

Diocese of Rupert's Land



Parish Profile 2017

The parish church of St. Mary Magdalene is located within Treaty One Territory and on original lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, and Oji-Cree people, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

***The mission of St. Mary Magdalene Parish is
to love God and be the light of Christ in the world.***

For the past ninety plus years, God has called and enabled St. Mary Magdalene to minister as a neighbourhood parish in St. Vital in southeast Winnipeg. On October 15, 1926 the Most Reverend Samuel Pritchard Matheson, Archbishop of Rupert's Land, issued the Deed of Formation of St. Mary Magdalene Parish and we officially came into being. Early worship services were held in what we now call the upstairs hall. On December 24, 1964 the first service was held in the "new church" where services continue to be held today.

There have been many changes to the physical structure of the buildings but we, the people of St. Mary Magdalene, continue to be warm and welcoming. We offer fellowship, friendship, and even a little fun. We demonstrate faith in action through our community in everything we do.

We worship within the tradition of Anglicanism. Our parish cultivates a variety of ministries to families, children, singles, seniors, and newcomers to Canada. Pastoral care is offered to all those in need.

We are a community that is centred on God whom we experience in the three persons of the Trinity - Creator, Saviour, and Spirit. Although we hold a breadth of theological perspectives, it is our relationship with God that is most valued and central to the life of the parish. It touches our hearts through the design of the liturgy, nurtures us through scripture and study, empowers us with a welcoming spirit, and calls us to provide pastoral care and outreach to the wider community.

Using the Book of Alternative Services, our liturgical life is centred on a Sunday service of Holy Eucharist, where everyone is welcome to come to Christ's table. We value intergenerational ministry, supporting our youth as they grow in Christian discipleship. In addition to our incumbent, we are blessed with the ministry of a variety of dedicated liturgical leaders, including a music director, deacon, honorary assistant, licensed lay readers, and lay administrators. There are also teams licensed for the administration of anointing and for the administration of the reserved sacrament. There are also many scripture readers and prayer leaders, as well as a seasoned Altar Guild. We appreciate the beauty of the Anglican liturgy, but are also open to exploring forms of worship and music that represent the multicultural nature of our community.

We are a people attentive to the guiding and healing power of the Holy Spirit. We seek to nurture our spiritual lives through prayer, meditation, and study. We believe that the Spirit gathers, renews, and heals us and that clergy and lay alike are gifted with the capacity of communicating God's regenerative love. We are an active community of intentional prayer.

In our commitment to justice issues, we demonstrate concern for indigenous and refugee communities. We are involved in and support various local, national, and international outreach programs. We welcome the community of the Asian Christian Fellowship who hold a

separate service of worship in Urdu, Hindi, and Punjabi, one Sunday each month at which the incumbent presides.

We believe that justice requires us to affirm same sex relations as manifestations of God's grace and love. Accordingly the parish supports the move to make appropriate changes to the Marriage Canon. We look forward to celebrating such marriages that fall within diocesan requirements.

The Parish of St. Mary Magdalene is called to corporately, and individually, respect the gifts that each of us has been given by God and to use those gifts to build up God's community.

Building on a strong and loyal foundation, we desire to grow and be strengthened to share in God's mission in the world so that God may be glorified in all that we do.

Where we see God at work...

In our WORSHIP

God touches our hearts through the design of the liturgy and through all of our senses, whether we use the traditional services of the Anglican Church of Canada, services respecting native spirituality, services in the Urdu language or those in the Celtic traditions.

God speaks through the Eucharist and other liturgies, through sermons, our choir and the music ministry. Accompanied on digital piano and guitar, our music is a blend of traditional and contemporary hymns from the Common Praise hymnal and a parish songbook with a focus on participation, not performance.



God touches our hearts through worship

God speaks through inspired works of art, crafted by parishioners or given as memorial gifts, that add to the beauty of our worship.

We see the holiness of God at work through our servers, sides people, intercessors, greeters, communion assistants, lay readers, scripture readers, clergy, those who prepare our service bulletins, and those who prepare the bread for communion.

God's healing grace is received through the laying on of hands and anointing with oil and in the prayer group ministry.

We especially appreciate the wonder of creation when we worship outdoors.

In our EDUCATION and SPIRITUAL NURTURE

God nurtures us through Bible study, book study, discussion groups, and meditation. We grow through sermons, new members who bring new ways of teaching and learning, our Sunday School, and our confirmation class.

We are able to participate in, and at times lead, Diocesan educational events. We use on-line (Internet) connections with the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Trinity Wall Street, the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, the Anglican Journal, and the Rupert's Land News.

In our HOSPITALITY and FELLOWSHIP

God has empowered our congregation with a welcoming spirit and a parish 'family' identity. We share God's love and support, with those who, through rough times, are feeling burdened.



We are a parish family

God binds us together in our coffee times after service, our pot luck meals and other church activities.

We hear and respond to God's call to offer hospitality and fellowship to newcomers and long time members alike.

A great deal of energy and thought has been expended to upgrade and enhance our building with adequate parking and attractive landscaping.

We have developed good relationships with all the groups using our building, engaging their support for some of our projects. It is important for us to

focus on being good neighbours and this includes developing a close relationship with the new Day Care facility being built next door where the rectory once stood.

In our PASTORAL CARE

We are called by God to provide pastoral care ministers and visitors to take the Eucharist and healing ministry to those who are sick or unable to attend church services, to provide services in personal care homes, to drive people to church, and to listen to and care for one another, providing emotional and spiritual support to people in need.

We reach beyond our congregation to offer pastoral care to groups using our facility by providing chaplaincy to the Vital Seniors, supervision of the Religion in Life badge for the Scout and Guide movements, supporting the Alcoholics Anonymous twelve step programme, and offering care to residents and families of those in personal care homes who request it.

In our MISSION and OUTREACH

God is working in and through St. Mary Magdalene Parish to be a cultural and social bridge by making us advocates for social justice, by supporting St. Matthews-Maryland Community Ministry, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, and local community groups with whom we share our building. We have membership in the St. Vital Community Action Network.



We share our gifts

We distribute funds from our special offerings (Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas) to local, regional and international charities. We offer food vouchers and emergency supplies to those in need. Our twice yearly garage sales meet a wide range of needs in the community.

We invest in and have also benefitted from grants from a number of funding agencies including the Winnipeg Foundation and The Anglican Foundation. We also support the Jubilee Fund. We write letters of support, inquiry, and petition regarding social justice issues and we are in contact with our political representatives of the three levels of government, encouraging them to support and participate in our endeavours.

With changing demographics, God is leading us to a deeper sense of unity through collaboration with other churches in our area.

God encourages us to welcome newcomers, and to sponsor and welcome refugees. God not only equips us to reach out, but also brings the world to us.

Our Organization

The Corporation, comprised of the incumbent and two wardens, meets regularly to set the Vestry agenda, and on other occasions to deal with immediate issues. Our two deputy wardens are involved in these meetings. The Vestry meets ten times each year. In 2017, our vestry consists of seventeen members.

Our Deacon fulfils her liturgical role in worship and is also responsible for coordinating and training parishioners who assist in a variety of liturgical ministries. Our Deacon is currently chair of the Worship Committee. She also engages in visiting, coordinating and assisting at the monthly nursing home services at River Park Gardens Nursing Home, and assisting at funerals at the church or funeral homes. The role of our Deacon is voluntary with the parish being open to making funds available for diaconal training and events.

We have one Honourary Assistant Priest who takes an active role in the life of the parish. He is the chaplain to the Vital Seniors who meet regularly in our facility, and he leads the worship service at Catherine Place Assisted Living.

There are three part time staff - a music director, administrative assistant, and custodian - who receive remuneration for their services. We are most grateful for their time and dedication.

There are many volunteers who give freely of their time and talent so that God may be glorified in this place. The people who are appointed and elected as Wardens and Deputy Wardens, the Vestry members, Sunday School Coordinator and teachers, and those who serve on the worship committee and property committee share their gifts for the smooth operation of the parish. It takes many hands to carry out our mission and ministry, not least of whom are the greeters, coffee ministry people, side persons, prayer partners, pastoral care volunteers, altar guild members, lay readers, and those committed to outreach ministry. The coordinators and volunteers who make Wednesday Bible study, meditation, Christmas hampers and website maintenance and communication happen are all valuable resources.

Our parish is committed to assisting those whom God may be calling to Holy Orders.

Our Facility

Our church building is located in the northern part of St. Vital, near the corner of St. Mary's and St. Vital Roads. The property backs onto the Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre sports field with which we share a parking lot. The building consists of the original 1926 church (now used for fellowship, meeting and office space - known as the upper hall) and the 1962 addition, an attractive A-shaped building with a sanctuary that holds 200 people. Since 2000, many renovation projects have been completed, modernizing the whole facility and making it completely wheelchair accessible. Even with the upgrades the parish is debt free. The building has been well maintained by a dedicated team.

Where is God calling us...

Over the next three to five years, we believe that God is calling us to live out our Mission Statement by focusing on these areas of mission and ministry:

- Being transformed - through our parish experiences of worship, music, learning and pastoral care - to love God and one another;

- Continuing to welcome and support refugees/immigrants and newcomers to our parish family, especially in matters such as language, education, housing and employment;
- Developing our youth and children's ministries (e.g., through Sunday School, Bible study, Vacation Bible School/summer programs);
- Reaching out to those in our wider community (e.g., members of "Little Saints Day Care", Community Action Network, Good Neighbours);
- Addressing social issues (e.g., supportive housing, food security, decent wages, job security and benefits); and
- The pastoral care and spiritual nurture of our changing congregation (e.g., through small group activities, creative and thoughtful worship, the healing ministry, Bible studies and other Christian education opportunities).

Gifts for Ministry in a New Incumbent

The following are some of the gifts for ministry that the parish is seeking in a new incumbent - gifts that will help the parish to achieve its mission and ministry:

- The ability to work collaboratively with the church community and a willingness to encourage the people to use their gifts in their ministries;
- The willingness to continue to build and strengthen the relationship that has begun with the Asian Christian Fellowship;
- A spirituality that is centered on the love of God and of others, along with an openness to receive love;
- A sensitivity to community, cultural and pastoral needs, and a heart for social justice;
- The gifts of creativity, innovation and flexibility in worship and liturgical leadership;
- Good administrative and organizational skills;
- Good communication skills - in listening, teaching, and preaching effectively;
- The ability to be both a good team leader and a good team player;
- Compassion and empathy in helping people to resolve problems;
- A commitment to support and further the parish's healing ministry in worship services at church, in parishioners' homes, and in hospitals and personal care homes; and
- A good sense of humour.

St. Mary Magdalene follows the Diocese of Rupert's Land Clergy Housing and Minimum Stipend Scale.

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Statistics						
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Number of Identifiable givers	122	111	114	136	143	125
Average Sunday attendance	77	84	82	68	68	75
Easter Sunday attendance	129	139	269	156	123	108
Christmas Service attendance	178	204	134	162	176	186
ACF* Services average attendance					97	97
ACF* Easter attendance					136	136
ACF* Christmas attendance					143	143

**ACF is Asian Christian Fellowship*

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Finances							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Income Summary							
Open	2,218	2,242	1,591	1,249	1,647	1,683	1,916
Envelopes	118,978	129,280	126,984	129,269	128,731	127,741	132,289
Special Envelope Offering (Initial, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving)	6,922	10,880	7,855	7,678	17,346	22,354	19,045
Rentals: Building, Hall, Functions	10,784	8,317	12,404	9,909	10,922	12,442	12,973
Rectory Rent	11,150	11,400	10,925	0	0	0	0
Building Use	200	2,728	4,139	4,172	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Receipts (GST rebate, Calendar sales, Day by Day, Coffee, Grants, Interest, PWRDF)	3,384	22,731	3,412	2,639	5,597	5,012	6,318
Memorials	1,235	1,670	710	6,113	150	5,145	450
Capital Projects	35,055	380	16,780	35,723	28,654	23,194	66,073
Garage Sale	9,751	9,055	8,327	9,481	11,569	8,832	8,850
Endowment Fund income	4,139	4,338	3,701	3,458	3,356	6,803	4,115
Total Income	203,816	203,020	196,827	209,689	207,972	213,206	252,028
Expense Summary							
Salaries	90,854	89,479	99,619	103,397	107,293	105,621	108,062
Administration	5,509	6,989	6,380	5,757	13,482	6,528	5,751
Building Property	97,885	41,194	42,944	68,528	50,123	56,356	61,162
Program Ministries	14,395	16,459	9,240	4,999	9,658	10,196	21,177
Diocesan Pledge	25,000	22,462	24,388	24,362	22,000	22,000	22,000
Special Offering /Approved Spending, other		7,820	7,230	5,401	10,650	7,118	10,621
Total Expenses	233,643	184,402	189,801	212,444	213,205	207,819	228,772

St. Mary Magdalene Budget 2017	
(as approved at AGM, February 19, 2017)	
INCOME	
Open	1,500
Envelopes	134,000
Special Envelope Offering (Initial, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving)	9,500
Building Rentals	9,000
Functions, Weddings, Funerals	3,000
Miscellaneous Receipts (GST rebate, Calendar sales, Day by Day, Coffee, Grants, Interest, PWRDF)	3,000
Memorials	500
Capital Projects Buildings	0
Capital Projects & Transfers	0
Garage Sale	9,000
Integra Fund & Bank Interest	2,000
Endowment Fund income	4,100
Total Income	175,600
EXPENSES	
Salaries	
Incumbent	
Salary	40,260
Travel (Mileage, Parking)	900
Pension & Benefits	13,600
Living Allowance	15,225
Hospitality	0
Miscellaneous Benefits (Book Allowance, Retreat)	0
Support Staff	
Music Director	14,160
Substitute Music Leader	990
Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper	19,950
Substitute (casual) Celebrant	1,320
Support Staff Benefits	2,350
Travel Allowance/ Other (subs, off site services)	150
Payroll Total	108,905
Administration	
Office Supplies/Equipment	600
Telephone, Internet	2,200
Postage	300
Copier/Fax	1,000
Payroll Cost	240
Communication/Special Printing/Marketing	600
Miscellaneous	800
Total Administration	5,740

Building/Property	
Caretaker's supplies	900
Janitorial Contract	6,540
Insurance, Licences, Taxes	6,550
Grounds/Parking Lot Snow Removal	1,100
Utilities	9,700
Maintenance	3,300
Capital Expenses	2,800
Capital Expense Rectory/Driveway	0
Total Building/Property	30,890
Program Ministries	
Education/Training (Synod, Bible study groups, honoraria, parish conferences, day by day)	1,500
Sunday School (Leader training, materials)	500
Music (Licenses, choral music, hymnals, instruments/repairs, music binders)	700
Outreach (Parish/local, city/national, international, e.g.: St. Matthews-Maryland Community Ministry, Anglican Foundation, Jubilee Fund)	1,200
Special Functions (Monthly birthday cake, parish functions/luncheons, AGM, picnic, Consecration Sunday, Aboriginal Sunday)	1,700
Worship (Altar Guild - Sacristy, flowers, sound system)	1,200
Youth	200
Discretionary: Incumbent (Emergency Aid)	1,000
Total Program Ministries	8,000
Diocesan Pledge	22,000
Expense Summary	
Payroll	108,905
Administration	5,740
Building Property	30,890
Program Ministries	8,000
Diocesan Pledge	22,000
Special Offerings/Approved Spending, other	
Total Expenses	175,535
Reconciliation	
Total Income	175,600
Total Expenses	175,535
Balance (-Negative)	65

Winnipeg and St. Vital

Winnipeg is the vibrant capital of Manitoba, located at the geographical centre of North America. A city of over 790,000 people, Winnipeg offers a cosmopolitan international flair and a warm, welcoming spirit. Cultural amenities include, but are not limited to, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the world-famous Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, jazz and folk music festivals, fringe theatre festivals, art galleries, libraries, Festival du Voyageur (Western Canada's largest winter carnival), and Folklorama (the largest multicultural event of its kind in North America).

On the sports scene, there is professional hockey, football, and baseball. Amateur sports are offered at community centres throughout the city. Winnipeg has many beautiful parks, including Assiniboine Park with its Journey to Churchill exhibit, zoo, English gardens, and open-air stage. There are golf courses, hiking trails, skate board parks, and swimming pools to keep you active and entertained. Winnipeg is a family friendly city.

There are many lakes, rivers, and campgrounds within a short drive from the City centre. Grand Beach, an hour north of the city, is listed as one of the top ten beaches in Canada.



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