

Saint Michael

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Bulletin for December 28, 2025 - January 1, 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



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

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

In this Christmas Season, may we hear with the Holy Family, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" (Luke 2:14) This solemnity closes the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC, has offered a message for this Christmas Season and new year:

'as pilgrims of hope, we are invited to journey towards the light and prepare our hearts to receive. This light is the Incarnation, the Word become flesh, the

Son of God embracing the poverty of our humanity for our salvation. Jesus is not a figure from the distant past, but a present friend interested and involved in each of our lives today. He comes to us in the Eucharist at every Mass, inviting us into intimate union with Him and pouring His Spirit into our hearts, if we are open to receive. God has "saved us... according to His mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that...we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5-7). This Christmas, I encourage you to respond to Jesus with renewed openness to all that He offers.

Let us ask for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit to renew our faith, our hope, and our love for God and neighbour!

At Jubilee's end, contemplating our lived graces and renewed hopes, may we place ourselves in joy and wonder of that moment of encounter with the long-awaited Messiah, He whom we seek and for whom our hearts long. May we hear Him say to each one of us personally in the depth of our being: To YOU is born this day in the city of David a saviour, the Messiah, who is the Lord (Luke 2:11). May the Incarnate Word, our Light and Life, fill you with His peace.' Read Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC's full message at stmichaelsbasilica.ca/Christmas2025

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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 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
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	4pm	
Sunday December 28	10:30am	John O'Hearn, Alden Randall, Mabel Clancy, and Don, Joan & Robert Ross
	5:30pm	Pro Populo - for the People
Monday December 29	9am	Kandace Harris & Remy Cormier
Tuesday December 30	4pm	Danny Kenny
Wednesday December 31		
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	4pm	Norma & Arthur Theriault, and Rick & Brian Theriault
Thursday January 1	10:30am	Lisa Glazier, and Eldon & Judith McGrath
World Day of Peace	5:30pm	Pro Populo - for the People
Friday January 2 Memorial of Saints Basil & Gregory Nazianzen	9am	Frank Kane
Saturday January 3		Kenneth Quinn, Anna Sullivan, Margaret Sweeney, Frank Kane, John Bracken, Clifford Cook, Alden Randall, Dolores Dinan, Mabel Clancy, Tom Hedquist, Valerie Hedquist, Lena Hedquist, Glen Lockerbie, Eleanor Hay, Herbie & Midge Hay, Michael & Agnes Fitzpatrick, Fred, Dorothy & Pauline Hersey, Bernadette Keating & d.f.m., David LeBreton & d.f.m., and for thanksgiving
Epiphany of the Lord	4pm	
Sunday January 4	10:30am	Pro Populo - for the People
	5:30pm	John S. Connell & d.f.m.

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday December 27	4pm	Pro Populo - for the People
Wednesday December 31	4pm	Pro Populo - for the People
Saturday January 3	4pm	Blaine & Alma Vautour, James & Catherine Kelly, Owen & family

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday December 27	6pm	Theresa Quimby, and Jennifer Connor
Wednesday December 31	6pm	Pro Populo - for the People
Saturday January 3	6pm	Geraldine Flynn, and Mary Ann & James McDonald & d.f.m.

A Blessing for all in our parish, in the beginning of a New Year:

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out His blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

May God order your days and your deeds in His peace, grant your prayers in this and in every place, and lead you happily to eternal life.

Parish News

New Year Solemnity Schedule:

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.

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.

The Saint Vincent de Paul committee thanks all our parishioners and parish youth who participated in the 2025 white tag gift drive. Thanks to the Rotary Club for turkeys, Socktober for the socks, and especially thanks to those who generously donated for the gift-giving tree. Your Christmas spirit helped 28 households including 17 children have a wonderful Christmas this year. We wish you all a happy new year.

Christmas Memorial Poinsettias - in addition to the memorials published with the previous bulletin, the following memorials were received, for: Joe, Electa, Pat & Theresa Duffy; Louis, Brenda & Ian LeBlanc & d.f.m.; Henry, Pat & Anna McGrath; Bill, Darlene & Lourdes McGrath; and Emma & Herman Skidd.

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 31st afternoon until January 5.

December 20-21 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish	St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$5,702	\$409
Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier	\$5,000	\$469
Renovation	\$20	
Capital Campaign (raised so far \$895,114)	\$254	
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$2,157	\$80
Christmas flowers	\$1,635	\$10
Cemeteries	Basilica \$140	St. Andrew's \$160
		\$20
		\$25



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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.
Visit 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

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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