

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday February 18th 2024 –1st Sunday of Lent

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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 Feb 20th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Alexina Martin Violette

Wednesday Feb 21st St. Anthony's
Harold Kierstead

Thursday Feb 22nd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Vern Lucier

Friday Feb 23rd 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Peter Casey

Saturday Feb 24th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Herb Allen

Sunday Feb 25th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Mass for the People

Sunday Feb 25th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's
Kathleen Kohler

Upcoming Events

Feb 18th – CWL General Meeting 12:15 PM

Feb 25th – Family Faith Formation

March 1st- World Day of Prayer 2:00 PM

March 10th – Regional Reconciliation Service
3:00 PM St. Dunstan's

The Parish Office will be Closed on Monday 19th
Family Day Holiday

Confessions ½ hour before weekend Masses

For weekday Masses if School is cancelled
Masses will be cancelled.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

| Feb 11, 2024 | | Weekly | | Contributions | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|--|
| Offertory | \$ 5,288 | Offertory | \$ 5,288 | | |
| Capital Infrastructure | 45 | Budget Needs | (5,255) | | |
| Special Collections | 125 | Excess (Shortfall) | | \$ 33 | |
| Other | 374 | Year-to-Date | | | |
| Total Contributions | \$ 5,832 | Offertory | \$ 31,151 | | |
| | | Budget Needs | (31,530) | | |
| | | Excess (Shortfall) | | \$ (379) | |

Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. For all you do, THANK YOU!

Website & Social Media

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Keep up to date on all activities, news and weather cancelations!



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Office Numbers

Fr. Maria's 444-6070

Patty Cameron 444-6018

Ministry Schedule Feb 24th & Feb 25th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

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| Hospitality | Mona & Ray McCarthy | George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Manie, Rachelle & Ellie Pahati |
| Eucharistic Minister | Ken Harris | Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran |
| Altar Servers | Merla Spires | Al Adimalor, Lucas Daigle, Noah VanLeeuwen & Kevin Fernandez |
| Lector | Sue Inkster | Jeanette Cunningham & Betty Flanagan |
| Sacristan | | Debbie Heustis |

*This week the
Sanctuary
Candle
burns in memory of ...*

St. Anthony's Church
+ Anne Wrynn +
Offered by Allison

CWL Notices



St. Theresa's Catholic Women's League is hosting a Bridge Luncheon Wednesday February 21st, 2024 at Noon at St. Theresa's Church Hall Fredericton. Cost is \$60.00 per table. Storm date will be February 23, 2024 at 12:00PM. Please contact Betty MacNeil - 506-260-4680 to reserve your table.

CWL General Meeting

February 18th after Mass at 12:15 PM in the Anne Wrynn Hall. All ladies welcome to attend.

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 *

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church (1 hour) * If Mass is cancelled so is Adoration.

From the Parish Office Please ensure that all bulletin notices are submitted to the Parish office Thursday at noon at the latest. Your co-operation is very much appreciated in this matter.

World Day of Prayer will be held in two Fredericton locations.

Northside Location St. Theresa's on Friday March 1st at 2:00 pm. Refreshments to follow. Storm Date is Saturday March 2nd. At 2:00 pm.

Southside Location Brunswick Street Baptist Church, 161 York Street on Friday March 1st at 7:00 pm. Storm date is March 3rd at 2:00 pm. Refreshments to follow.

Available on wick.org on World Day of Prayer 2024



I would like to invite you to share this with your parishioners. Graydon will be giving a public lecture this Thursday, 7pm at STU Chapel, on his childhood on the native reserve and how his Catholic Faith helped him heal.

Blessings, Claire Morrison

Fraud Alert! ~ There have been reports that parishioners are receiving emails and text messages from someone claiming to be Fr. Maria. Please know that Fr. Maria would NEVER contact parishioners asking them to help with a private matter by purchasing gift cards for him. If you are unsure if an email or text message is legitimate please do not hesitate to contact the parish office before responding. There is no situation that can not wait until the office is open for verification.



Lenten Reflection Booklets ~ Lent Reflection Books for adults and families are available at each of the churches. Please be sure to pick one up to enrich your Lent experience this year.

Parish Living Lent Outreach ~ Each week this Lent we will be supporting a local organization. The list of organizations and their needs can be found in this week's bulletin insert, on our website and Facebook page. We will also post in the bulletin the collection for the following week. Donations will be collected only the weekends indicated and will be delivered to the organizations right away. Together we can make a difference in our community!

Welcome to The Catholic Parent! ~ We are excited to invite parents with children of all ages to join us for "The Catholic Parent" a video series created by Catholic Parents for Catholic Parents! This lighthearted six-episode series encourages moms and dads as they embrace their God-given role to form their kids in the Catholic faith. It features real parents telling real stories: Sunday Mass, praying as a family, Confession, sacrifice, generosity and more. This series is perfect for all parents and reflects the rich diversity of families in the church: small and large families, families with youth children and older children, and single parent families. Monday, February 26th, March 11th and March 25th at 7:00 pm in the meeting rooms at St. Theresia's Church. Each session will include two short videos, discussions, and time to connect with other parents to gain support for your unique faith journey. To register please call or email Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018.

The Story Continues! Season 2 of "The Chosen" ~ Join us Tuesday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm in the meeting rooms at St. Theresa's Church as we watch and discuss season 2 of The Chosen. The Chosen is a historical drama based on the life of Jesus and those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Palestine, the series shares an authentic look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

Regional Reconciliation Service ~ Sunday, March 10th at 3:00 pm at St. Dunstan's Church.

Parish Living Lent Outreach ~ Next week's Living Lent collection is for Transition House. Transition House provides a safe and confidential shelter for up to 19 women and their children in our community fleeing abuse. They need gift cards (any value) for Walmart, Giant Tiger, Superstore and Sobey's. Gift cards can be left in baskets at the back of the three churches and will be delivered to Transition House on Monday, February 19th. *Please see all items requested in this bulletins insert.*

Family Faith Formation ~ our next Family Faith Formation (Catechism) will be held on Sunday, February 25th starting at 9:30 am in the hall at St. Theresa's Church. All families with children in kindergarten to grade 7 are invited to attend.



Confirmation Youth - Coldest Night of the Year ~ It's cold out there. And on Saturday, February 24th, Our Lady of Peace Confirmation Preparation youth are going to do something about it. Together with thousands of Canadians across the country, we're walking and fundraising to support and serve people and families experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger in our community. To support them in their goal, parishioners can sponsor one of our youth at <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1012431>.

Thank you for your support!

Symbol for the First Sunday of Lent - Bread

In the gospel accounts of the Last supper, Jesus calls, (not simply invites) those at the table to share in the breaking of bread. The bread is unleavened. This action and His words are part of every mass.

Fredericton North Heritage invites you to a presentation titled, **The Kingsclear Vesesmoks (Stars): Were They Canada's First Organized Indigenous Hockey Team in 1904** by Roger Nason, a researcher and local historian. All are welcome to attend, Tuesday, February 20th, at 2pm in the St. Mary's Church Hall, 780 McEvoy St. Refreshments served.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity



Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

Our transformative work is possible **thanks to the generosity and support of our members** and Canadians who stand by us. **Join the movement** of over 12,000 members and help us bring our

campaigns to life in your community. Visit devp.org/membership.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP

Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!

Our Lady of Peace Parish, in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency, is pleased to announce that a tax preparation clinic will be provided (**Free of Charge**) to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation. Due to **COVID** concerns, all sessions will be performed **non-contact means**.

The tax preparation service will commence **March, 2024**.

Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment** to prepare your income tax and benefit returns.

The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex situations** such as: returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business rental income or expenses.

Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton (unavailable from March 19 to April 3rd)** for further information at 506-261-7600 or email lintons21@outlook.com.

Book Signing

Please join author Mary Ryan, for a book signing of her newly published book, "Wading Into Life's Changing Tides". Mary's book will be available for purchase at the book signing (at a cost of \$20). Net book proceeds of book sales will go to senior initiatives.

When: March 1st, 2024 from 1 PM - 3 PM

Where: Regent Hall, Parkland Fredericton, 45 Patience Lane, Fredericton (light refreshments and music are part of the event). Mary's shares her personal experience living in a long-term care community. It brings attention to the transition that older adults go through adjusting to their new environment.

For those who can't attend but still wish to obtain more information or order a book, please email: [maryryanauthor@gmail](mailto:maryryanauthor@gmail.com)

Employment Opportunity: St. Mary Magdalene Parish has an immediate opening for a Secretary-Bookkeeper. The position is full-time, Monday-Friday, 35 hours per week. Duties include reception, communication (i.e. social media, website management, bulletins), and general office responsibilities. Skills required include interpersonal communication, advanced computer proficiency, intimate knowledge of MS Office products, and working with database software. Must be able to work independently in an environment subject to frequent interruptions. Salary will be commensurate with the position. Please submit resume to office@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca.

Employment Opportunity at St. Dunstan's:

Now Hiring - Building Attendant for St. Dunstan's Church and the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. This is a Casual position, starting immediately. Please contact Mike at the Parish Office for a copy of the job description and more details. Work hours subject to change.



Our Lady of Peace Parish Living Lent 2024 Outreach

This Lent, Our Lady of Peace Parish will be supporting the following local organizations by collecting needed items. Each weekend items will be collected and delivered to the organization on Monday.

| Date | Organization | Collection |
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| 2nd Week of Lent Sunday, February 25 th | Transition House | Gift cards (any value). Walmart, Giant Tiger, Superstore and Sobey's. <i>Please no Tim Horton's cards.</i> |
| 3rd Week of Lent Sunday, March 3 rd | Fredericton Community Kitchen | Large cans of coffee. |
| 4th Week of Lent Sunday, March 10 th | The 12 Neighbours Community | Cash donations. Donation jars at each church. |
| 5th Week of Lent Sunday, March 17 th | Fredericton Food Bank | Canned spaghetti sauce and dry pasta. |
| 6th Week of Lent Sunday, March 24 th | Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital Social Work Department | Gas gift cards - \$20 or \$25 value |

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Our Sacred Stories

Our Desert Journey: Lent 2024

When I was young, Lent was about what I was going to give up – candy, movies. Later it took on something like the New Years resolution – what can I do to become better at something. Certainly, that is an improvement. But perhaps there is more. Our observance of Lent has its origins in the early Christian church and is associated with the sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and

Eucharist. These sacraments of welcome generally would take place at Easter. From the earliest of times, Christians developed a process for welcoming new member into the community. When the person was ready to ask for baptism at Easter, there was a final short, more intense period of prayer, fasting and good works. This was Lent – a time of transformation, of conversion.

A scriptural image of this period of intense prayer and fasting and discovery of mission is found in the Gospels. We see it in the desert experience of Jesus. Mark's version of this is brief (1:12-15). After his baptism, Jesus ventured into the desert. There, he searched for where the Spirit was leading him. He struggled with temptations. In that desert, Jesus found his call as well as his mission. Filled with the Spirit, he came out of the desert proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom.

Lent every year is our desert experience, a time to rediscover our connection with our loving parent God. In the desert of Lent we step back and look at where we are in our journey, our personal Camino. We have been baptized into Christ. What does this really mean for us? How does being members of this community of faith affect us and direct our journey, personally and but also as a community? We do this every year. But this year may be especially significant.

This past October, 2023, our Church embarked on a Synod. Representatives from our global church, lay and clerical, women and men, gathered for three weeks in Rome. They engaged in a process of consultation regarding our faith journey as a global church in the midst our world today. This was the first assembly of the Synod. The second will take place in October of this year, 2024. We are now in the middle of our journey. Local churches, i.e. dioceses and their parishes around the world are asked to spend time in prayer, reflection and open conversation on how we can be a synodal church listening to one another and focused on the mission we have been given as a Christian community.

Perhaps, Lent 2024 is a call to each of us and all of us in our parish communities. We are now being called to enter on a journey that recognizes the many voices, questions, issues and views that our faith must encounter in our time. This is the desert experience we have today. Like Jesus's desert, we are challenged to see where we are called and what our mission is in the 21st century. Like Jesus we are called to take up this mission with prayerful respect, openness and discernment together.

Pope Francis set this course for our Church as he began his journey as bishop of Rome and Pope, in 2013. He issued what is called an Apostolic Exhortation titled: *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*. In doing so, he expressed the fundamental message of the Good News for all – the message of Jesus the Christ.

The Synod in which we are now involved calls us with his words: *"I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation. The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light: as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself.* (EG 27) During this Lent, our desert calls us to reflect and discern our ways of becoming true disciples and missionaries of the Good New in 2024.

John Jennings
1st Sunday of Lent



DIOCESE OF SAINT JOHN

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Office of the Bishop

February 12, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2022, our diocese participated in the local phase of the Synod on Synodality, which culminated in a diocesan report that was sent to the Atlantic Episcopal Assembly in May 2022 for the Atlantic Region Report. During that process, what emerged was the common desire to participate as members of the Church in discerning the will of the Holy Spirit. We committed as a diocese to discerning a path forward that builds on this foundation of Synodality, encouraging and supporting parishes to continue engaging the faithful in ongoing conversations rooted in prayer that will open hearts to the will of God for parishes, the diocese, and the Universal Church.

Since that time, we have worked diligently to share the Gospel of Jesus, paying particular attention to the themes that were identified during that process. We have been building up youth ministry by sending a large group of young people to Steubenville Atlantic last summer, hosting follow-up youth rallies in both Saint John and the Miramichi, and supporting parish youth groups. A diocesan World Youth Day event was held on the Solemnity of Christ the King, and from this, a young adults initiative was born to help form youth leaders in the diocese under the direction of our new Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation, Jim Anderson. Jim will also be working with lay leaders including our Religious Education Coordinators and Catechists at the parish level, forming and equipping them for mission as spirit-filled evangelizers.

We are currently participating in a pilot project of the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) which helps to support priests in their role as pastors by offering leadership formation and support. And we continue the important work of casting vision throughout the diocese, drawing people into a deeper encounter with Jesus in the Church by sharing and living out our diocesan mission: *Led by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel and the Eucharist, we are called to raise up disciples who are joyfully living out the mission, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, and making disciples of others.*

The work of Synodality continues! In this next phase, dioceses are being invited to reflect on the Synthesis Report published in October 2023 (available on our diocesan website, <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/synod-2021-2023>) and to prepare contributions for the final session of the Synod in October 2024. For the next step in the overall synod process, the Holy See has requested that these reflection sessions involve a more focused number of participants to reflect on specific themes from the Synthesis Report that are of particular relevance to the local church. These more focused discussions build upon the broad consultation of the earlier Synod on Synodality listening events held in 2022.

To that end, each parish will each be inviting 2-3 key leaders to attend two Synod Reflection Sessions to prayerfully engage the following themes in the context of our diocesan mission: *Church is Mission* (theme #8) and *A Synodal Approach to Formation* (theme #14). These sessions will take place during the first two weeks of March. Participants will be people of prayer with a heart for the Church (priests, parish leaders, leaders of synodal teams, and youth in particular) who express a variety of experiences, skills, charisms, ministries within the People of God. This process, which relies on the Conversation in the Spirit method emphasized in theme #2 of the Synthesis Report, will be useful in training parish leaders to listen and discern in their own important decisions at the local level. It will also provide a useful tool for our diocese as we continue the work of listening to the Spirit in the visioning process in the coming year.

As we engage in this next phase it is important to take seriously the words of Pope Francis that “the Synod is about synodality, and not about this or that theme...the important thing is how the reflection is done, that is, in a synodal way.” With hearts wide open to the Holy Spirit, we entrust our diocese to Our Lady in the sure hope that through this important work, the Lord will help us truly grow as a listening Church. Please join me in praying for all who will participate.

United in prayer and mission,



✠ Christian Riesbeck, CC
Bishop of Saint John

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