

Saint Michael

THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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Bulletin for December 21 - 25, 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 Nativity of the Lord,
and the manger scene*

The Nativity Scene
- stained glass by
Italian-Canadian
artist Guido
Nincheri,
in the
Basilica of Saint
Michael the
Archangel

Pope Leo XIV visited the Holy Crib and Nativity Scene at the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome, and recalled Saint Francis' 1223 creation of this Christmas tradition. 'Since then, the custom of depicting the Nativity of the Lord, of the God who "comes without weapons, without force ... to overcome pride, violence, and the human desire to possess ... and lead us to our true identity" has spread throughout the world in many different ways.'

'Pope Francis said that, before the Nativity scene, "as we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman..."'

'From the grotto of Bethlehem, where Mary, Joseph and the Child lie in their disarming poverty, we set out again to begin a new life in Christ's footsteps.'

'The Nativity scene is an important sign: it reminds us that we are part of a wondrous adventure of Salvation in which we are never alone but, as Saint Augustine said, "God became man, so that man might become God ... so that the human inhabitants of earth might become inhabitants of heaven."

'Spread this message and keep this tradition alive. They are a gift of light for our world, which so badly needs to be able to continue to hope'

- Pope Leo XIV address, December 12, 2025.

Learn more about the Mystery of Christmas, the manger scene, and everything for your family in faith, for all ages, through our free parish subscription: stmichaelsbasilica.ca/formed

Parish Office:
10 Howard Street, Miramichi, New Brunswick, E1N0C4

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Monday, Wednesday to Friday, 8am-4pm

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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 20		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>	4pm	
Sunday December 21	10:30am	John Johnson, John Bracken, Alden Randall, Paul MacLean, and Eldon & Judy McGrath
	5:30pm	Carol Leggatt
Monday December 22	9am	Colin Fleiger
Tuesday December 23	4pm	Shirley Buckley
<i>Vigil of the Nativity Mass</i>	4pm	Susan & Lyle Knowles, Carrie & George Whelan, Robert & Sara Carter, Lawrence, Elizabeth & Andrew Comeau, and Emile & Theresa Aucoin Wedge & d.f.m.
Wednesday December 24	7pm	Sonny Milson, David MacLean, James Russell, Michael St. Pierre, Harold & Connie MacLean, Michael & Charlene Rutter, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Flieger & d.f.m., Pat & Hilda Keoughan & d.f.m., and Ted & Stephanie Carroll & d.f.m.
<i>Mass during the Night</i>	10pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Thursday December 25		Chris Williston, June Dignam, Kevin Murphy, Lawrence Comeau, Debbie Young, Nancy Lordon, Marilyn Goegan, Fred & Noreen Moar, Raymond, Patricia & David Lahey, for thanksgiving & for holy souls in Purgatory
Christmas Day	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Friday December 26 <i>Memorial of St. Stephen</i>	9am	Robert Carol, and Kirby Cormier
Saturday December 27		Frank Robichaud, Kenneth Quinn, June Dignam, Danny Kenny, Alden Randall, Anna Sullivan, Betty Losier, John Bracken, Margaret Sweeney, Janet Awong, Kristen Majewskie, Frank Kane, Mr. & Mrs. Conway, Don, Joan & Robert Ross, Bernadette Keating & d.f.m., Fraser & Genevieve Kerr & d.f.m., Catherine & Charles Grant & d.f.m., Bert & Rita Mills & d.f.m, and for a special intention
<i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>	4pm	John O'Hearn, Alden Randall, Mabel Clancy, and Don, Joan & Robert Ross
Sunday December 28	10:30am	
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday December 20	4pm	Paula McIntyre, Vaughn & Dolly MacDonald, Chris Williston, Charlie & Iona Williston, and Raul & Cassie Lloyd
Wednesday December 24	4pm	Rita & Xavier Richard, Michael & Ricky Hallahan, Byron Eastwood, Gene Walsh, Mary Walsh, Paul Lloyd, Cassie Lloyd, Paula McIntyre, Walter Williston, Bernita Williston, Christine Greig, and Matthew MacDonald
Saturday December 27	4pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday December 20	6pm	Theresa Quimby, and Edward Quinn, and Tommy Poirier
Wednesday December 24	6pm	Clarence & Mary Cook, John Nellie, Bill Dunn, and Mike Lynch
Saturday December 27	6pm	Theresa Quimby, and Jennifer Connor

A Christmas Blessing for all in our parish: May God, Who willed that the great joy of His Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness He gives, and make you heralds of His Gospel.

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.

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.

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.

Thank you to all our parish workers and volunteers who tirelessly serve in Christian charity and hospitality, including our CWL, our Knights of Columbus, Saint Vincent de Paul society, reception committee, catechists, lectors, servers, sacristans, fundraisers, choir, ushers, and prayer and faith study ministries.

Blessings in this Christmas Season and a new year in faithful service.

Saint Michael's Catholic Supplies & Book Store - A limited number of Sunday Missals are available for \$8. The store will be open on Tuesday, December 23, 2025 and will reopen Tuesday, January 6, 2026. Open Tuesdays for the months of January and February.

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 .

The Parish Office will be closed December 24th afternoon - December 29th, and December 31st afternoon until January 5.

December 13-14 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish	St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$12,821	\$427
Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier	\$5,000	\$395
Renovation	\$175	
Capital Campaign (raised so far \$894,860)	\$191	
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$1,050	
Christmas flowers	\$200	
Cemeteries	Basilica \$808	St. Andrew's \$330
		\$90



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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 105 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.
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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 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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