

# Saint Michael

## THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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Bulletin for February 22, 2026

**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



*Jesus at the Sea of Galilee, by Antonio Muñoz Degraín*

### *First Sunday of Lent*

Pope Leo XIV's message for this Lenten Season is *Listening and Fasting:*

*Lent as a Time of Conversion.*

"Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life."

Pope Leo encourages Lenten *listening*, and *fasting*, *together*.

"The willingness to *listen* is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone," especially God.

*Fasting* "helps us to identify and order our 'appetites,' keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency... it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbour." "In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour." "Let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace."

*Together*, 'we are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, with our families, parishes, and communities.'

See his full letter here: [stmichaelsbasilica.ca/LL26](http://stmichaelsbasilica.ca/LL26)

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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 February 21	4pm	Kenneth Quinn, Betty Losier, Margaret Sweeney, Leona Hallihan, Mabel Clancy, Yvonne Comeau, Gary Nowlan, Karen Barton, Norine Hogan, John Richard, John Johnson, Neil MacDonald, June Dignam, Vi Breau, Cynthia (Cyndi) Routledge, Kay & Jack Bell, Emile & Theresa Aucoin, Martin & Elizabeth Flanagan, Tom & Jean Olsen & d.f.m., Pearl & Eric Arsenault & d.f.m., Bernadette Keating & d.f.m., and for peace in the world
<i>First Sunday of Lent</i> Sunday February 22	10:30am	Melvin Hays, Dosithe Robichaud, Marie Rose Frenette, and Walter Carroll
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Monday February 23	9am	Margaret, John, and Johnny Miles
Tuesday February 24	9am	Pat & Anna McGrath, and Herman & Emma Skidd
Wednesday February 25	9am	George Hickey, and Karen Barton
Thursday February 26	9am	Leona Hallihan
	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday February 27	9am	Norine Hogan
Saturday February 28	10:30am	<i>Syro-Malabar Malayalam Eastern Rite Catholic Mass</i>
	4pm	Kenneth Quinn, Leona Hallihan, Norine Hogan, June Dignam, Karen Barton, Frank Kane, John Richard, Augustine Martin, Jane Wayne, Benny Moran, Joe Letson & Henry McFarlane, Raymond & Patricia Lahey, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Marcel Cormier, Mr. Joseph Walsh & Margaret Walsh Hay, Bernadette Keating & d.f.m., Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Daley & d.f.m., and for a special intention
<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> Sunday March 1	10:30am	Barry McIntyre, Dosithe Robichaud, Marie Rose Frenette, and Patrick O'Donnell
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People

## Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday February 21	4pm	Chris Williston
Saturday February 28	4pm	Evelyn Fletcher

## Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday February 21	6pm	Clinton MacDougall
Saturday February 28	6pm	Bill Dunn, Mike Lynch, Clinton MacDougall, and John & Nellie Dunn

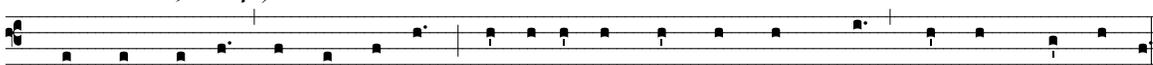
*Please Pray, on this first Lenten Sunday, with Bishop Christian:* As pilgrims of hope and apostles of peace, let us commit to living daily the words of the well-loved Peace Prayer often attributed to Saint Francis, whose spirit it truly reflects. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace...

*Readings:* Genesis 2:7-3:7; Romans 5:12-19; Gospel of Matthew 4:1-11

*Psalm:* 51 R:1 *Have Mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

*Entrance Antiphon:* from Psalm 91. When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

*Communion Antiphon:* from Matthew 4:4



One does not live \* by bread a-lone, but by ev' -ry word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

# Parish News

## Holy Spirit Renewal 2pm Sunday weekly gatherings in the parish centre

Do you ever wonder why the world is in the state that it is in, as well as so many people in the world? In our next Faith Study we will explore Genesis 1-3 where the answers are clearly shown. This **Faith Study** begins **Thursday February 26** at **1pm** in the **parish centre**.

**Cursillo** - Ultreya every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the parish centre.

Regional Lenten Reconciliation Services - Repent, and believe in the Gospel:

**6:30pm Thursday March 5** at Saint Michael's Basilica

**6:30pm Wednesday March 25** at Our Lady of the Annunciation (Doaktown)

**6:30pm Thursday March 26** at Saint Thomas the Apostle (Red Bank)

**March Break High School Youth Retreat** Friday, March 6 - Sunday, March 8, youth are invited to spend two nights at the Villa Madonna, growing in faith, friendship, and community. See more and register (\$125/person) at [stmichaelsbasilica.ca/YouthMarchBreakRetreat](http://stmichaelsbasilica.ca/YouthMarchBreakRetreat)

**Register now** for July 10-12 **2026 Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference** at Dalhousie University, Halifax. Rising grade 9s through graduating grade 12s are welcome to attend with our group. Join hundreds of Catholic teens and encounter the transforming love of Christ. See more at [stmichaelsbasilica.ca/Steubenville2026](http://stmichaelsbasilica.ca/Steubenville2026) and register with Renée Comeau 506-778-5153

**Chatham Ministerial Lenten Services 12:15-12:45pm Wednesdays February 18 - March 25** at **Skyway to Heaven Church** with each week meditating upon the Seven Last Words of Christ. A light lunch will follow. Free-will donation proceeds to Jeremy's Mission.

**2-5pm February 22 Smelt Fry or bologna supper** at the Father Morrissey Centre, Bartibog. On the menu is Miramichi Bay smelts or bologna and potatoes, peas, roll, chow chow, homemade lemon chiffon pie and coffee/tea. Price: Eat in - \$20. Take out - \$21.

**Saint Patrick's Concert** at **St. Bridget's Church hall** (Renous) hosted by their CWL - a 2 act play, singing, and dancing. **2pm and 7pm Saturday March 14**, and **7pm Sunday March 15**. Adults \$10, Students \$5, and children under 5 free.

**Character Matters Miramichi** afternoon performance of **music and original theatre** **1pm Saturday March 14** at the **Nelson Community Hall** (102 Islandview Dr).

Cindy Rule's folk music tells local stories in ways that thoroughly entertain, and, after some refreshments at intermission, settle in for The Tide Recedes, the story of the Harley family's journey from Ireland to Miramichi. Tickets \$20. For further details, contact 506-210-1830

See Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC's Share Lent 2026 message at: [stmichaelsbasilica.ca/SL26](http://stmichaelsbasilica.ca/SL26)

**Parish Charitable Donation Receipts are available** for pick-up in the parish office.

February 14-18 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$5,847	\$626	\$241
Renovation	\$10		
Capital Campaign (raised so far: \$898,734)	\$104		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$209	\$40	
Catholic Missions in Canada	\$761	\$165	\$30
Cemeteries	Basilica \$99	St. Andrew's \$225	\$70



# Knights of Columbus®

Father Bernard M. Broderick  
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Community breakfast first Sunday of every month, 8am-Noon  
Senior Dances - Saturdays at 8pm, doors open at 6:30pm  
Fundraising Bingo - Sundays at 7pm, doors open at 5pm  
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.

## Saint Vincent De Paul

Saint Michael's Basilica

*Clothing for those in need, from community donations*

The Saint Vincent de Paul **clothing ministry** is open to those in need, **Saturdays from 9am-Noon**, in the Saint Michael's Basilica Parish Centre.  
We appreciate donations of clothing for men, women, and children.  
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Winter hours:  
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**Miramichi Irish Festival**  
See [irishfestmiramichi.ca](http://irishfestmiramichi.ca)  
1745 Water Street, Miramichi 506-778-8810

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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.  
February 17 #1107 Lorraine Gray won \$216, congratulations!



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