

Saint Michael

THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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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.

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'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

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
<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>		
Sunday December 14	10:30am	Kevin Moran, Kenneth Quinn, Alden Randall, John Kerr, Ruth Hammond, and Kevin Murphy
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo - for the People</i>
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	<i>la Messe française</i>
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
<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>		
Sunday December 21	10:30am	John Johnson, John Bracken, Alden Randall, Paul MacLean, and Eldon & Judy McGrath
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo - for the People</i>

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday December 13	4pm	<i>Pro Populo - for the People</i>
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.

170th 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 .

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 4th 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
Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier	\$5,000	
Renovation	\$1,289	\$45
Capital Campaign (raised so far: \$894,669)	\$186	
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$30	\$10
Pro-Life Collection	\$667	\$80
Cemeteries	Basilica \$85	St. Andrew's \$80



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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 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. Thank you for all your kind donations!

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