

Saint Michael

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Bulletin for January 5, 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



Adoration of the Magi, by Leonardo da Vinci
Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany: an illuminating discovery, or revelation. The Solemnity of the Epiphany is a celebration of our enlightenment in the Truth of our Salvation in Christ: 'Arise, shine, your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you!' (Isaiah 60:1-6). Three Mysteries mark this holy day - the star leading the magi to the infant Christ (Matthew 2:1-12), water is changed into wine for the wedding feast (John 2:1-11), and Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation (Mark 1:7-11).

Leonardo da Vinci's attempt to capture the mystery of the epiphany in his painting of the *Adoration of the Magi* remained unfinished, despite his genius - similar to the wisdom of the magi, who despite their human wisdom, required divine revelation to find Christ.

Da Vinci saw the Epiphany not as a single point in a night sky, but the physical manifestation of the divine light. The divine light of the Epiphany draws in and unites magi, kings, shepherds, poor bystanders, people and animals alike.

Pope Saint Gregory the Great, in his Homily on the Gospels (10), asks for our gifts to celebrate the Epiphany:

- to pass on the shining gold, the light of Christ's Wisdom, to enlighten the people of the world.
- to offer our incense of prayer and adoration (Revelation 8:3-4), in thanksgiving for His saving Sacrifice.
- to offer the myrrh of our small daily sacrifices to the Lord (Matthew 39; Romans 12:1).

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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 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.
Epiphany of the Lord		
Sunday January 5	10:30am	Anne Martin, Margaret Dealy, Shawn McNeil, and Jack & Viola Martin
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Monday January 6	9am	Eileen Bowes, and for peace in the world
Tuesday January 7 <i>Memorial - Saint André Bessette</i>	9am	Eric & Pearl Arsenault, Fraser & Genevieve Kerr & d.f.m, and for thanksgiving
Wednesday January 8	9am	Allison Fleiger, and Ivan Hallihan & d.f.m.
Thursday January 9	9am	Raymond Trevors, and for a special intention
	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday January 10	9am	Joe Lanteigne, and George Murdock Sr.
Saturday January 11	4pm	Aurore Bourque, Patty Foran, Karsten Keoughan, Henry LeBell, Helen Keoughan, Adelyn Robichaud, Ronnie Flanagan, Anne Comeau, Ivan Hallihan, Robby Robertson, Elroy & Louise Rigley, Emile & Theresa Aucoin, Tom & Jean Olsen & d.f.m., and Marie Claire Dubois & d.f.m.
The Baptism of the Lord:		
Sunday January 12	10:30am	John (Jack) Murphy
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday January 4	4pm	Paul & Cassie Lloyd & Paula McIntyre, and Blaine & Alma Vautour
Saturday January 11	4pm	Byron Eastwood, and Kelly Lush

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday January 4	6pm	Geraldine Flynn, and James & Mary Ann McDonald & d.f.m.
Saturday January 11	6pm	Fred Holland

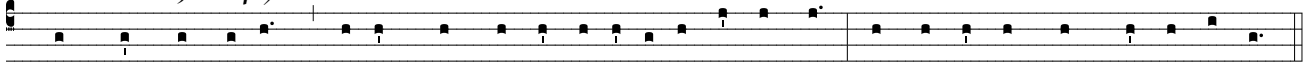
Please Pray For: the Holy Father's January 2025 prayer intention, for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. And, let us pray for our parish youth, on their journeys in faith and hope, and for Sacramental preparation.

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

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,
First Saturdays at 9am at St. Mary's Church, and Last Sundays at 4pm at St. Samuel's Church.
Divine Mercy, Rosary, and Benediction at St. Samuel's, Last Sundays of each month at 4pm followed by Mass at 5:30pm.

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

Thank you to all our parishioner families who helped our parish to celebrate this Christmas Season - the Nativity of the Lord, the feast of the Holy Family, Mary, the Mother of God and Mother of the Church, and the upcoming solemnities of the Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord. May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, and pour out blessings in abundance throughout this new jubilee year of hope.

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.

New Envelopes are available in our parish churches. **Please fill in your name** on these new envelopes to ensure that we record your charitable donations properly, as some numbers have changed.

Winter weather... we recall that daily Mass is salutary, but not obligatory. Sundays and Solemnities are ordinarily obligatory, but our parish churches and parishioners span distant roads, and if cold weather and road conditions imperil our or others' lives, our faithful and our priests may need to remain in the safety of our homes. If schools and businesses should be closing due to the cold winter weather, you may assume our church services, groups, and meetings will close for the day. See more at stmichaelsbasilica.ca/winter

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 24-29 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish	St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's		
Regular	\$11,902	\$764	\$725	
Christmas Collection	\$15,606	\$385	\$145	
The Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier Family Foundation Inc.	\$5,000			
Renovation	\$35			
Capital Campaign	\$527			
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$1,309			
Cemeteries	Basilica \$247	St. Andrew's \$200	\$40	\$100



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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!
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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 ministry is open to those in need, **Saturdays from 9am-Noon**, in the Saint Michael's Basilica Parish Centre.

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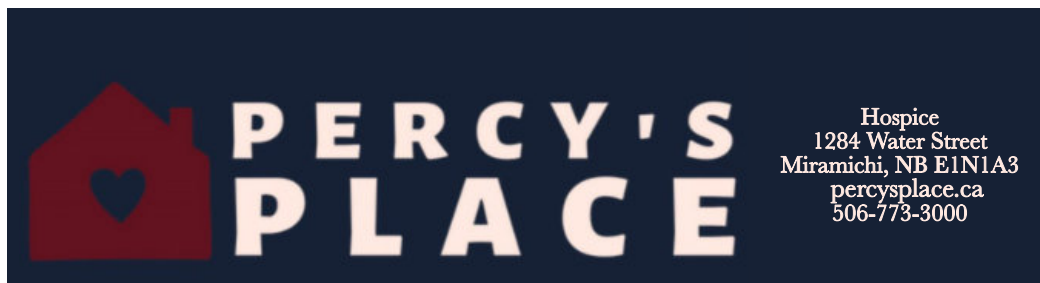
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December 30 #2428 winner Jessica Estey won \$704, congratulations!



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