

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday Jan 8th 2023 – Epiphany Of The Lord

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Churches & Mass Times



St. Anthony's Church

603 Union St.
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Saturdays at 4:00 pm



St. Patrick's Church

31 Main St.
Stanley, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 1:30 pm



St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Jan 10th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Joan Sherman

Wednesday Jan 11th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Bob Hunger

Thursday Jan 12th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Joseph McGuire


Mass Times & Intentions

Friday Jan 13th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Frank Donaher

Saturday Jan 14th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Mary Bowlen

Sunday Jan 15th 11: AM St. Theresa's - *Paul Leger*
– 1:30 PM St. Patrick's (Mass for the People)

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Weekly Collections			Website & Social Media	
	Jan 01, 2023	Dec 25, 2022	10 www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca	
Envelopes and Loose	\$793	\$6,921	Keep up to date on all activities, news and weather cancelations!	
Auto-Debit (Average)	1,987	2,044		
<i>sub total</i>	2,780	8,965		
Weekly Budget Needs	5,000	5,000		
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$2,220)	3,965		
Capital Infrastructure	4	165	@Ourladyofpeaceparishfredericton	
Special Collections	100	70		
Other (includes Christmas)	20	13,323		
<i>sub total</i>	124	13,558	Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070	
Total	\$2,904	22,523		
	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date		
Offertory	\$2,780	\$254,949		
Budget Needs	5,000	260,000		
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$2,220)	(\$5,051)		

From the Parish Office

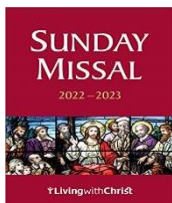
Your **2023** Offertory Envelopes have been labeled and delivered to each Parish Church and available to pick up. **PLEASE** take (only) envelopes with your name; which also include parishioners using the auto-debit option.



Some will have a new envelope number, assigned for 2023 in our Computer program. I ask you to please include your name and address on the first few used. If there is no box of envelopes assigned with your name please contact the office and a box will be prepared for you. I thank you in advance..... Irene.

.Sunday Missals

Missals are available at each of our Churches. Cost is \$5.00.



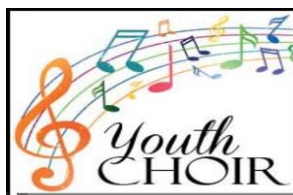
St. Anthony's Church
Irma Tucker
Offered by Brenda & Marc

St. Theresa's Church
Carney & Joan Heustis
Offered by Debbie Heustis

I KNOW MY SHEEP

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the "I Know My Sheep" census currently underway in the diocese. We're asking every family to fill out a card. If you haven't done so already, please complete one as soon as you are able. This information-gathering exercise is underway so the diocese can update records with current demographic changes and contact information. This will help ensure that the diocese can reach as many people as possible early next year in conducting a planning study for a potential capital campaign. Having updated information will also give parishes a better idea of their membership and hopefully improve communication with their parishioners. It only takes a few minutes to complete a card. These can be returned by placing them in the offertory basket or dropped off at the parish office or sent by mail. Thank you for your cooperation in this important effort.

YOUTH CHOIR:



Our Lady of Peace Parish Youth Choir will be practicing each Sunday following the 11:00 AM Mass 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM at St. Theresa's. All youth from kindergarten age and up are welcome to join at any time.

Faith Formation Update

Family Faith Formation ~ Our next Family Faith Formation session will be held on Sunday, January 22nd at 9:45 am in St. Theresa's Church Hall. Please note that this is a date change from our original schedule. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Prayers for Children and Youth Preparing for Sacraments ~ Please keep the 28 children and youth in our parish currently participating in Sacrament Preparation programs for Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation in your prayers. May God continue to bless, protect and guide them to increase their knowledge of God, so that they may grow in love for God and live out that love in their daily lives.

Events Happening Around our Community



Are you interested in making a real difference in the world? How about right here in your own community? Meals on wheels volunteers deliver a freshly prepared meal, a warm smile, and the reassurance that someone cares at a time in our neighbors' lives when they need it the most. Our clients include individuals who are elderly, disabled, or recovering from illness or surgery – people who otherwise would not be able to access the nutrition they need to live healthy, independent lives. For a small investment of your time, as often or as infrequently as you like, you can help make their lives a little easier. We deliver seven days a week, 365 days a year, so any time you can give – during the week or on the weekend will be gratefully received. The demand for our service is growing and so is the need for volunteers. We need drivers who can take on a regular route once a week, and we also need substitute drivers to fill in on an occasional basis. From start to finish, an hour and a half is about all the time it takes.

Won't you please consider helping out? For more info, call **458-9482**, or check out our web page: <http://frederictonmealsonwheels.ca>

Knights of Columbus Monthly Community Breakfast, Sunday, January 8th, 10:00AM to 1:00PM, 170 Regent Street. Adults: \$ 8.00, Children \$ 5.00, Family \$ 25.00. Eat in or take out. Everyone welcome!

Ministry Schedule Jan 14th & 15

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Janet Matheson, Betty MacNeil ,
Eucharistic Ministers		Deborah Allen, Mary Fitzpatrick
Alter Servers	Ken Harris	Joe Adimalor, Julia Paier, Vlad Gabe
Lector	Kelly Bowlen	Barry Miller
Sacristan		Bud Trevors

Our Sacred Stories Epiphany

The Quest for the Joy of God's Touch

Much of our life's energies is spent in meeting other people, building meaningful relationships that mark us – a life long project. In doing so, we discover that we are always seekers, searching for and discovering who these persons are and how we can share our lives with them. They may be friends, neighbours, colleagues, classmates and most especially life-long partners and spouses. One might say that this is the great quest in our lives.

Some ten years ago when Pope Francis was beginning his role as pope, he sought to lay out some directions for what he hoped to bring to our faith community and the world. He did so in a very readable apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*. This was the beginning of his quest for what he hoped he could nurture in our faith community. In doing this, he was following in the footsteps of our ancestors in the faith – the early disciples of Jesus the Christ and the gospel writers on whose stories we depend as Christians and church.

What those earliest Christians and evangelists received and passed on to us was what they saw as **good news**, gospel, to bring joy to all. This joy of God's touch is what Pope Francis seeks for faith community and for all humanity. "Gospel" and "joy" go together for the Christian faith. As Francis begins, he quotes his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (*E.G.* 7).

The great quest of our faith is the joy and hope that comes from discovering the relationship we can have with Jesus the Christ and through him with a loving God. As Pope Francis expresses it: "Thanks solely to this encounter – or renewed encounter – with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption.... For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?" (*E.G.* 8).

The Gospel writer Matthew tells the story of wise men from the East (Matt.2:1-12). This is a story of epiphany. The wise men are seekers, searching for the one who would fulfill their dreams. Their quest leads them to following their star. It would take them on a long and sometimes perilous journey. Periodically they would lose their way. In these times, we can only imagine how these seekers were discouraged or found themselves doubting their journey. With trust and faith, with a willingness to risk however, they recovered the star. It took them to the place of their dream, their hope fulfilled.

Matthew points out that these seekers were "overwhelmed with joy." In the simple scene of Bethlehem their quest was over. Touched by the hand of God they stood in amazement before the one they had been seeking. Paying homage through the gifts they gave, they offered themselves to the one they had been seeking.

The quest of these seekers is our own. It is our common journey of faith. It begins with hope and a dream. It takes us through challenges and doubts. There are times when the star we are following is clear and bright. At other times it is dim or even lost from sight. In the twists and turns that sometimes take us off course we seek help and direction. Our journey is filled with wandering, but also with occasions when we can be "overwhelmed with joy." This is what it is to be a seeker, discovering that we can stand in wonder at how God touches the moments of our life.

John Jennings
Feast of the Epiphany

