

Saint Michael

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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



An Advent Calendar,
Im Lande des Christkinds, by Richard Ernst Kepler

The Season of Advent - Week Two

As the Venerable Fulton Sheen observed, the coming of Christ into our world was long pre-announced. Baruch (5:1-9) gave very specific instructions for us to prepare: “Wrapped in justice, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name.” In the Church, the Word made flesh will dwell, and so she is addressed in the words “Up, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the

Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.” John the Baptist, ‘more than a prophet’ (CCC§719), repeats the prophecy of Christ’s coming from Isaiah 40, ‘A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!’ John the Baptist leapt for joy for Christ’s Incarnation in the womb, and served at the Baptism of the Lord, fulfilling that prophecy.

John the Baptist’s death foreshadowed Christ’s ultimate sacrifice for us. The same divine Word that once came in the flesh in Palestine comes also to each generation of believing Christians. And John, who preceded Jesus’ coming in history, still precedes His coming to us.

In the communion of the saints, John is present in our assemblies in these days, announcing one who is to come and consequently urging us to repent.

This is why every morning the Church sings at Morning Prayer the song that John’s father, Zechariah, sang at his birth: “You, little child, will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins...”

(Luke 1:76- ; *Homiletic Directory* §87-).

Prepare yourself in this Advent Season with our freely accessible parish subscription to FORMED, see: bit.ly/SMA-Formed

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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 7	4pm	Derina Hannah, Irene Gorman, Stella Matthews, Adelyn Robichaud, Katherine Phee, Jack Barry, Wayne McCarthy, Robert Theriault, Anne Comeau, Theresa Reynolds, Gerard Doucette, David LeBreton, Ivan Hallihan, Sarah & Rhonda Lynch, Bligh & Jackie Woodworth, Rita & Jake Chaston, Joan & David Reynolds, Francis & Elsie Siddall and deceased family members, and for holy souls in Purgatory
Second Sunday of Advent:		
Sunday December 8	10:30am	Nellie Moran, Debbie Young, Marilyn Goguen, and Dawn & Kay Miles and deceased family members
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People
Monday December 9		
<i>Diocesan Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9am	Don Ryan, and Allan Breau
Tuesday December 10	9am	Anne Comeau, and Paul MacLean
Wednesday December 11	9am	Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday December 12	9am	Ivan Hallihan
<i>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
First Friday December 13	9am	Cody Knowles
<i>Memorial of Saint Lucy</i>		
Saturday December 14	10:30am	<i>Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass</i>
	4pm	Edward Keoughan, Adelyn Robichaud, Jack Barry, Linda Blakely, Gerard Doucette, Ivan Hallihan, Robie Robertson, John & Dorothy Poirier, Hartt & Bessie Ross, and Selime & Bridget Richard & deceased family members
Third Sunday of Advent, <i>Gaudete</i> Sunday:		
Sunday December 15	10:30am	Kevin Moran, Edna Carter, and for the intention of the Franciscans of Halifax
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> - for the People

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday December 7	4pm	Gene Walsh, and Gerard Doucette
Saturday December 14	4pm	Gene Walsh, and James & Catherine Kelly & d.f.m.

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday December 7	6pm	David Cook
Saturday December 14	6pm	Keith Cook

Please Pray For: peace, in this second week of Advent. Come, Lord Jesus, give strength to the good in the world and help us to be bearers of Your light, workers of peace, witnesses of Truth.

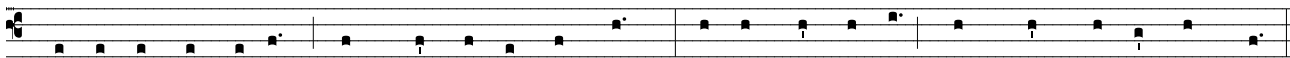
And, please pray for Linda Hay, and Mary Anne Govereau.

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9 ; Philippians 1:3-11 ; Gospel of Luke 3:1-6

Psalm: 126 R:3 *The LORD has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Entrance Antiphon: from Isaiah 30. O people of Sion, behold, the LORD will come to save the nations, and the LORD will make the glory of His voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Communion Antiphon: from Baruch 5



Je- ru- sa- lem, a- rise * and stand up- on the heights, and be- hold the joy which comes to you from God.

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,
Sunday December 15 at Saint Michael's Basilica following the 5:30pm Mass

Diocesan Feast Day - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC, cordially invites the faithful to a concelebrated Eucharist
6:30pm Monday December 9, at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception** in Saint John. A reception will follow in the Cathedral residence.

Sistema NB Holiday Concert 6pm Thursday December 12 in St. Michael's Basilica - a special evening celebrating the dedication and talent of our young musicians, come join us!

Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holy Rosary, and Pot Luck gathering with our Spanish community **5:30pm Saturday December 14 Saint Michael's Basilica Parish Centre**, free event, come and celebrate with us!

Our **Cursillo** Community would like to invite all our 'New Members' over the last few years to join us for a special Christmas celebration **6:30pm Dec. 18th** in the St. Michael's Basilica Parish Centre. We will have Mass, a light lunch, and music.
For more information call Paul 506-778-8106 or Lydia 506-773-3324

Advent Reconciliation Service 6:30pm Thursday December 19 at St. Michael's Basilica.

Christmas Solemnity Schedule: Christmas eve - **4pm** at Saint Michael's Basilica, **4pm** at Saint Michael's by-the-Sea, **6pm** at Saint Margaret's, **10pm** at Saint Michael's Basilica. Christmas Day - **10:30am** and **5:30pm** at Saint Michael's Basilica.

Remember to check the news from our CWL, Knights of Columbus, and St. Vincent de Paul Society, in their sections at the top of page 4 ⇒ ⇒ ⇒

Updated Diocese of Saint John Responsible Ministry Protocol - to be read by all parish volunteers and employees, see: dioceseofsaintjohn.org/responsible-ministry

Saint Margaret's Church Tree of Remembrance to record the names of loved ones, with a tree lighting on the 4th Sunday of Advent and the names to be published. Free will offering.

St. Michael's Museum & Bookstore has received Christmas cards and gifts in stock, along with Sunday and daily missalettes to follow along with the Mass. Drop in Tues.-Sat. 10am-4pm

Christmas Tea Saturday 2-4pm December 7 at St. Paul's Anglican Church (Bushville). Free will offering in commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of St. Paul's Church.

A Christmas Blessing - a night of music featuring The Villagers - **7pm Sunday December 15 at St. Paul's Anglican Church**. All welcome, admission is a free-will offering.

December 1 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$5,661	\$513	\$422
Renovation	\$1,602	\$30	\$20
Capital Campaign	\$77		
Christmas Flowers	\$1,945		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$489		
Cemeteries	Basilica \$227	St. Andrew's \$105	\$70



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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

All members are invited to our next gathering Thursday December 12, with 4pm Mass in the Bishop Rogers Chapel, followed by dinner at the Portage. A special celebration will be held honouring Martina McCarthy with the National Bellelle Guerin Pin. We will draw the Christmas basket winner (bring in all outstanding money or ticket stubs before the meeting!). \$32 membership dues will be collected for 2025. And, if you need a drive, call 506-623-8130.

Saint Vincent De Paul

Saint Michael's Basilica

Clothing for those in need, from community donations

Our Saint Vincent de Paul ministry is setting up its annual Christmas gift tree, to offer gifts to help families. See details at the Christmas gift tree setup. You can offer your gifts or donations by December 15, so that gifts may be delivered to families December 18. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



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