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Bulletin for December 29, 2024 and January 1, 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 Holy Family,
by
Rafeal Flores

Feast of the Holy Family, and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Following the Church's commemoration of the Nativity of the Lord, we celebrate the Holy Family, and then on Christmas Day octave, on the new year, we venerate Mary's obedient faith in God, becoming the mother of Jesus and the mother of the Church.

Learn more through our freely accessible parish subscription to FORMED: bit.ly/SMA-FORMED

From Saint Paul VI's Nazareth Holy Family address, from the Church's office of readings on the feast day:

'Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate Him... How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God's truths...

The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers...

May Nazareth serve as a model of family life... May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children—and for this there is no substitute.

And, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about dignified work and the discipline it entails...

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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 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:		
Sunday December 29	10:30am	John O'Hearn, and Ivan Hallihan & deceased family members
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Monday December 30	9am	Bill Gregan, and Roger & Rose Marquis
Tuesday December 31	4pm	Doug Gilliland, Frank Petrie, and John Kerr & deceased family members
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God		
Wednesday January 1	10:30am	Theresa Adams, and David Bowie
New Year's Day <i>World Day of Peace</i>		
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Thursday January 2	9am	Clifford Cook, Debbie Dunphy, and Martin & Ida Keoughan
<i>Memorial of Saints Basil and Gregory Nazianzen</i>		
	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday January 3	9am	Robbie Robertson, and for favourable weather
Saturday January 4	4pm	Bill Kerr, Stella Matthews, Sr. Mavis McCluskey, Rev. Paul Riley, Adelyn Robichaud, Katherine Phee, Anne Comeau, Gerard Doucette, Ivan Hallihan, Shawn McNeil, James Russell, Marg McGraw, Elsworth Godfrey, Conrad & Jane Jones, Jim & Elspeth & Kay Conroy, Dickie & Tally & Bobby Bennett, Sharon Conroy, James & Mary Conroy, Maude & Glen Absalom, and John S. Connell & d.f.m.
<i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>		
Sunday January 5	10:30am	Anne Martin, Margaret Dealy, Shawn McNeil, and Jack & Viola Martin
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday December 28	4pm	Gene Walsh, and Mary & Roland Walsh
Tuesday December 31	4pm	
Saturday January 4	4pm	Paul & Cassie Lloyd & Paula McIntyre, and Blaine & Alma Vautour

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday December 28	6pm	Al Flynn, Carl & Mona Flynn, and Alexis & Annie Flynn & d.f.m.
Tuesday December 31	6pm	
Saturday January 4	6pm	Geraldine Flynn, and James & Mary Ann 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

Weekly Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Fridays at 9am at Sts. Peter & Paul (Bartibog),
First Fridays following the **9am** Mass at Saint Michael's Basilica,

New Year Solemnity Schedule:

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.

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.

2025 Jubilee Year of Hope - let us be pilgrims of hope, witnessing to our faith in charity and in works of mercy, to gain the Lord's favour and special indulgences in this jubilee year.

Pilgrimages may be to Rome, to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John on first Saturdays, to the diocesan shrines in Howard (July 13) and Skiff Lake (August 10), and to Saint Michael's Basilica on the archangel's feast day vigil, 5:30pm September 28.

Jubilee Year Prayer cards are available in our parish churches and in the parish office.

See Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC's full pastoral letter on celebrating this jubilee year here: bit.ly/DSJ-Jubilee

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.

Christmas Memorial Poinsettias - in addition to the memorials published with the previous bulletin, the following memorials were received, for: Donna Smith, Gene Walsh, and Joe, Electa, Pat & Theresa Duffy.

Responsible Ministry - all parish employees and volunteers in high-trust roles, and all those with church keys, must have on file a recent criminal record check including a vulnerable sector search. Please review the updated protocol at dioceseofsaintjohn.org/responsible-ministry

December 28-29 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$9,782	\$470	[No Mass - weather]
The Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier Family Foundation Inc.	\$5,000		
Renovation	\$70		
Capital Campaign	\$77		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$584		
Christmas flowers	\$240		\$1,295
Cemeteries	Basilica \$312	St. Andrew's \$50	\$20



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Community breakfast Sunday January 5, 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 CWL celebrates 104 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

The Saint Vincent de Paul clothing storeroom will be **closed** 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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