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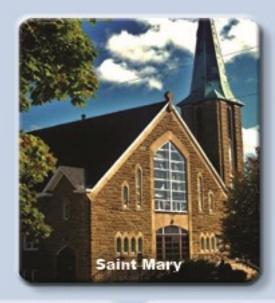
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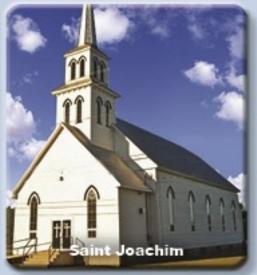
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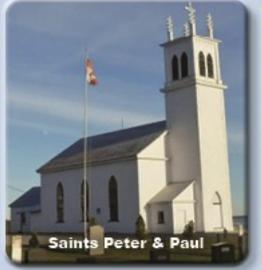
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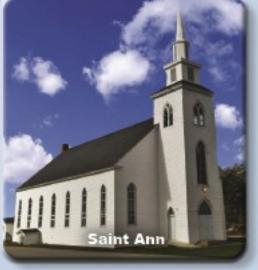
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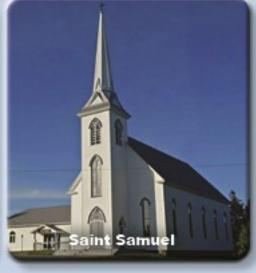
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4886

345 Campbell St., Miramichi, NB KNIGHTS BREAKFAST Second Sunday of every month BINGO Friday at 5:30 PM HALL RENTALS

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# **Prayer for Tolerance, Forgiveness and Reconciliation**

O God, Creator and Father of all, with humility we your children acknowledge the relationship of all living things. For this we thank you, we praise you and we worship you. We call on you, Great Mystery, the word made Flesh – our teacher, prophet and brother - to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters, and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage and respectfulness shown in the Sacred Teachings.

Give us the vision and honesty to recognize that we are all brothers and sisters of one human family, created and sustained by the One Creator. As we deal with many challenges, may we never give way to fear and anger, which can be the source of division and threat amongst peoples. We look to how God always gives to us, as a remedy for sins of prejudice and intolerance.

We see in God the creator of all things, One who always provides and is generous - even given the abuses we have heaped on one another and on the earth. We see in the Son, Jesus Christ - the innocent Victim who pours His life blood out from the Cross for all peoples. We see how the Holy Spirit is God's gift, alive in our world today - inspiring vision and hope that we can have the same mind and heart of God! May Your Spirit bless all souls who died at residential schools. May this same Spirit also bring blessing and healing to all families and communities affected in any way by the schools. O Creator, show us the way to healing, forgiveness and reconciliation and a renewed fellowship.

## 17 December 2023 YEAR B 3rd Sunday of Advent

Blessings and welcome to all who are with us today; our parishioners, visitors and faith seekers—you are always welcome at any and all of the five churches in our parish.

# **Parish Mass Times And Intentions**

St. Ann's, Burnt Church Mass-Sundays 12:00 pm

### St. Joachim's Church Holy Rosary Sunday 11:30

| Dec 17 | Sunday | 12:00 pm | † Junior & Barbara<br>Underhill |
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| Dec 24 | Sunday | 6:00pm   | † Theresa Ward                  |

#### St. Mary's

**Holy Hour:** 1st Friday of Month 11:00am

**Holy Rosary** weekdays at 11:30

Angelus noon

**Adoration:** Wednesdays 11:30 am, First Saturday 9am

**Devotion/Exposition**: First Saturday 9:30am

| Dec 17 | Sunday   | 10:00am | † Helena & William<br>McCombs      |
|--------|----------|---------|------------------------------------|
| Dec 19 | Tues.    | 12:05pm | † Marie Donovan                    |
| Dec 20 | Wed.     | 12:05pm | † Richard Charest                  |
| Dec 21 | Thurs.   | 12:05pm | † Melvin Waye                      |
| Dec 22 | Friday   | 12:05pm | † Eulas Gallant &<br>Miller Somers |
| Dec 23 | Saturday | 4:30pm  | Memorial Mass                      |
| Dec 24 | Sunday   | 4:00pm  | † to be posted                     |

#### Sts. Peter & Paul Church

### Exposition Friday at 9 am

| Dec 17 | Sunday | 10:00am | † For the People           |
|--------|--------|---------|----------------------------|
| Dec 19 | Tues.  | 9:00am  | † George Innes             |
| Dec 22 | Friday | 9:30am  | † Allain DesRoches         |
| Dec 24 | Sunday | 6:00pm  | † Daniel & Eileen<br>Lyons |
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#### St. Samuel's Church

Holy Rosary Wednesdays at 8:30 am

**Divine Mercy, Rosary & Benediction**— Last Sunday

The next Divine Mercy is **Sunday 31 December** 

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| Dec 16 Satu                                   | ırday 4:00        | pm  † 1 | Patricia Johnston              |
| Dec 20 Wed                                    | l. 9:00           | am †    | Edward Matchett                |
| Dec 21 Thur                                   | rs. 9:00a         | ım †    | Patrick Sullivan (A)           |
| Dec 23 Satu                                   | 1:00 distribution |         | Bruce Scott<br>Rosalie LeBlanc |

In the charity of your prayers, please remember all those who have died, especially

Connie McKinnon-Turnsgard, Faye Walls,

Richard Jr Morris, Vincent Diotte, Anne Keenan, Sister Claire MacDonald, Euclid Doucette; Theresa Dupuis Montgomery

# **Memorial Mass**

#### Celebrated December 16, 2023 @ 4:30 pm:

Special Intention (PM); Malcom Addison & Mark; Dec'd Mem of Gorman & Gally Families; Dec'd Mem of Duguay & Manderson Families; Dec'd Mem of Doran & Whalen Families; Souls in Purgatory; Frank Larry & DFM; Special Intentions (TG)(LW)(JG) & Families; Charles Walsh; Frank Donaher; Walter Audet & Shirley

#### **Christmas Schedule**

| St Ann's Church  | Dec 24 | 8pm       |
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|                  | Jan 1  | 12pm      |
| St Mary's        | Dec 24 | 4pm & 8pm |
|                  | Dec 25 | 10am      |
|                  | Dec 31 | 4:30pm    |
|                  | Jan 1  | 10am      |
| St Samuel's      | Dec 24 | 4pm       |
|                  | Dec 25 | 10am      |
|                  | Dec 31 | 4pm       |
|                  | Jan 1  | 10am      |
| Sts Peter & Paul | Dec 24 | 6pm       |
|                  | Dec 25 | 10am      |
|                  | Jan 1  | 10am      |
| St Joachim's     | Dec 24 | 6pm       |
|                  | Dec 25 | 12pm      |
|                  | Jan 1  | 12pm      |

# **Parish News and Events**

<u>Disciple Maker Survey Link:</u> https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/bak135 <u>Only two days left to complete the online Disciple Maker Survey</u>. The link to the Survey is posted on St. Mary's and St. Marguerite Bourgeoy's Face Book Pages, and St. Marguerite Bourgeoy's Web Site. If you have completed the Paper copy of the Survey, please return your copy by the end of this week. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect on your own Spiritual growth and provide feedback on what efforts the parish is making in helping you grow. We really need your help in making this a success, so if you have not already completed the Survey, please make an effort to Participate.

<u>Thank you</u> to parishioners throughout the Parish who supported Sts. Peter and Paul's recent Christmas wreath fund-raiser. Thank you as well to those who assisted with the planning and execution of the event. The combined efforts resulted in a donation of \$1,893 to Sts. Peter and Paul's fund-raising account.

<u>In collaboration with the STMB Social Committee</u>, Saint Samuel's Men's Group, and STMB Religious Education, all parishioners of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish are invited to an afternoon of caroling on Sunday, December 17th. We will meet at 1:45 pm at Saint Samuel's Church and then proceed to predetermined nursing and care homes. Music sheets will be provided. We will gather afterward at Saint Samuel's Church for hot chocolate, treats, and fellowship!

<u>Saint Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry</u> would like to thank all those who supported them by purchasing 50/50 tickets. The winner of the 50/50 draw was Alain Sarkis who won \$875. Our ministry would also like to express gratitude to an anonymous donor from Saint Samuel's church, who made a very generous donation to our ministry. This support will enable us to to continue making shawls for people in need of comfort, and baptismal shawls for the newly baptized. Shawls may be obtained by contacting a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our group meets every Thursday from 10 to noon and new members are welcome.

**2024 Envelopes** are available for pickup at each church. PLEASE do not take a box that is not assigned to you. New blank boxes are at each Church for new signups, or contact the office.

<u>Sts Peter & Paul Bartibog Memory Tree</u>—Anyone wishing to purchase Memory bulbs for your loved ones please wright their names on an envelope with money inside and give it to Robert or Shirley at Church, or call 506-773-4702. They are \$5.00 each, last date to order will be December 22, 2023

#### **Christmas Confessions Schedule**

Tuesday Dec 19th—St Samuels—4pm
Wednesday Dec 20th—Sts Peter & Paul—4pm
Thursday Dec 21—St Ann's—4pm
Friday Dec 22—St Mary's—4pm
Sunday Dec 24th—St Joachim's—after 12pm Mass

<u>Call to Active Use of Parishioner's God Given Gifts and Talents-</u> St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish is committed to the development of all our Parishioners as Good Stewards of the gifts that God has bestowed on each of us. Ministry Information on a variety of Ministries and Sign Up Sheets are available at the Maine Entrance of the Church. By sharing our gifts, let us help make St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish the Vibrant Faith Community it is intended to be. For the Ministries which require training, ongoing training is provided.

<u>A big thank you</u> for a successful concert in memory of Gerry Comier. Three of his charities including St. Mary's Christmas Hampers, Miramichi Transition House and Youth House will receive \$2300 each.