

# OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

*"Three Churches One Faith Community"*

## BULLETIN

Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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 8:45 am



**St. Theresa's Church**

1 William St.  
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Online Mass

Sunday at 11:00 via Facebook Live

#### FORMED Tutorial

September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via Zoom

#### Adoration

September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am - St. Anthony's Church

#### Adoration

September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am - St. Theresa's Church

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church**

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**Wednesday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church**

Michael Cunningham

**Thursday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church**

Ray LeBlanc

**Friday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church**

Paul Frenette

**Saturday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church**

Julie Toner

**Sunday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am - St. Patrick's Church**

All Students and Teachers Returning to School

**Sunday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church**

Sharon Taylor

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

### OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

#### Weekly Offertory – August 23, 2020

Sunday Contributions:	\$2,556.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$2,029.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,585.00</b>
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,860.00
<b>Excess (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$1,276.00)</b>
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 85.00
Special Collections:	\$
Other:	\$ 35.00

#### Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$172,858.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$199,240.00</u>
<b>Excess (Shortfall):</b>	<b>(\$ 26,382.00)</b>
Information inquires should be directed to:	
Frank O'Donnell 472-0145	
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener	
472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)	

### WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

[www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

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



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

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COME AND STAY WITH ME

Our Lady of Peace is renowned for parish nursing, charities, support to food bank, and volunteers to community kitchen and so on. But what we do must flow from who we are – people of faith, prayer and adoration to the Blessed Sacrament.

Our bishop Christian encourages his priests in the diocese and the parishes to offer Eucharistic adoration on weekly basis. Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament is not something new. It is a centuries old practice rooted in an essential teaching of the Catholic Church. Jesus is truly and completely present in the Eucharist.

Our pastoral team decided to introduce the Eucharistic adoration in St. Antony and St. Theresa church sites just half hour before Masses on Thursday and Friday. I hope you may be able to take part in the adoration.

Pope Francis once said, we must each respond wholeheartedly to Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, quoting to the Gospel scenes beginning with the wise men who fell down to worship the infant Jesus. In the same way the Church teaches that, "all the faithful of Christ must venerate this holy sacrament with the worship which is due to the true God. For in it we believe that the same God is present whom the eternal Father brought into the world, saying 'Let all the angels of God worship Him' (Heb. 1:6), whom the Magi fell down to worship (cf Mt 2:11) and whom finally, the apostles adored in Galilee as Scripture testifies (cf Mt 28:17). Let us be generous to meet our Lord Jesus in the adoration.

### Our Lady of Peace Parish

#### Eucharistic Adoration Beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>

Thursdays at 9:30 at St. Anthony's Church  
Fridays at 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church



You are asked to wear a mask as you approach the church buildings. **Only when Mass has started you may remove your mask while you are seated.**

We will continue to maintain the 6-foot distance while sitting in pews so that parishioners can remove their masks during Mass.

***Thank you for your continued cooperation!***



## Online Mass Times

Sunday at 11:00 am  
Facebook Live

*Recording of Mass will be posted on our website for those who can't access Facebook.*

### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen*

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION IN CHURCH PARKING LOTS

To provide Communion to those parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person we will have distribution of Holy Communion this Sunday at:

#### St. Theresa's Church after Mass to 12:15 pm

We encourage our parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person to watch Mass at home online at 11:00 am and then make their way to one of the church sites if they wish to receive Communion.



### OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH Reconciliation Times

Fr. Maria is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the following times:

Saturdays at 3:30 pm at St. Anthony's Church  
Sundays at 8:30 am at St. Patrick's Church  
Sundays at 10:20 am at St. Theresa's Church

Or you may call the office to make an appointment.

**FORMED Tutorial** ~ Join Patty on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for an online tutorial and tour of FORMED. Learn how to sign up, navigate the site and see examples of the great content available. Please email [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) to receive a Zoom link to join.

We are working hard to find ways to bring back parish activities in the fall while working within public health guidelines to keep parishioners safe. Our methods of delivery or locations may change but our goal is to keep Our Lady of Peace Parish the vibrant community it has always been. Watch the bulletin, parish website and Facebook page for information on parish activities, including parish nursing as they become available.

## Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



**Who will you invite?** Alpha is an ecumenical program. It is perfect place to discuss the big questions of life. Introduce people to God or renew your own relationship with Jesus. **Our next course will start Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**The Wild Goose: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit** ~ Beginning Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. This faith formation study focusing on the Holy Spirit in our lives will meet online bi-weekly.

Registration is now open for both programs!  
To register please email:  
[pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

## PARISH GIVING

In addition to our parish envelope and auto debit program, parishioners are able to use E-Transfers for their parish giving.

E-Transfers can be done through on-line banking with your financial institution. Please send to **olpdonations@gmail.com**. If you need to add a secure question, please use:

- “What is this donation for?” and the answer “ourladyofpeace”

**If you have any questions, please contact the parish office for assistance.**

*“Jesus teaches us another way: Go out. Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as spirit.”*

*Pope Francis*



**Online registration for Kindergarten to Grade 8 Religious Formation and Confirmation Preparation (Grade 9) is now open!**

After receiving parent feedback, the parish has decided to proceed with a combination online/in person program this fall. Details can be found on our website.

**Families from ALL three churches are invited to register and join!** Please note that to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist and Confirmation children and youth must be registered and attending sessions beginning in the fall. Feel free to pass this information on to any families that may be interested.

To register go to  
[www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

**Early registration will help us prepare materials and volunteers.**



## Patty's Pick of the Week on FORMED Movie Recommendation

**Molokai** ~ Based on a true story, this drama focuses on Father Damien, a priest from Belgium who takes up a post at a Hawaiian leprosy settlement. Appalled by the conditions that he finds the lepers living in, Damien works tirelessly to aid the stricken people. Making the colony more habitable, Damien tries to act as a spiritual guide for the beleaguered islanders, always selflessly putting the well-being of others first.

**What Our Lady of Peace parishioners are saying about FORMED.** “I watched “Presence” on the FORMED app. It was wonderful to watch and listen to sitting on the back deck. Stopping to think about what was just said or have it repeated as need be. What a gift this is. I especially appreciate the Biblical Foundation with Dr. Tim Gray. This is a wonderful gift from this parish.” Theresa D.

To sign up for FORMED please visit the parish website at [www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca).

**Have you tried FORMED yet? Let us know what you have enjoyed on FORMED!**

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> TO SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

	St. Anthony's – Tuesday @ 7:00 pm	St. Theresa's – Wednesday @ 7:00 pm
<b>Screeners/Ushers</b>	Denyse Smart Elizabeth Walsh Marilyn Brennan	
<b>Lector</b>	John Walsh	Betty MacNeil
	St. Anthony's – Thursday @ 10:00 am	St. Theresa's – Friday @ 12:00 pm
<b>Screeners/Ushers</b>	Merla Spires Ken Harris Sue Inkster	Mary Billings Patty Cameron
<b>Lector</b>	Ken Harris	Margot Parker
	St. Anthony's – Saturday at 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's – Sunday at 11:00 am
<b>Screeners/Ushers</b>	Mary Feener Bonnie Bowlen Vicky Knight	Mary Fitzpatrick Michele McCann Martin Colford
<b>Lector</b>	Kelly Bowlen	Barry Miller

## The Cost of Being a Christian

Bubbles, ... physical distancing, masks – Covid 19 has given us many new experiences, some more challenging than others. I have to admit, those measures which have impeded socializing are the most difficult of all. Why do we take on those restrictions on what we have for so long seen as normal behavior? We do so for the sake of others, not to protect ourselves. They are sacrifices made for those we love and even for the strangers who come into our lives.

Selfless commitment and sacrifice play a huge role in human life and happiness, perhaps more than we normally might expect. The married couple, each of whom sets aside their own desires and preferences for the sake of the other certainly shows commitment born in love. The parents who give up their own comfort and wants for the good of their children can often be heroic in their sacrifices. Examples such as this, small and great surround our life experiences. In each of them we can see something of what it means to “pay the price” for what we believe. Committed love calls for sacrifice.

It is such selfless commitment that is called for in Christian discipleship. It is the *cost of discipleship*. One cannot live as a disciple of Jesus without making a commitment in love that has demands on our time, talent and treasure. It asks much of us to live as a disciple of Jesus whose sacrifice was so great.

In the Gospel of this Sunday (Matt.16:21-27), we hear Jesus tell his disciples that he is to face suffering and death. He also reassures them that he will rise again. His selfless commitment to sacrifice himself for us will ultimately lead to resurrection. That is, through his commitment he will bring life.

As Matthew relates this story, we hear Jesus tell his disciples that they are called to do as he does. They will follow him: *If anyone wants to become my follower, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me* (Matt.16:24). Jesus call for sacrifice, a willingness to give of ourselves. We disciples are asked to have the same commitment to love as he showed. In doing so, we, like Jesus have the power to bring life to others and to our world. But it does make demands of us. Being Christian is not just about receiving. More important is our willingness to give, to offer our own life, time, energy and attention for the Gospel.

But isn't this commitment and dedication what is asked of us in any life-giving relationship. In all our friendships, our marriages, our families and so many other relationships there is a call for commitment and a call for setting ourselves aside for the sake of the other person. It is this self-giving that brings life to our relationships and allows them to continue and grow. As we grow in life, we discover that *it is not all about me*. Every relationship is richer and more life-filled when we sacrifice for the other. It is the cost of relationship. It is the cost of discipleship. In paying this cost, we become the spirit of Jesus in our world and what a difference we can make!

**Reflection Question ~ What are some specific, practical things I can do to express my commitment and dedication as a disciple of Jesus?**

*John Jennings*