

Saint Michael

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Bulletin for January 4, 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 Magi, by J.C. Leyendecker

Epiphany of the Lord

Pope Benedict XVI's *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives* prays over all of the Christmas Mysteries, including, 'who were the magi?' 'In Saint Matthew's Magi story, religious and philosophical wisdom is obviously an incentive to set off in the right direction, it is the wisdom that ultimately leads people to Christ... the men of whom Matthew speaks were not just astronomers. They were "wise."'

They represent the inner dynamic of religion toward self-transcendence, which involves a search for truth, a search for the true God and hence "philosophy" in the original sense of the word. Wisdom, then, serves to purify the message of "science": the rationality of that message does not remain at the level of intellectual knowledge, but seeks understanding in its fullness, and so raises reason to its loftiest possibilities...

The key point is this: the wise men from the east are a new beginning. They represent the journeying of humanity toward Christ.'

If you're seeking an epiphany for your family, to further their journey toward Christ, try our freely-accessible parish subscription to FORMED, online, on their phone, or on their smart TV. See how at: stmichaelsbasilica.ca/formed

Then, start off their journey with *The Search*, which answers What is the meaning of my life? Why am I here? Who am I? Is God real?:

watch.formed.org/the-search

Or, go deeper into your Catholic Faith with *Symbolon: The Faith of the Church*.

You might also try putting a prayer app on their phone, gifting them with the popular *Hallow*, see: stmichaelsbasilica.ca/giftHallow

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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 January 3	4pm	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
<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>		
Sunday January 4	10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
	5:30pm	John S. Connell & d.f.m.
Monday January 5	9am	Michael Wood
Tuesday January 6	9am	Judy McGrath & d.f.m.
Wednesday January 7	9am	June Dignam
<i>Memorial - Saint André Bessette</i>		
Thursday January 8	9am	Paul Boucher
	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday January 9	9am	Mary & Jeffrey Savoy
Saturday January 10	4pm	Mr. Elroy Rigley, Kenneth Quinn, June Dignam, Betty Losier, Margaret Sweeney, Ron Flanagan, Anna Sullivan, Frank Kane, Jean Brideau, Morrie Haye, Yvonne Comeau, Bertie George, Dan Laviolette, Katherine Phee, Ted, Ron & Patty Flieger, Bernadette Keating & d.f.m., for a special intention, thanksgiving, and holy souls in Purgatory
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>		
Sunday January 11	10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
	5:30pm	Joan Barry

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday January 3	4pm	Blaine & Alma Vautour, James & Catherine Kelly, Owen & family, and Francis & Scott Duplessis
Saturday January 10	4pm	Mary, Roland & Gene Walsh, and Yvonne Comeau

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday January 3	6pm	Geraldine Flynn, and Mary Ann & James McDonald & d.f.m
Saturday January 10	6pm	Margaret Sweeney, Kenneth Quinn, and June Dignam

Please Pray For: the Holy Father's January 2026 prayer intention, that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

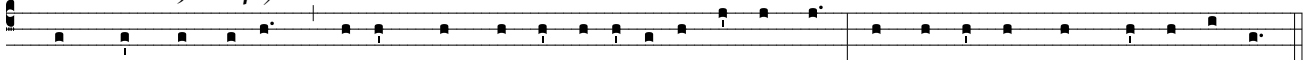
And, let us pray for Edward Whalen, Karen Barton, and Shawn Malley.

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-6; Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12

Psalm: 72 R:11 *Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.*

Entrance Antiphon: from Baruch 5. Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Communion Antiphon: from Revelation 21



The brightness of God * il- lu- mined the ho- ly cit- y Je- ru- sa- lem, and the na- tions will walk by its light.

Parish News

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.

Family Catechesis and Religious Education resumes:

6:30pm Monday January 12 for Grade 2,

6:15pm Wednesday January 14 for Grade 9,

7:30pm Wednesday January 14 for Grade 8, and

6:30pm Sunday January 18 for Family Catechesis.

Everyone is encouraged to join us in sharing our Faith as a community.

Please pray for our parish families and youth journeying in their preparation for Christ's Sacraments.

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

Couples for Christ - join our family ministry, building the Church of the Home.

See couplesforchrist.ca and contact Brother Dennis Lambus at 506-364-7987, to renew and strengthen marriage and family life, and grow in maturity as men and women of God to fulfill the primary vocation of raising families to love and serve the Lord.

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, counters, choir, ushers, and prayer and faith study ministries.

Blessings in this Christmas Season and a new year in faithful service.

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.

December 24-30 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish			
	St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's	
Regular	\$14,089	\$1,001	\$742
Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier	\$5,000		
Renovation	\$1,760		
Capital Campaign (raised so far: \$896,708)	\$1,595		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$175	\$55	
Christmas Offering	\$14,487	\$692	\$480
Cemeteries	Basilica \$10	St. Andrew's \$180	



Knights of Columbus®

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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 to see all our resources.

New members are always welcome! We meet the second Thursday of each month.

Requesting items for our Christmas Basket Fundraiser.

Membership dues of \$32.00 are being collected for 2026.

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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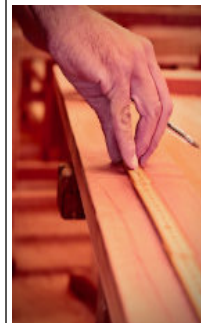
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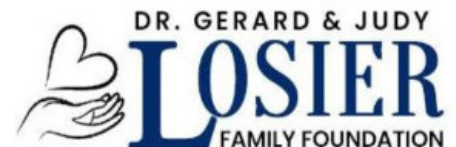
POT OF GOLD 50/50

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 or call 506-623-9056 to get your number to play your toonies. December 29 #2334 did not play, \$205 will roll into the next draw.



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