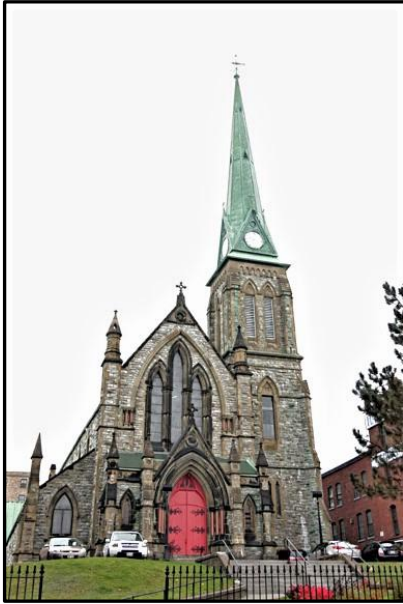


Historic Places of Worship

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Trinity Anglican Church, on Charlotte Street in uptown Saint John, was officially designated for its historical significance in 1982. The first church of the Loyalists was called simply the “*Parish Church*”. It also served as the courthouse and public meeting hall. From 1784 to 1791, services were held in this first frame building, erected on Germain Street between Duke and Queen Streets. It was, at first, unheated and was eventually provided with pulpit, lectern, holy table, stoves, and pews.

The church was named by the Right Rev. Charles Inglis after the Trinity Church in New York, and was completed in time for services Christmas Day, 1791.

The Great Fire of Saint John in 1877 destroyed the church, along with a great portion of the City. Only the Communion vessels, parish registers, and the Royal Coat of Arms survived. No time was lost in replacing the edifice and the new church, close to the City Market, Kings Square, and the Imperial Theatre, was consecrated on December 9, 1880.

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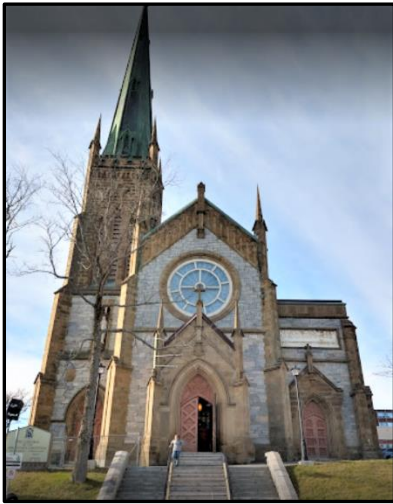
St. John's (Stone) Church, on Carleton Street and a short walk from Loyalist House, is a national historic site (1989). In 1822 the Vestry of Trinity Church decided to build a *Chapel of Ease* to accommodate members of the British garrison and the increasing number of Anglicans living in the fast-growing Port City. *Stone Church* got its nickname because the stones for the church were brought from England as ballast on returning cargo ships, though its official name remains St John's Church. The first service was held on Sunday, September 11, 1825.

The parish has had a long and faithful history of Christian witness in Saint John, with an emphasis on biblical preaching, evangelical teaching, and social engagement in the community. The congregation continues to seek God's guidance and empowerment to find fresh and relevant ways to connect with people and bring the gospel message to the heart of our city. The wood carvings in Stone Church represent some of the most unique and beautiful nineteenth and early twentieth century woodwork in Canada.



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The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was designated in August 2008 for its historical and religious associations with the city's Irish Catholic community. Between 1845 and 1847 alone, approximately 30,000 Irish arrived in Saint John, increasing the population of Saint John by more than 100%.

Building plans were subsequently prepared in New York over the winter of 1852-53, and the foundation stone was laid in Saint John that spring. By Christmas of that year, the congregation celebrated the new cathedral. The first candlelight Mass was attended by 3,000 people in 1855, and by 1885, the completed church was consecrated.

The Diocese of Saint John is the 7th oldest in Canada, having been established on September 30, 1842.

Shaarei Zedek Synagogue and Saint John Historical Jewish Museum

The first Jewish citizens arrived in Saint John as a Loyalists in 1783, but the founding of the Saint John Jewish Community really began in 1858. The first synagogue was opened in 1899 and then in 1919, a new congregation was formed and named *Shaarei Zedek (Gates of Righteousness)*. It continues to operate today at the same site as the Jewish Historical Museum.



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Saint John is the second oldest Jewish community in Maritime Canada and has the only **Jewish Historical Museum** in the region, a site supported through artifact donations and other participation by members of the local Jewish community. The museum became a reality in 1983 as its creator, Marcia Koven, saw the decline of the Jewish community's once-vibrant population. It has several permanent exhibits with new exhibits each year. A library and archive of Jewish history is available. Koven

collected community history through oral interviews with elderly members and through photographs, organization minutes, and other records.

The mandate of the museum is to collect, display and preserve articles related specifically to the Saint John Jewish community, and to educate and to provide a research facility for genealogists, historians, and religious scholars. The Museum hosts over 4,000 visitors per year. The Museum is located at the corner of Leinster and Wentworth Streets - a short walk from the Imperial Theatre and Loyalist Burial Ground.