

# Saint Michael

## THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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Bulletin for December 15, 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



*Five Rejoicing Angels, by Giovanni di Paolo*

### *The Season of Advent - Gaudete Sunday*

The third Sunday of Advent commands rejoicing, *gaudete*, from the entrance antiphon. We rejoice, for our commemoration of the Nativity of our Lord is indeed near. The approaching light of Christ lightens the penitential violet colour of the season, to the rose colour of the Advent candle we light on Gaudete Sunday. We look forward, rejoicing, to when Christ is born for us, and the light of our days lengthens (- Saint Augustine).

### *Jubilee Year*

The Church's Jubilee Year of Hope, with special missions, retreats, spiritual exercises, faith formation activities, and works of mercy begins December 24. Pilgrimages are encouraged, to Rome, to our Diocesan Cathedral, to our shrines in Howard and Skiff Lake, and to Saint Michael's Basilica on the eve of the Archangel's feast day, 5:30pm September 28, 2025. Jubilee prayer cards are available in our parish churches and office. See Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC's pastoral letter here: [bit.ly/DSJ-Jubilee](http://bit.ly/DSJ-Jubilee)

### *Sanctuary Changes*

The Sanctuary is the sacred space reserved for ministry around Christ's Altar. Sanctuary changes in Catholic churches are made with the approval of the bishop. Saint Michael's Basilica was constructed as a cathedral for the former Diocese of Chatham. In 1989, the church was raised to the dignity of a minor basilica, with the rights and privileges. Where there is the bishop's chair (the cathedra), the priest celebrant sits on the opposite side of the sanctuary, facing the bishop. When the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the high altar tabernacle, that also means the priest celebrant cannot sit in front of that altar, but rather on the side.

#### **Parish Office:**

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#### **Hours:**

Monday to Friday, 8am-4pm

#### **Contact:**

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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 14	4pm	Edward Keoughan, Adelyn Robichaud, Jack Barry, Linda Blakely, Gerard Doucette, Ivan Hallihan, Robbie Robertson, John & Dorothy Poirier, Hartt & Bessie Ross, and Selime & Bridget Richard & deceased family members
Third Sunday of Advent, <i>Gaudete</i> Sunday:		
Sunday December 15	10:30am	Kevin Moran, Edna Carter, and for the intention of the Franciscans of Halifax
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Monday December 16	9am	Gerald Fleiger, and for peace in the world
Tuesday December 17	9am	Owen Kelly, and for a special intention
Wednesday December 18	9am	Lisa Glazier
Thursday December 19	9am	In honour of the Holy Saints
	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday December 20	9am	George and Jean MacDonald and deceased family members
Saturday December 21	4pm	Carol Leggatt, Laurie Keoughan, Adelyn Robichaud, Thomas Conroy, John Kerr, John Barry, Anne Comeau, Gerard Doucette, Ivan Hallihan, Eldon & Ella Comeau, Clarence, Marie & Steve Blakely, and Tom & Jean Olsen & deceased family members
Fourth Sunday of Advent:		
Sunday December 22	10:30am	Scott Bowes, Gregory Keating, Paul MacLean, and Colin & Alice Fleiger
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People

## Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday December 14	4pm	Gene Walsh, and James & Catherine Kelly & d.f.m.
Saturday December 21	4pm	Vaughn & Dolly MacDonald, Charlie & Iona Williston, Paul & Cassie Lloyd and Paula McIntyre, and Francis & Scott Duplessis

## Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday December 14	6pm	Keith Cook
Saturday December 21	6pm	Carl & Mona Flynn, and Alexis & Annie Flynn & d.f.m.

*Please Pray For:* joy, in this third week of Advent. As we await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, help us to experience the joy of salvation and celebrate the feast with love and thanksgiving.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

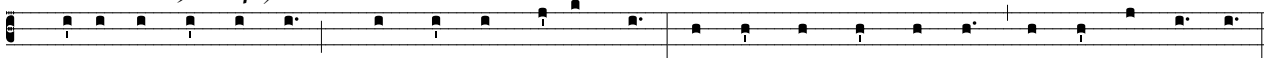
And, let us pray for our parish youth, on their faith journeys, with their families.

*Readings:* Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Gospel of Luke 3:10-18

*Psalm:* Isaiah 12:2-6 R:6 *Shout aloud and sing for joy; great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

*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

## 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,

**Sunday December 15 Adoration** at Saint Michael's Basilica following the **5:30pm Mass**

Our **Cursillo** Community, meaning, 'a short course,' offers an opportunity to grow in faith and spirituality. We invite new members to join us for a special Christmas celebration

**6:30pm Dec. 18th** in the St. Michael's Basilica Parish Centre. We will have Mass, a light lunch, and music. For more information call Paul 506-778-8106 or Lydia 506-773-3324 .

**Advent Reconciliation Service 6:30pm Thursday December 19** at St. Michael's Basilica.

## Christmas and New Year Solemnity Schedule:

**Christmas** eve, Tuesday December 24:

**4pm** at Saint Michael's Basilica,

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

**6pm** at Saint Margaret's,

**10pm** at Saint Michael's Basilica.

Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25:

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

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**, New Year's eve, Tuesday 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, Wednesday January 1:

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

**Jubilee Opening Mass** for pilgrims of Hope, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - **5pm Sunday December 29**, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

**St. Michael's Museum & Bookstore** has Christmas cards and gifts in stock, along with Sunday and daily missalettes to follow along with the Mass. Drop in Tues.-Sat. 10am-4pm

**Saint Margaret's 50/50 Draw** \$500 winner was Kathy Patterson with ticket # 778298. Next draws will be in the Spring. Thank you for your support!

**Responsible Ministry** - all parish employees and volunteers in high-trust roles, and all those with church keys, must have on file a recent criminal record check including a vulnerable sector search. Please review the updated protocol at [dioceseofsaintjohn.org/responsible-ministry](http://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/responsible-ministry)

**Another winter begins...** and if cold weather and road conditions imperil our or others' lives, our faithful and our priests may need to remain in the safety of our homes. 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) .

December 7-8 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$6,023	\$490	\$282
Renovation	\$140		
Capital Campaign	\$1,102		
Pro-Life Collection	\$1,314		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$542		
Cemeteries	Basilica \$322	St. Andrew's \$95	\$10
			\$50



# 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 CWL celebrates 104 years of growth in faith and social justice through service to the church, Canada, and the world, through prayer, faith development, ministry, education, and advocacy for life.  
Visit [CWL.CA](http://CWL.CA) to see all our resources, and to join us in a sisterhood of faith, fun and fulfillment, for social interaction, personal development and community service.

## Saint Vincent De Paul

Saint Michael's Basilica

*Clothing for those in need, from community donations*

Our Saint Vincent de Paul ministry is setting up its annual Christmas gift tree, to offer gifts to help families. See details at the Christmas gift tree setup. You can offer your gifts or donations by December 15, so that gifts may be delivered to families December 18.  
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



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506-778-5152



**Kindertots Children's  
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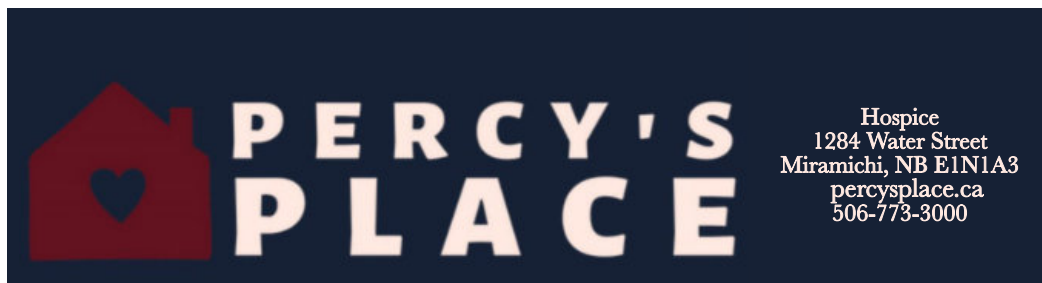
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**Miramichi Irish Festival** [canadairishfest.ca](http://canadairishfest.ca)  
1745 Water Street, Miramichi 506-778-8810

**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 #1290 Bernie Keating won \$233, congratulations!



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