

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

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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 March 5th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Joan Sherman

Wednesday March 6th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Vocations to Priesthood

Thursday March 7th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Alexina Martin Violette

Friday March 8th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Parnell Grant

Saturday March 9th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Annie & Donald Rediker

Sunday March 10th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Mass fir the People

Sunday March 10th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's
Elizabeth Quinn

Upcoming Events

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

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

Confessions ½ hour before weekend Masses

Please keep the family of Fr. Maurice Swift in your Prayers. Fr. Swift passed away Feb 27th. Obituary can be found on line Hogg Funeral Home Minto.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Feb 25, 2024		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	\$ 4,926	Offertory	\$ 4,926		
Capital Infrastructure	95	Budget Needs	(5,255)		
Special Collections	45	Excess (Shortfall)		\$ (329)	
Other	30	Year-to-Date			
Total Contributions	\$ 5,096	Offertory	\$ 41,250		
		Budget Needs	(42,040)		
		Excess (Shortfall)		\$ (790)	

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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Ministry Schedule March 9th & March 10th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson, Elaine Read
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Betty MacNeil & Mary Fitzpatrick
Altar Servers	Bonnie Bowlen	Reign Bonaventura, Will Horsley, Lucas Daigle, Noah VanLeeuwen & Luke McDonald
Lector	Ken Harris	Pam Shields & Darren Richard
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey



St. Anthony's Church
+ Rita Caissie Morgan +
 Offered by Irene Jewett

St. Theresa's Church
+ Rebecca Savage +
 Shelia Gillespie

CWL Notices

ACTION

As a Catholic Women's League member, you are part of an organization of women who act through prayer, faith development, ministry, service, education and advocacy on social justice issues. Choose your action. Join us today.

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.

Lent



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 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!

Next week's collection is cash donations to support The 12 Neighbours Community. The 12 Neighbours Community provides safe, affordable and permanent housing in their tiny home community, offers personal development support and progressive employment opportunities that help people learn grow and succeed in re-entering the workforce. Look for donations jars at each of our churches. Together we can make a difference in our community.

Living Lent Collection Update ~ Thank you to everyone who donated to last weekend's Living Lent collection for Transition House. Together we donated **\$1,530.00** in gift cards, plus an additional 14 cards without unknown amounts.

Welcome to The Catholic Parent! ~We are excited to invite parents to join us for "The Catholic Parent" a video series created by Catholic Parents for Catholic Parents! This lighthearted series encourages moms and dads as they embrace their God-given role to form their kids in the Catholic faith. Join us for our next sessions on March 11th, and March 25th at 7:00 pm in the meeting rooms at St. Theresa's Church.

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. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

Invitation to “Introduction to the Synod on Synodality” ~ In October 2023, Pope Francis opened the first session of a synod in Rome with 365 delegates from around the world in attendance. The second session will begin in October 2024. Father John Jennings is offering an introductory overview of what the synod is about and what it can mean for all members of the Catholic community on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm in the meetings at St. Theresa’s Church. For those unable to attend at this time you are invited to take advantage of the same session being offered on Wednesday, March 13th at 10:00 am in the Mary Sullivan at the Msgr. Boyd Family Center.

Development and Peace Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria



Nigeria is Africa’s largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers’ rights and helps protect their lands. To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our [Mini-magazine](#) and watch the video at devp.org/lent.

Coldest Night of the Year Thank You! ~ A big thank you to Our Lady of Peace Confirmation Youth and leaders who participated in last weekend’s Coldest Night of the Year event to support the John Howard Society. Our youth raised \$770.00 and walked through our downtown area in solidarity and support of our community’s most vulnerable. Thank you to everyone who supported our team with donations and well wishes.

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.

The **Knights of Columbus (Council No. 8654)** wish to thank the parishioners of *Our Lady of Peace Parish* for their overwhelming support of our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. All the proceeds of our fundraisers go to sponsor Council and Parish initiatives. Again, your support is truly appreciated.

St. Patrick’s CWL

March 10, at St Patrick’s church after 1:30 Mass , we will have a short presentation about CWL , with Leslie Carr and Madonna, to help us with our decision whether to disband our council or not. ALL LADIES WELCOME

Men of Faith Retreat: A Call to Prayer and Discernment Saturday, March 23, 2024, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

\$75.00 includes lunch, supper, and an evening social.

For travellers or anyone wishing to extend their retreat experience, overnight accommodations are available for Friday and/or Saturday evenings for an additional \$75/night Villa Madonna Retreat House, 115 Villa Madonna Road, Rothesay, Open to all men in the Diocese of Saint John ages 19+ yrs.

Register on-line (Deadline for registration is Sunday, March 7): <https://forms.office.com/r/eRYCgL2pWv?origin=1prLink>

....Our Sacred Stories - Our Covenant of Love with God

What is our relationship with God? In ancient times, there was often an attitude of bargaining or exchange with God. This was the attitude which lay behind the practice of offering sacrifice. Such sacrifices of animals, crops or other gifts were a way of dealing with God. In exchange for the offerings, God would care for and protect the one who sacrificed. This was the role of what we see in the Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple was a concrete sign that God dwells among God's People. It represented the relationship between God and the People of God.

For Israel, this relationship was much like a marriage. It was seen as a covenant relationship in which each expressed its commitment to the other. The Old Testament is filled with many examples of such agreements. But the great covenant for Israel was the one founded on Mount Sinai during the Exodus from Egypt. God who had chosen Israel, liberated and led them from slavery in Egypt, through the desert of Sinai to a new land.

In the course of this journey, Israel became aware of the special relationship that they had with this saving God. They recognized themselves as special, a people saved from bondage by their God and held in a covenant relationship with this God. In response to their liberation, the People's call is related in the Book of Exodus, more explicitly in Exodus chapter 19 – 20 on Mount Sinai. This is Israel's responsibility in their covenant with God.

The awareness of the covenant relationship evolves over time like any relationship, and we see this evolution expressed later in the Old Testament in the words of some of the prophets. Perhaps one of the most significant growths of the covenant relationship comes with Jeremiah, who looks ahead to a new covenant for God's People. He indicates that it will not be like the covenant made at Sinai on tablets of stone: "This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel... I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people (Jer.31:33)".

In the person of Jesus, we have this new covenant represented. It is a covenant that creates an open relationship with God. Jesus's death and resurrection is the sacrifice of the new covenant, replacing the sacrifices of the Temple. These sacrifices were like prices and costs constantly having to be paid as a sign that the people's relationship with God was a part of a bargain.

In John's Gospel (Jn.2:13-25) we find the story of Jesus' cleansing the Temple. It is a story that sometimes surprises us as we see Jesus expressing upset at what he finds there. John tells the story as a lead into seeing our relationship with God in a new light. For Israel, the Temple was the sign and symbol of God's presence in their midst. It was the place of sacrifice to God. As Jesus speaks to the people in the Temple, he redirects their attention from the physical Temple building to himself as the Temple. The Gospel account points out that this all came to make sense to the disciples after the Resurrection.

Jesus then, becomes the sign of God's presence among us. He represents a new way of seeing our relationship with God. God's care and love is not dependent on what we offer to God. It is not affected by sacrifices we might present. It is not the result of bargaining with God. Our relationship with God is a free and unconditional gift from God. We do not have to bargain or win God's love and we cannot lose it. It is always there for us. The response is to accept this love in all its expressions and to honour the giver of all life.

Pope Francis has expressed this sentiment in many ways. Not the least of these is in his encyclical *Laudato Si. Encyclical on Climate Change & Inequality* (2015). As he begins this appeal "On the Care of Our Common Home", he emphasizes that the earth is our indeed our "common home" and we have a shared interest and responsibility for it and for all creatures with whom we share this "home". Further, he points out that we are not left to our own devices in this. He holds that God who created all out of love, continues to love what he has created. He points out: "The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home (LS. 13)." We are Temple of God's making, the object of God's Love.

John Jennings

3rd Sunday of Lent

Knights of Columbus

Community Breakfast: Sunday, March 10th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Proceeds going to Family Faith Formation's students' trip to Steubenville Atlantic in Halifax. Everyone welcome.

For your convenience all tax receipts that have not been picked up will be available at the **Parish Office.**