

Ministry Schedule Sept 6th & Sept 7th

	St. Anthony's	St. Theresa's
Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Darren Richard & Tom & Nate VanLeeuwen
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Mary Fitzpatrick & Janet Matheson
Lector	Paul Ryan	Kendra VanLeeuwen & Darren Richard
Sacristan	Mary Feener	Mary Fitzpatrick

Our Lady of Peace Parish Adoration Schedule

Thursdays at 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church before 12:00 pm Mass \*  
Fridays at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church before 10:00 am \*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church (1 hour) \* If Mass is cancelled so, is Adoration.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Twilight Retreat, hosted by St. Theresa's CWL, on Monday, Sept 8th, St. Theresa's Church Hall at 45 Royal Road. First session begins at 4:30 pm, followed by a potluck, second session and closing prayer at 8 pm. Presenter is Father Fulton. Topic: 'Doors to the Sacred'.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts will resume in September. The next breakfast will be on Sunday, Sept 14th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent St. Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Proceeds will be used to support the Law Enforcement Run for Special Olympics. Everyone welcome.

The Saint John Diocesan Council for Development & Peace will hold its Fall Campaign Workshop on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Rd, Fredericton, beginning at 10 am to 2 pm. Adah Ogbe, our D&P Maritime Regional Animator, will present the workshop on the Fall Campaign, Turn Debt into Hope. If you cannot attend in person, you can join the meeting virtually, via Zoom. The link to REGISTER for the meeting is below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with the meeting link. Here is the registration link to join the meeting virtually.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/s\\_x8LisUTYSzn4NmCusiYA](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/s_x8LisUTYSzn4NmCusiYA)

St. Francis of Assisi Bingo - First Sunday of each month, next bingo Sept 7, 2025 at 1 pm Join us at St. Francis of Assisi church hall located at 2130 Route 102 Hwy in Lincoln. Cost is \$20 at the door with tea, coffee, and snacks available. There will be tickets for sale on a 50/50 draw, our Bingo Number Game and an additional chance to win with the Bonus Card Draw. We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your support. Please note this is a CASH ONLY EVENT.



Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

<i>St. Anthony's Church</i> <i>603 Union St.</i> <i>Fredericton, NB</i> <i>Mass Time Saturday 4:00 pm</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Church</i> <i>31 Main St.</i> <i>Stanley, NB</i> <i>Mass Time Sunday 9:00 am</i>	<i>St. Theresa's Church</i> <i>45 Royal Rd.</i> <i>Fredericton, NB</i> <i>Mass Time Sunday 11:00 am</i>
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*Summer Office Hours Tuesday – Thursday 9 am – 4:30 pm*  
**Sunday Aug 31st, 2025 –22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Mass Times

<i>No Weekday Masses this Week</i>  <i>Have a safe long weekend Happy Labour Day</i>	<i>Saturday Sept 6th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's Mass For The People</i>  <i>Sunday Sept 7th 9:00 AM St. Patrick's Gratitude For Guardian Angels</i>  <i>Sunday Sept 7th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's Jim Noble</i>
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Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

August 24th 2025		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$4,907	Offertory	\$4,907
Capital Infrastructure	60	Budget Needs	(5,471)
Diocesan Collections	-	Excess (Shortfall)	(564)
Other	-	Year-to-Date Contributions	
Total Contributions	\$4,967	Offertory	\$177,215
Parishioner (Avg.) Contribution		Budget Needs	(183,629)
Envelope & Auto Debit	\$ 44	Excess (Shortfall)	(6,414)
Budget Needs	\$ 50		
Contributions are Welcome at: olpdonations@gmail.com			

### **Pilgrimage Bus Information:**

Pastoral council has booked a bus that can seat 40 passengers to make the pilgrimage to the Cathedral. **To reserve a seat on the bus, please contact Irene at the office (506) 444-6010 or email [Parishoffice@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:Parishoffice@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)**

The bus will be leaving St. Theresa's church at **8:00** am (If there is enough interest for a pickup at St. Patrick's, arrangements and time for pick up will be announced). The diocese is arranging a lunch for the pilgrims, this will be a free will offering with the proceeds going towards the restoration of the cathedral. If you would like to attend the luncheon, please sign up on the sheet provided at each church. The bus will leave the Cathedral following lunch at 2:00pm to return to Fredericton. **Those not travelling by bus are welcome to sign up for the lunch.**

### **"OUR SACRED STORIES - Conversion and Openness to All – A Community of Mercy**

We live in a world marked by a host of disruptions – violence and war, inequalities and poverty, injustice and threats. One of the results of these conditions is the movements of peoples they choose to migrate to escape these conditions. Perhaps more accurately, they choose to leave their homelands for the sake of their children and families. This migration poses challenges to those countries to which they move. Immigration makes demands on the host country to which they come. Are we open to those who come to be among us? Are we communities of mercy and support?

Of all the characteristics of Jesus that appear in the Gospels perhaps none loom so large as his openness, his compassion and his readiness to show mercy. Jesus is constantly giving life to others, especially those who are most in need. In doing so, Jesus lives the mission given to him – to bring the reign of God to reality in our world. Jesus presents the human face of God's love and mercy to all humanity, in every place and time.

To be a disciple of Jesus is to take up that same mission in the world in which we live. To be a disciple of Jesus is to reveal the face of God's love and mercy in the immediate world of our own experience.

When we live with love, compassion, and mercy in the ordinary relationships and experiences of our lives, we are living our mission – to reveal the presence and reality of God moving among us. Ours is a call to transform our world bit by bit into the dream that God has for all humanity.

Luke's Gospel account (Luke 14:1, 7-14) presents a story of Jesus accepting a dinner invitation from a leader of the Pharisees. He notes how people seem to be focused on the seating arrangement of the guests and encourages them not seek the highest places at table. However, the real indication of Jesus and his mission comes when he advises his host (and us) "invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind," a challenge to offer openness to all.

Throughout the Gospels, we see that the primary concern of Jesus is for the vulnerable ones, those whose condition gives them no advantage. He has an openness to those who need the support of those around them. There are so many stories of his openness, so many actions that welcomed and healed and forgave without measure. He is the model of God for us. Above all else in the Gospel we see Jesus as the one who reaches out to the lepers, the wounded, the hurting, the outcasts and the excluded. As his disciples, this is our mission too.

When we speak of mercy in the light of the Gospel, it is not pity, but the compassion, the openness and the love that marks our God. As church, we are challenged to a conversion based on such openness and love. Our Church seeks a new Pentecost, a conversion or better, a transformation as church. There are no outsiders in this Church, all are welcome.

As an experience of Pentecost, the Spirit calls for a conversion to mercy, real mercy that brings pardon and healing and openness to those who have for so long been excluded and marginalized. As disciples we are called to be a welcoming community. Such a Christian community is not just hospitable. It has vision and is ready to liberate and to open the door to the exiles, the outcasts, refugees of both our church and our world. What an opportunity and what a challenge! Truly the face of God, the presence of Jesus in our world.

### **St. Theresa's Church Choir Why join the Choir?**

- ✓ get more involved in our church
- ✓ try something new and meet new people
- ✓ grow faith through service to the Lord and our congregation

St. Theresa Choir is always looking for new members - singers, players, tech providers.

In Ordinary Time, we rehearse 1 hour per week, just prior to Sunday mass.

Interested? Please contact Andrew Lawlor at [manmachinepoem@icloud.com](mailto:manmachinepoem@icloud.com)

### **Back to Class Blessings**

Join us on the weekend of September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> for a special back to school blessing for all students and teachers (elementary, high school, college and university). Blessings will take place at each Mass.

### **PARISH BBQ & SOCIAL at St. Theresa's**



September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm St. Theresa's church is hosting a Parish BBQ & Social event. Mark your calendars and don't miss out as our parish community gathers for food, fun and friendship. The menu includes hot dogs, burgers, potato salad, chips, beverages and dessert.