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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 Parable of the Wicked Tenants, by Abel Grimmer

Unfaithful Tenants

Pope Benedict XVI offered a commentary on the parable of the wicked tenants (Matthew 21:33-43):
“The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it.”
These are words that call to mind the great responsibility of those in every epoch who are called to work in the Lord's vineyard, especially in roles of authority, and they press for a renewal of full fidelity to Christ. Jesus is “the very stone which the builders rejected,” because they judged Him to be hostile to the law and a danger to public order; but after being rejected and crucified,

He is risen, to become the corner stone on which the foundations of every human life and of the whole world may rest in total safety.

The truth of this is the subject of the Parable of the Unfaithful Tenants to whom a man entrusted his vineyard so that they might cultivate and harvest the produce.

The owner of the vineyard symbolizes God himself, while the vineyard symbolizes his people, as well as the life he gives, so that with his grace and our hard work, we may do good.

St Augustine comments: “God does also cultivate us... as a field, that he may make us better.”

God has a project for his friends, but unfortunately the human response is often oriented to infidelity which is expressed in rejection.

Pride and selfishness prevent us from recognizing and welcoming even God's most precious gift: his Only-Begotten Son.

When, in fact, “He sent his son to them”, the Evangelist Matthew wrote, “[the tenants] took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him.”

God puts Himself in our hands, agrees to make Himself an unfathomable mystery of weakness and manifests His omnipotence in His faithfulness to a plan of love which, in the end, also provides for the proper punishment of the wicked.’

- from Pope Benedict XVI's Angelus Address, Oct. 2, 2011

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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: **First Saturdays** 6pm

Daily Mass Times: St. Michael's Basilica:

9am Monday - Friday ; 4pm jeudi *la Messe française*

Eucharistic Adoration: 7pm-8pm **First Fridays**

Confessions: St. Michael's Basilica: 3pm **Saturdays**

Weekly Mass and Prayer Intentions

Saint Michael's Basilica

Saturday October 3	4pm	Thomas Conroy, Mary Noel, David LeBreton, Ray Moar, Mary Sullivan, Meleme McGraw, June Dignam, Blake Johnston, Vincent Fitzpatrick, Joyce Fitzpatrick, William "Bill" Davis, Geraldine (Comeau) Byrne, Elzearl & Shirley Poirier, Tom & Jean Olsen & d.f.m., for thanksgiving, and a for special intention
27 th Sunday		
Sunday October 4	10:30am	Jacquelyn Arsenault, Robert & Joan Barry, John & Audrey Dinan, Pat Williams & Ian Bowie, for a special intention, and for holy souls in Purgatory
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo - for the People</i>
Monday October 5	9am	Eugene Vienneau
Tuesday October 6	9am	Elizabeth Comeau
Wednesday October 7 <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9am	George Hickey & Karen Hickey Barton
Thursday October 8	9am	Michael V. Wood
	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday October 9	9am	Mary Noel
Saturday October 10	4pm	June Dignam, Edward Whelan, Raymond Moar, Meleme McGraw, Blake Johnston, Billy Savage, Lillian Barry, David Lahey, Raymond & Patricia Lahey, Patrick & Mary Agnes Lahey, John & Mary Ellen Jackson, Alexis & Annie Flynn & d.f.m., for thanksgiving, and for a special intention
28 th Sunday		
Sunday October 11	10:30am	<i>Pro Populo - for the People</i>
	5:30pm	Paul Boucher, Wayne Vautour, Jacquelyn Arsenault, Raymond Moar, Michael & Charlene Rutter, for a special intention, and for holy souls in Purgatory

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday October 3	4pm	William Bulefeld
Saturday October 10	4pm	Gene Walsh

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday October 3	6pm	Carl & Mona Flynn & d.f.m, Annie & Alexis Flynn, & d.f.m., Terrence "Terry" Flanagan, Roger & Susan Quinn, Bill Dunn, Stella & Lee McIntyre, Geraldine & Tommy Flynn, John & Nellie Dunn, Michael Lynch, Raymond Moar, Margaret Flynn, Hilarian & Frances Cook, Lee & Stella McIntyre Barry, and Dale McIntyre
Saturday October 10	6pm	No Mass

Please Pray with Pope Leo XIV's October Prayer Intentions: Just as the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in the Grotto of Lourdes with a Rosary and guided her in prayer, the Pope said he hopes all Christians will pray the Rosary especially during the month of October, "with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict. Let us accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and reconciliation."

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7 ; Philippians 4:6-9; Gospel of Matthew 21:33-43

Psalm: 80 R: Isaiah 5:7 *The vineyard of the Lord, is the house of Israel*

Entrance Antiphon: From Esther 4 Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

Communion Antiphon: from Lamentations 10. The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

Parish News

Blessings to our Parish Families! Family Catechesis Gatherings in the Parish Centre. 6:30pm Sunday October 4 in the Parish Centre – a gathering for students grades 1-9, parents, and all family members who would like to join us. During these evenings, you can receive a schedule for the year. If you have a binder from our family catechesis last year, bring it along! See more at: stmichaelsbasilica.ca/FamilyCatechesis
6pm-9:30pm Wednesday October 14 retreat for all Miramichi region high school-aged youth in our parish centre with young Catholic evangelists from Canada's National Evangelization Teams (NET). This will help youth deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, through engaging presentations, music, games, small-group discussions, and prayer. Come take part in this inspiring opportunity for faith, fun, and fellowship.

For those seeking meaning and purpose in life, and who might wonder about God, Jesus, and the Bible, come join **The Search, 6:30-8:30pm Tuesday evenings** in the **parish centre**. Video presentation, small-group discussion with like-minded company, light refreshments. For more information and a schedule of topics, see stmichaelsbasilica.ca/TheSearch

Faith Study Thursdays at 1pm in the **parish centre**. We will be studying the history of the Liturgy, with a focus upon the Eucharist.

Join our youth choir, offering us the beautiful antiphons and chants of the Roman Missal. Rehearsals are 6-7pm Thursdays in the Basilica. Call or text Aaron Young at 506-624-7908

In this Jubilee Year commemorating **Saint Francis of Assisi**, on his feast day, our parish will host a **Blessing of Animals 12:30pm Sunday October 4**, in the **East** parking lot (near the former bishop's palace). Bring your dog, cat, or other special animals (on their leash or in their carrier). We can praise God with Saint Francis of Assisi, who praised God in every creature.

Women's retreat October 9-10 at the **Villa Madonna**, hosted by the Sisters of the Queenship of Mary. Cost: commuter is \$150, or overnight is \$225. For more information or to register, contact Gabrielle Munroe 905-252-1656 or munroegabrielle2020@gmail.com

Canada Needs Our Lady Rosary Rally hosted by Saint Michael's CWL at the **basilica, 12 noon Saturday October 10**. All are welcome to come and pray for the needs of Canada and the world. For more information call 506-424-1332 .

Catholic Men's Conference "GO! Rebuild My Church," 9am-5pm Saturday October 17 at **Saint Dunstan's Church** in Fredericton. This inspiring day will feature Catholic teaching with Father Aaron Knox, prayer, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, fellowship, meals, and Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC. Whether you are seeking to deepen your faith, reconnect with God, or spend time with other men striving to live their faith more fully, this conference is for you. Registration is \$35. Invite a friend, father, son, brother, or fellow parishioner. All men are welcome! Register at: events.insogan.org/NBMC

Last week's collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$6,433	\$517	\$90
Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier	\$5,000		
Renovation	\$75		
Capital Campaign (raised so far: \$910,895)	\$1,064		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$224	\$10	
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$711	\$40	
Cemeteries	Basilica \$179 St. Andrew's \$300	\$40	\$20



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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

5th Annual SOCKtober campaign October 1 - 31, 2026.
We are collecting new, warm socks for the needy in the Miramichi.
Socks will be distributed during the first week of November.
By warming the 'soles' of others, we warm our own hearts also!
Thank you for your participation.
For more information, contact Paula Trueman at 506-210-0687

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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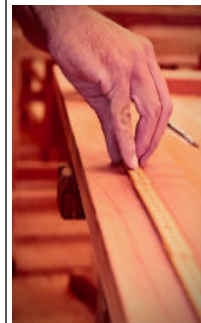
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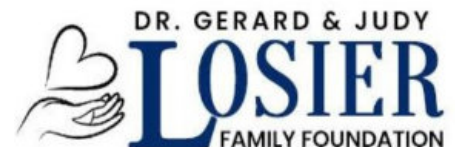
POT OF GOLD 50/50

Drop a toonie marked with your number into one of the yellow boxes at St. Michael's Basilica 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.
September 28 #2191 did not play; \$196 will roll into the next draw.



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