michael Wood & d.f.m.
Saturday January 18	4pm	Simon Butler, Carmel Gallant, Mary E. Keaughan, Adelyn Robichaud, Anne Comeau, Ivan Hallihan, Cody Knowles, Gerard Doucette, Paul MacLean, Joanne Ramsay, Wayne McCarthy, Danny & Anne Donaldson, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Lewis, for thanksgiving, and for a special intention
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		
Second Sunday after the Epiphany:		
Sunday January 19	10:30am	Jacinthe Colwell & d.f.m., and Winfield Murdock & d.f.m.
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People

## Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday January 11	4pm	Byron Eastwood, and Kelly Lush
Saturday January 18	4pm	Deceased family members of Regley family, and of the MacDonald family

## Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday January 11	6pm	Fred Holland
Saturday January 18	6pm	Ronald, John, Edna & Blaine Flanagan, and Hillarian & Francis Cook & deceased family members

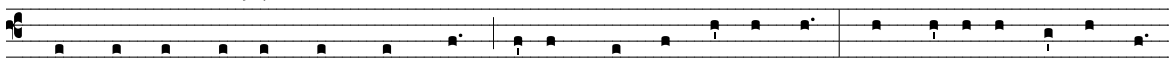
*Please Pray For:* graces in this Jubilee Year of hope, and for an outpouring of divine mercy for the renewal of hearts in the Diocese of Saint John. Please take the prayer cards in our parish churches given us by our Bishop, Christian Riesbeck, CC, to pray with your family this year. And, please pray for Judith Marie McGrath and her family.

*Readings:* Isaiah 42:1-7; Acts 10:34-38; Gospel of Luke 3:15-22

*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

## **Weekly Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:**

**Fridays at 9am** at Sts. Peter & Paul (Bartibog),  
**First Fridays** following the 9am Mass at Saint Michael's Basilica,  
First Saturdays at 9am at St. Mary's Church, and Last Sundays at 4pm at St. Samuel's Church.  
**Divine Mercy, Rosary, and Benediction** at St. Samuel's, Last Sundays of each month at 4pm followed by Mass at 5:30pm.

**2025 Jubilee Year of Hope** - let us be pilgrims of hope, witnessing to our faith in charity and in works of mercy, to gain the Lord's favour and special indulgences in this jubilee year.

Pilgrimages may be to Rome, to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John on first Saturdays, to the diocesan shrines in Howard (July 13) and Skiff Lake (August 10), and to Saint Michael's Basilica on the archangel's feast day vigil, 5:30pm September 28.

Jubilee Year Prayer cards are available in our parish churches and in the parish office.

See Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC's full pastoral letter on celebrating this jubilee year here: [bit.ly/DSJ-Jubilee](http://bit.ly/DSJ-Jubilee)

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** this year is from 18 January to 25 January 2025, on the theme of '*Do you believe this?*' from the Gospel of John (11:26).

See prayerful resources for observing this week of Christian Unity, on this 1,700th anniversary of the ecumenical Council of Nicea, at: [bit.ly/SMA-WPCU25](http://bit.ly/SMA-WPCU25)

## **Weekly Parish Prayer Group Tuesdays at 1pm in the parish centre.**

Learn Catholic teaching on prayer, and begin praying like never before.

## **Weekly Parish Bible Study Thursdays at 1pm in the parish centre.**

2025 is a Jubilee Year of Hope. We will be looking at the world as it is, and the Scriptures and the teaching of the Church to help us envision our mission as individuals and as the Body of Christ to bring hope to this world.

## **January 24-26 Catechist Retreat registration deadline is January 20,**

call Patricia Lee at 506-627-6465 for more information, or register at [bit.ly/DSJ-CR-25](http://bit.ly/DSJ-CR-25)

**New Envelopes** are available in our parish churches. **Please fill in your name** on these new envelopes to ensure we that record your charitable donations properly.

Note that donations received after December 31 will be recorded for January 2025.

**Saint Michael's Museum & Genealogy Centre** open **Tuesdays 10am-2pm** for January and February, resuming regular hours in March.

Annual **White Gold Dinner Concert, 5pm Sunday February 9**, at the Beaverbrook Kin Centre. Hosted by the 68th Miramichi Folksong Festival. Tickets \$40 each by reservation only, call Susan at 506-622-1780 or [susanbutler@xpornet.com](mailto:susanbutler@xpornet.com). Menu caters to special diets.

Door prizes and music featuring Bert Munn – Elizabeth Shatford -Aliyah Hossin – Villagers - Friends With Heart – Gerry Roberts & Aubrey Stewart – Susan Butler

<b>January 1-5 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish</b>		<b>St. Michael's By-the-Sea</b>	<b>St. Margaret's</b>
Regular	\$7,808	\$826	\$668
New Year Collection	\$2,827	\$220	\$125
The Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier Family Foundation Inc.	\$5,000		
Renovation	\$1,599	\$50	\$40
Capital Campaign	\$142		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$70		
Cemeteries	Basilica \$70	St. Andrew's \$230	\$10



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Father Bernard M. Broderick  
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Senior Dances - Saturdays at 8pm, doors open at 6:30pm  
Fundraising Bingo - Sundays at 7pm, doors open at 5pm  
Community breakfast first Sunday of every month, 8am-Noon  
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

**Next meeting for all members, 6:30 Thursday January 16, for installation of new officers.** Martin McCarthy was honoured at the December meeting with the Bellelle Guerin Pin for her tireless efforts in keeping the spirit of the League alive at St. Michael's. Additionally, our council created the Martina B. McCarthy award for outstanding commitment and service, with applications for nominations available in 2025.  
The winner of the CWL Christmas basket was Christine O'Reilly.

## 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.

We are seeking winter coats and boots for men, women, and children. Thank you for your generous help!



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506-778-5152



**Kindertots Children's Centre Inc.**  
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Miramichi  
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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 6 #2480 did not play, \$235 will roll over into the next draw.



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