

# Saint Michael

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Bulletin for December 14, 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



*Rejoice! The Coronation of Mary, by Fra Angelico*

### *Gaudete Sunday*

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed the Lord is near* (Philippians 4:4; Entrance Antiphon).

The colour of this Third Sunday of the Advent Season is rose, a sign of the joyful dawn of salvation.

Pope Leo XIV's December 6 Jubilee Address reflected on our 'active waiting' in Advent.

'The Nativity of Jesus reveals a God who gets people involved: Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Simeon, Anna, and later John the Baptist, the disciples and all those who encounter the Lord are engaged, they are called upon to participate.

It is a great honour, and how thrilling!

God involves us in His history, in His dreams. To dream, then, is to participate...'

'Let us ask ourselves: am I participating in any good initiatives that engage my talents?

Do I have the horizon and breadth of the Kingdom of God when I perform some service?

Or do I do it grumbling, complaining that everything is going wrong?

A smile on our lips is a sign of grace within us.

To hope is to participate: this is a gift that God gives us. No-one saves the world single-handedly. Not even

God wants to save it by Himself: He could, but He does not want to, because together it is better.

Participation allows us to express ourselves and makes more our own what we will ultimately contemplate forever when Jesus finally returns.'

Help guide your whole family through the Advent Season through our freely accessible parish subscription to FORMED, including their videos on 'How to Advent:' [stmab.ca/formed](http://stmab.ca/formed)

#### **Parish Office:**

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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 December 13     **4pm**     Kenny Quinn, June Dignam, Robert Stewart, Bernadette Keating, Janet Awong, Alan Braid, Rita Kelly, Clarence Glynn, Simon Glynn, Rose Estey, Alden Randall, Scott Bowes, Gregory Keating, Anna Sullivan, Frank Kane, Margaret Sweeney, James Flieger, Leona Malley, John Gray, Arthur Gray, Mary K. Conway, Kristen K. Conway, Patricia Elaine Hunter, Little Jimmy Flieger, Jack & Lucy Glynn, and for a special intention

### *Gaudete Sunday*

Sunday December 14     **10:30am**     Kevin Moran, Kenneth Quinn, Alden Randall, John Kerr, Ruth Hammond, and Kevin Murphy

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

Monday December 15     **9am**     Hans Oomes

Tuesday December 16     **9am**     Gerald Fleiger

Wednesday December 17     **9am**     George Hickey

Thursday December 18     **9am**     Joan & Dawn Daigle

**4pm**     *la Messe française*

Friday December 19     **9am**     Jean & George McDonald & d.f.m.

Saturday December 20     **4pm**     Kenny Quinn, Victor Fullerton, Augustine Martin, June Dignam, Anna Sullivan, Alden Randall, Florence Creighton, Audrey Cormier, Betty Losier, John Bracken, Margaret Sweeney, Frank Kane, Irene Roach, Doni Thomas, Patrick Phelan, Mona Phelan, Patricia Gibson, Patrick Washburn, Hartt & Bessie Ross, Bernadette Keating, Molly, Joe, Billy, John, Donnes, Gerald, Patsy, Derrill & Kathleen Keating, and for a special intention

### *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Sunday December 21     **10:30am**     John Johnson, John Bracken, Alden Randall, Paul MacLean, and Eldon & Judy McGrath

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

## **Saint Michael's By-the-Sea**

Saturday December 13     **4pm**     *Pro Populo - for the People*

Saturday December 20     **4pm**     Paula McIntyre, Vaughn & Dolly MacDonald, Chris Williston, Charlie & Iona Williston, and Raul & Cassie Lloyd

## **Saint Margaret's Church**

Saturday December 13     **6pm**     Theresa Quimby, and John Quinn

Saturday December 20     **6pm**     Theresa Quimby, and Edward Quinn, and Tommy Poirier

*Please Pray* for our parish youth preparing for the reception of the Sacraments, especially this week for those preparing for Confirmation. Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, empowering our youth to live for God and use their spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12)

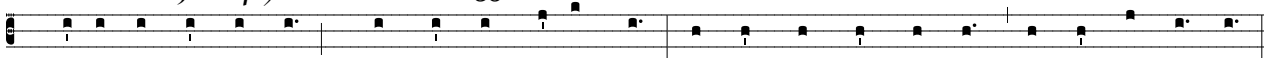
*And, please pray for:* Vesta Gouchie.

*Readings:* Isaiah 35:1-6,10; James 5:7-10; Gospel of Matthew 11:2-11

*Psalm:* 146 *R:* Isaiah 35:4     *Lord, come and save us.*

*Entrance Antiphon:* Philippians 4. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.

*Communion Antiphon:* from Isaiah 35



Say to the faint of heart: \* Be strong and do not fear. Be- hold, our God will come, and He will save us.

# Parish News

## Christmas and New Year Solemnity Schedule:

**Christmas eve**, December 24:

4pm at Saint Michael's Basilica,

4pm at Saint Michael's by-the-Sea,

6pm at Saint Margaret's,

7pm at Saint Michael's Basilica

10pm at Saint Michael's Basilica.

**Christmas Day**, December 25:

10:30am and 5:30pm at Saint Michael's Basilica.

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, New Year's eve**, December 31:

4pm at Saint Michael's Basilica (note: no 9am Mass in the chapel),

4pm at Saint Michael's by-the-Sea,

6pm at Saint Margaret's.

**New Years' Day**, January 1:

10:30am and 5:30pm at Saint Michael's Basilica.

**170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Midnight Mass** December 24 at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception** in **Saint John**, celebrated by Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC.

Despite the fact that the church had no heat, lighting or seats, three thousand people attended.

Join us as we celebrate all the Lord has done in our Cathedral community over these past 170 years and celebrate the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

**Jubilee Closing Mass** for pilgrims of Hope, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - **5:30pm Sunday December 28**, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Sunday, December 28, 2024 (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph) at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

**Advent Reconciliation Services 6:30pm Thursday December 18** at **Saint Mary's Catholic Church** (Newcastle). Come prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord through Confession.

**Another winter begins...** and if cold weather and road conditions imperil our or others' lives, our faithful and our priests may need to remain safely home. If schools and businesses should be closing due to the winter weather, you may assume our church services, groups, and meetings will close for the day. See more at [stmichaelsbasilica.ca/winter](http://stmichaelsbasilica.ca/winter).

**St. Margaret's Church Tree of Remembrance** - Please record the names of your loved ones and give your donation to Norma or Maura. All names will be published, and the tree lighting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. **The winner of the \$525 November 50/50 Draw** was Brian Hewey, envelope 60 ticket#779280. Next draw in the Spring. Thank you for help with heating bills!

December 6-7 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$13,685	\$501	\$370
Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier	\$5,000		
Renovation	\$1,289	\$45	\$40
Capital Campaign (raised so far: \$894,669)	\$186		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$30	\$10	
Pro-Life Collection	\$667	\$80	\$10
Cemeteries	Basilica \$85	St. Andrew's \$80	



## Knights of Columbus®

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

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](http://CWL.CA) to see all our resources.  
New members are always welcome! We meet the second Thursday of each month.  
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*

**Note that the Saint Vincent de Paul storeroom will be closed Saturday December 20, Saturday December 27, and Saturday January 3.**  
**We'll re-open 9am-noon January 10, 2026.**  
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Fall and Winter hours:

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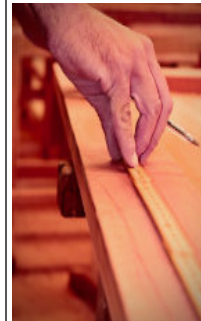
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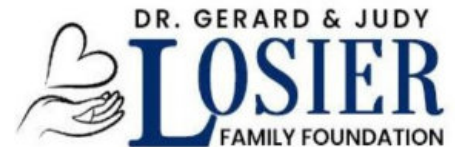
## POT OF GOLD 50/50

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.  
December 8 #1700 Ray Moar won \$207, congratulations!



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