

Saint Michael

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Bulletin for March 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



Lazarus is Risen by Jesus - John 11
- Stained Glass in Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The raising of Lazarus is the fulfillment of God's promise enunciated through the prophet Ezekiel (37) in the first reading: "I will open your graves and have you rise from them."

The heart of the Paschal Mystery is that Christ came to die and rise again precisely to do for us what he did for Lazarus:

"Untie him and let him go."

He frees us, not only from physical death, but from

the many other deaths that afflict us and bind us: sin, misfortune, broken relationships.

This is why it is essential for us as Christians to immerse ourselves continually in His Paschal Mystery.

As the Preface today proclaims: "For as true man he wept for Lazarus his friend and as eternal God raised him from the tomb, just as, taking pity on the human race, He leads us by sacred mysteries to new life." Our weekly encounter with the crucified and risen Lord is the expression of our faith that He IS, here and now, our resurrection and our life.

It is that conviction that enables us to accompany Him next Sunday as he enters Jerusalem, saying with Thomas, "Let us also go and die with Him."

- from the *Homiletic Directory* §76

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday – 8pm April 2 at the Basilica

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord – 3pm
April 3 the Basilica

Easter Vigil – 10pm April 4 at the Basilica

Easter Sunday April 5:

9am at Saint Michael's by-the-Sea

10:30am at Saint Michael's Basilica

11am at Saint Margaret's Church

Parish Office:

10 Howard Street, Miramichi, New Brunswick, E1N0C4

Hours:

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 March 21 4pm Kenneth Quinn, Leona Hallihan, June Dignam, Karen Barton, Yvonne Comeau, John Poirier, Edward Whelan, Artie Morris, Jane O'Neil, Lorain Irving, Edward Keoughan, Muriel & Kingston Brown, Kitty Kerr & Dorothy Kerr, Bernadette Keating & d.f.m., Bea Redmond & d.f.m., for thanksgiving, peace in the world, and holy souls in Purgatory

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday March 22

10:30am *Pro Populo* - for the People

5:30pm Donna McGee

Monday March 23 9am Barb & Rupert Clancy

Tuesday March 24 9am Carmel Williams

Wednesday March 25
The Annunciation 9am Mabel Clancy

Thursday March 26 9am Marian Ina Luttrell

4pm *la Messe française*

Friday March 27 9am Eldon Comeau

10:30am *Syro-Malabar Malayalam Eastern Rite Catholic Mass*

Saturday March 28

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Holy Week

4pm

Kenneth Quinn, June Dignam, Leona Hallihan, Benny Moran, Edward Whelan, Lorraine Gray, Margaret Reinsborough, Geraldine Richard, Lorraine Irving, Marie Buckley, Phyllis Carmel Waterbury, Mr. Harold A. Fleiger, Jean & Bill Brideau, Joe, Electa, Pat & Theresa Duffy, Bernadette Keating & d.f.m., and for holy souls in Purgatory

Sunday March 29

10:30am

Gerald Fleiger, Catherine Bonagofsky, John Poirier, Donnie & Adora Keoughan, Percy & Pearl King, and Bert & Rita Mills & d.f.m.

5:30pm *Pro Populo* - for the People

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday March 21 4pm Kim Edwards, George LeBlanc, Christina MacDougall, Joan Stalker, and Joyce Williams

Saturday March 28 4pm Christina MacDougall, Joan Stalker, Joyce Williams, and Gene Walsh

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday March 21 6pm Gerald Teakles, and Clinton MacDougall

Saturday March 28 6pm Geraldine Mullins (Cook) & d.f.m.

Let us Pray with our Canadian Catholic Bishops, for peace in the Holy Land and in the world - 'Where fear and anger threaten to overwhelm hearts, may the Holy Spirit inspire gestures of openness, reconciliation, and peace.'

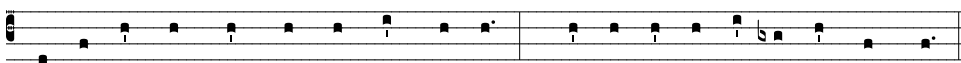
And, let us pray for Marie Buckley, and Betty Ann Kiley.

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-45; Romans 8:8-11; Gospel of John 11:3-45

Psalm: 130 R:7 *With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.*

Entrance Antiphon: from Psalm 42: Give me justice, O God, and please my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Communion Antiphon: from John 11:26



Ev-ry-one who lives and be-lieves in Me * will not die for ev- er, says the Lord.

Parish News

Holy Spirit Renewal 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 weekly gatherings 1pm Thursdays in the parish centre. The current study is 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.

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

Register now for **July 10-12 2026 Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference** and **LEAD** 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 and register with Renée Comeau 506-778-5153

Location Change: Chatham Ministerial Lenten Services 12:15-12:45pm Wednesdays February 18 - March 25 now at **Saint Mary's Anglican Church**. Each week offers a meditation upon the Seven Last Words of Christ. A light lunch will follow. Free-will donation proceeds to Jeremy's Mission.

Regional Lenten Reconciliation Services - Repent, and believe in the Gospel:
6:30pm Wednesday March 25 at Our Lady of the Annunciation (Doaktown)
6:30pm Thursday March 26 at Saint Thomas the Apostle (Red Bank)

Living Stations 2026 - Friday March 27 - at the Basilica - witness this accompaniment of Jesus on His journey to Calvary. **6:30pm Music 7:30pm Stations**. Goodwill offering.

Scenes From the Passion Palm Sunday, March 29 at 7 pm at **St. Patrick's Church**. A presentation in preparation for Easter, with music, history, reflections, and prayers - surrounding ten "living pictures" from the Last Supper to the Deposition from the Cross. Over fifteen performers will be featured from our parish and around the Miramichi. Hope to see you there!!

Nursing Home Without Walls Seniors Information Fair 1-4pm Tuesday March 24 at **Shannex Losier Hall** (515 Water St) focused on helping seniors in the Miramichi area learn about services that support aging at home.

The **2026 Share Lent** campaign for Development and Peace collection takes place this weekend. This year's campaign is themed "On Track for Justice". The campaign focuses on supporting communities in the Global South that are working to protect their rights and the environment.

March 14-15 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$7,460	(No Mass due to snow) \$20	(No Mass) \$235
Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier	\$5,000		
Renovation	\$295		
Capital Campaign (raised so far: \$901,065)	\$1,139		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$584		
Easter Memorial Lillies	\$1,240		
Cemeteries	Basilica \$239	St. Andrew's \$125	



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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


6:30pm April 9th - Regular Meeting in Saint Michael's Parish Centre.
Anyone requiring a drive please reach out to 506-424-1332 or 506-623-8130
10:30am April 26th - **Celebrating Our Lady of Good Counsel**, patroness of the Catholic Women's League, we will attend the Sunday Mass as a CWL body with a reception to follow in the parish centre. Any women interested in joining CWL are most welcome to attend. Please call 506-424-1332 with any questions. Now collecting items for the May Baby Shower and Christmas Basket.

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. Thanks for your continued generosity!



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