

Saint Michael

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Bulletin for December 22 - 25, 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



The Nativity Scene
- stained glass
in the
Basilica of Saint
Michael the
Archangel

The Nativity of the Lord, and the manger scene

‘One who has not grasped the mystery of Christmas has failed to grasp the decisive element in Christianity. Saint Francis of Assisi wished to remind all Christians of this, with his depiction of the manger scene. To the Holy Family, and the shepherd and magi adorers described in the Gospels, Saint Francis added the ox and the donkey: “I wish in full reality to awaken the remembrance of the child as He was born in Bethlehem and of all the hardship He had to endure in

His childhood. I wish to see with my bodily eyes what it meant to lie in a manger and sleep on hay, between an ox and a donkey...” The ox and donkey are not simply products of the pious imagination: the Church’s faith in the unity of the Old and New Testaments has given them their role as an accompaniment of the Christmas event. We read in Isaiah (1:3): “The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master’s crib; but Israel does not know, my people does not understand...”

Before God, all people, Jews and Gentiles, were like the ox and donkey, without reason or knowledge. But the child in the crib has opened their eyes so that they now recognize the voice of their Master, the voice of their Lord. Even the ox and donkey bow down in awareness and reverence. These two animals were considered the prophetic symbol for the mystery of the Church – our own mystery, since we, like the ox and donkey, have our eyes opened on Christmas night, so that we can recognize the Lord in the crib. In the Gospels, we see those who did and did not recognize Christ. ***Do we really recognize Him?***

- from Pope Benedict XVI’s *The Blessing of Christmas*.

Learn more about the Mystery of Christmas, the manger scene, and all of Christianity through our freely accessible parish subscription to FORMED:
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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 21		Carol Leggatt, Laurie Keoughan, John Kerr, Adelyn Robichaud, Thomas Conroy, John Barry, Anne Comeau, Ivan Hallihan, Gerard Doucette, Patricia Gibson, Patrick Washburn, Eldon & Ella Comeau, Mona & Patrick Phelan, Clarence, Marie & Steve Blakely, and Tom & Jean Olsen & deceased family members
	4pm	
Fourth Sunday of Advent:		
Sunday December 22	10:30am	Paul MacLean, Gregory Keating, Scott Bowes, Gerald Cormier, and Colin & Alice Fleiger
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Monday December 23	9am	Anne Comeau
Tuesday December 24		Jim Ryan, Ray Irving, Bobbie Cross, Sara & Robert Carter, Connie, Harold & David MacLean, Pat, Hilda, Laurie, Edward, Donnie & Karsten Keoughan, Emile & Therese Aucoin-Wedge & deceased family members, Edward, Michael Leggatt & deceased family members
Vigil of the Nativity Mass and Mass during the Night	4pm	
	10pm	George Hickey, John Johnson, Bob Cormier, and Mr. & Mrs. Harold A. Fleiger & deceased family members
Wednesday December 25	10:30am	Harriet Malinowski, Christopher Dobbins, Michael St. Pierre, Owen Murdoch, Michael & Charlene Rutter, and Raymond & Patricia Lahey & deceased family members
Christmas Day	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Thursday December 26	9am	Everette Roy, Danny Kenny, Jack & Lucy Glynn, Simon Glynn, Rose Estey, Rita Kelly, and Clarence Glenn.
Memorial of Saint Stephen	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday December 27	9am	Marilyn Legere, Mr. & Mrs. James Barry & d.f.m., and Frankie & Adelyn Robichaud
Feast of Saint John		
Saturday December 28	4pm	Genevieve Gorman, James Russell, Adelyn Robichaud, Jack Barry, Ivan Hallihan, Geneva King, Rita LeBlanc, George Moran, Fraser & Genevieve Kerr, David & Kitty & Dorothy Kerr, Marcia & Emerson Schofield, John & Stephanie Carroll, Muriel & Charlie Morris, Frank & Irene Harris, Sydney & Marion Trevors, and for a Special Intention
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph		
Sunday December 29	10:30am	John O'Hearn, and Ivan Hallihan & deceased family members
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday December 21	4pm	Charlie & Iona Williston, Vaughn & Dolly MacDonald, Francis & Scott Duplessis, Paul & Cassie Lloyd, and Paula McIntyre
Tuesday December 24	4pm	Matthew Lloyd MacDonald, Kenneth Doucet, Byron Eastwood, Rita & Xavier Richard, and Rick & Michael Hallihan
Saturday December 28	4pm	Gene Walsh, and Mary & Roland Walsh

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday December 21	6pm	Carl & Mona Flynn, and Alexis & Annie Flynn & d.f.m.
Tuesday December 24	6pm	Clarence & Mary Cook, John, Nellie & Bill Dunn Hillarian & Frances Cook & d.f.m, and John & Edna Flanagan & d.f.m.
Saturday December 28	6pm	

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, 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.

Weekly Parish Bible Study resumes 1pm Thursday January 8 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.

Weekly Parish Prayer Group resumes 1pm Tuesday January 7 in the parish centre.

What does the Catholic Church teach regarding prayer?

Come and find out ,and maybe begin praying like never before.

The Saint Vincent de Paul committee would like to thank all those parishioners, parish youth, volunteers, and donors to our White Tag Gift Drive, including the Socktober group for socks, and the Rotary Club for the turkeys. Your generous Christmas spirit overwhelmed us. Thirty-two households, including 19 children, will have a wonderful Christmas thanks to you. We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

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, as some numbers have changed.

Responsible Ministry - updated Protocol has added a new section 1.7 for online conduct. How clergy, diocesan and parish employees & volunteers represent themselves to the public reflects their identity as Christian disciples in service of the Church. Find the standards of ethical conduct and personal integrity for electronic communication on page 35 of the protocol, available at dioceseofsaintjohn.org/responsible-ministry

December 14-15 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$16,848	\$416	\$412
The Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier Family Foundation Inc.	\$5,000		
Renovation	\$50	\$20	
Capital Campaign	\$117		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$821		
Christmas flowers	\$240		
Cemeteries	Basilica \$162 St. Andrew's \$140	\$20	\$20



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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

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Saint Vincent De Paul

Saint Michael's Basilica

Clothing for those in need, from community donations

The Saint Vincent de Paul clothing storeroom will be **closed** December 21, 28, and January 4. We will re-open to serve January 11, 2025.

Our next meeting will be 11am Monday January 6 in the back room of the Portage restaurant.



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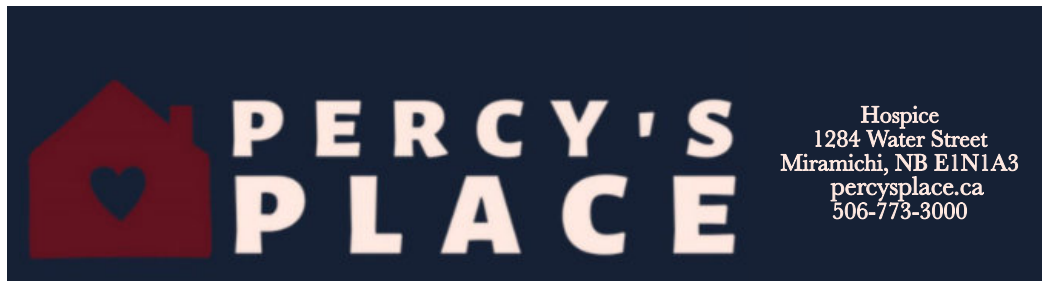
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