

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

BULLETIN

Sunday, December 15th - 3rd Sunday of Advent

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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

December 15th

Caroling for Canned Goods - St. Theresa's
Everyone Welcome!

December 19th

An Advent Pause with Sr. Karen - St. Anthony's

December 20th

Touched by Cancer Mass - St. Anthony's

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 17th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's
Azarias Doucet

Wednesday, December 18th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's
Rinette Sirois

Wednesday, December 18th 2:00 pm - Nashwaak Villa

Thursday, December 19th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's
Veronique Fournier

Friday, December 20th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's
Oliver Legere

Saturday, December 21st 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's
Carlotta Everett

Sunday, December 22nd 8:45 am - St. Patrick's
Patsy McAloon

Sunday, December 22nd 11:00 am - St. Theresa's
Jim Noble

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Collection Total = \$8,101.09

	St. Anthony's	St. Patrick's	St. Theresa's
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,075.00	\$ 465.00	\$1,364.00
Loose Collection	\$ 389.65	\$ 5.00	\$ 239.70
Auto Debit	\$ 668.81	\$ 25.00	\$1,215.74
Capital Infrastructure	\$ 637.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 525.00
Special Collections	\$ 56.00	\$ 15.00	\$
Donation	\$	\$	\$ 250.00
Total	\$3,826.46	\$ 590.00	\$3,594.44

WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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



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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our Lady of Peace Parish Advent Schedule

Sunday, December 15th

Regional Advent Reconciliation Service @ 3:00 pm - St. Dunstan's

Sunday, December 15th

Caroling for Canned Goods @ 6:30 pm - St. Theresa's

Thursday, December 19th

An Advent Pause with Sr. Karen @ 7:00 pm - St. Anthony's

Friday, December 20th

Touched by Cancer Mass @ 7:00 pm - St. Anthony's

*This week Our Lady of Peace Parish
Sanctuary Lamps are lit for:*

St. Anthony's

St. Patrick's

St. Theresa's



ONLINE ADVENT RESOURCES

Are you looking for a way to deepen your Advent experience this year? Here are some great online resources:

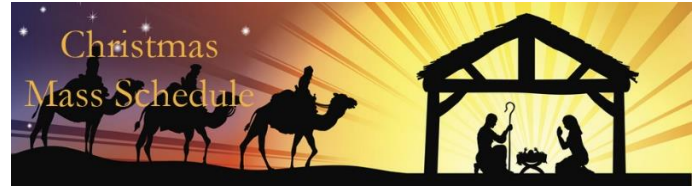
- www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent
- www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent
- Busted Halo Digital Advent Calendar - www.bustedhalo.com

*Thank
you*

To all who came together in their respective diversity to celebrate Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe "Patroness of all the Americas" and National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

*Happy
Birthday!*

*Birthday Blessings
To Fr. Martin celebrating
his birthday
on December 14th!*



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - St. Anthony's * 5:30 pm - St. Theresa's
7:00 pm - St. Anthony's * 8:30 pm - St. Theresa's
10:30 pm St. Patrick's

Christmas Day

9:00 am - St. Anthony's * 11:00 am - St. Theresa's

Coming in January!

Walking Toward Eternity: Daring to Walk the Walk Study Program (Adult Faith Formation)

An inspiring series designed to help participants live their faith more fully. This study introduces 7 Key Virtues and taking the steps to live them in your life. Beginning the 3rd week of January. To register please contact Patty Cameron at 444-6070 or pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca Sessions times will depend on the amount of people registered. Daytime and Evening options will be considered.



Parish Senior Taxi Service ~ If you or someone you know is having trouble getting to and from Mass (St.

Anthony's or St. Theresa's) or any Parish activities please take advantage of our Senior Taxi Service. Just call Loyal Taxi at 455-6789. They will pick you up and deliver you to the church. Just sign a chit. **Please feel free to use this service if you drive and are not comfortable driving night to parish activities.**

2020 Our Lady of Peace Parish Envelopes ~ Parish envelopes are now available at the back of each church. Please take the envelope with your name printed on the label. This box has been assigned to you and the information will be used for your tax receipt. If you can not find your envelopes please call the parish office before taking a box of unlabeled envelopes. **Please do not use 2020 envelopes until the New Year.**

St. Theresa's Christmas Ministries ~ The Christmas ministry sign-up sheet for St. Theresa's is located on the bulletin board outside of the crying room.

Kindergarten to Grade 8 ~ This Sunday, December 15th is our last class before Christmas. Classes will return on Sunday, January 12th.



Caroling for Canned Good

Confirmation Candidates will be spreading some Christmas cheer and gathering food items for the Fredericton

Food Bank in the neighbourhood behind St. Theresa's on Sunday, December 15th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We are inviting all parishioners of Our Lady of Peace, young and the young at heart to come and join us. We would love to have some extra voices!

Annual Catechist Retreat "Christianity...a way of life not a religion...Pass on Our Story" ~ with Fr. Eugene (Red) O'Reilly. Villa Madonna January 24th to 26th. Cost \$175 (includes meals and accommodations). **Open to all ministries.** For further information contact Margot McAloon-Parker 444-6025 or fredreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org

Community Christmas Concert ~ In memory of Margaret Flynn and her gifts of music and spirit to the community of Stanley. Sunday, December 22nd at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, 26 English Settlement Rd., Stanley. Come share the joy of Christmas! There will be a free will offering of non-perishable food items or cash gift for the Just Friends Food Bank. Enjoy some time for fellowship and tea & sweets.

Adoration at St. Dunstan's Church ~ Fredericton Catholic Young Adults Group will be hosting its monthly Adoration event, SOURCE, at St Dunstan's Church on December 20th at 7:00 to 8:30 PM. This intimate, yet powerful evening will be full of reflections, music, and priests available for Confession. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please contact Jamey at 455-2593 or neil.guerrero@gmail.com."

Welcome Community Walkers ~ We hope to see you at the Stanley School Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. 8:30 to 9:30 am. Sign in at office, indoor sneakers, water, music if needed or your gift of gab! No walking during school closures, holidays.

2020 Sunday Missals ~ Last week to purchase your 2020 Missal at St. Anthony's.

St. Anthony's Bingo - December 18th Prizes!

Sputnick \$1,197.00 + Jackpot \$850.00 + Lucky Seven \$271.00 + Letter H \$523.00 + Loonie \$?? +

Wednesdays - Early Bird at 6:30 pm and Regular Games at 7:30 pm

**PARISH NURSING MINISTRY
Activity Schedule**

- Yoga** - Will return on Monday, January 20th.
- Zumba Gold** - Will return in the New Year!
- Knitting** - Will return in the New Year!
- Quilting** - Will return on Wednesday, January 8th.
- Book Clubs** - Monday, January 13th at 7:00 pm St. Theresa's and Tuesday, January 14th at 11:00 am at St. Anthony's.
- Sunday Night Music Lessons/Jam Session** - Will return in the New Year!
- Painting** – Will return in the New Year!

Aquacise - At the Fredericton Indoor Pool.

Aquatic Exercise Fall Schedule

Aquatic Stretching

Monday to Friday 11:30 am to 12:15 pm

Aquacise

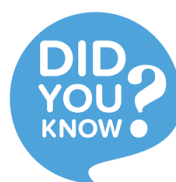
Monday/Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Tuesday/Thursday 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Tuesday/Thursday 8:15 to 9:15 pm

Senior Exercise Swim

Monday to Friday 11:30 am to 12:30 pm



Our Lady of Peace Parish Nursing Ministry has arranged for parishioners to participate in the Aquatic Stretching, Aquacise and Senior Exercise Swim programs at the Fredericton Indoor Pool free of charge. Sign in at the front desk.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF DEC. 21ST & DEC. 22ND

St. Anthony's - Saturday @ 4:00 pm

St. Theresa's - Sunday @ 11:00 am

Sacristan			Rochelle Ivey	
Hospitality	Gerry White	Ernie Adams	Mary Billings	
Altar Servers	Ken Harris		Amanda Knowles	Will Horsley
Lectors	Allison Wrynn	Sue Inkster	Betty MacNeil	Jeannette Cunningham
Eucharistic Ministers	Greg Feener	Pam Corby	Deborah Allen Ann Mitchell	Bette Miles Betty Flanagan
Gift Bearers	Mona & Ray McCarthy			

Being a People of Hope and Joy

The joy and the hope, the grief and the anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joy and the hope, the grief and the anguish of the followers of Christ as well.

These are the opening words of Vatican II's *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*. The words represent a description of who we are as Catholic Christians. This joy and this hope are the characteristics that we called to bring into our world and share with all humanity.

I recall a picture my niece Maureen sent of her new daughter, Bridget. Bridget was her first child and only 6 weeks old. What a smile, toothless but beautiful and... expressive. Bridget obviously could not speak yet, but her smile said a lot. She was a picture of joy and not afraid to show it.

We all need joy. And such joy deserves to be revealed and expressed. Bridget revealed that basic joy that rests in the human soul. It is a joy that comes from the adventure of life. Bridget was fed by the circle of love that still surrounds her and that every child deserves. True, as we grow we discover that life is not always joyful and that there is pain in our world. Through such pain and those periods of darkness however, Bridget and other children remind us of our fundamental beginning – the joy that comes from life.

This weekend, we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent. It is traditionally called *Gaudete* Sunday. Literally, *Gaudete* is the Latin word for "Rejoice". It is a reminder of this fundamental joy that comes with this gift of life that God gives us. Despite the challenges that we face, life has a fundamental goodness, for God is good and life is God's gift.

In the midst of the deserts through which we sometimes must pass in life, the challenges we and our world face there is a basic truth of our faith. That truth is that God recognizes the goodness of every human being and gifts us with a love that can never be lost. This Sunday we hear the Old Testament prophet, Isaiah present us with the image of the joy that comes with this gift of life and God's ever redeeming love:

*The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall **rejoice** and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and **rejoice** with joy and singing.*

Advent is always the season of anticipation, waiting for the coming of God in the person of Jesus the Christ and savior. This savior has come and will come again to bring about the redemption of all humanity. His coming brings the healing and reconciliation that all humanity longs for and the joy that is God's plan. Called to such joy we are to express it and share it in the midst of our world. This is the joy we see in the face of a child. It is the joy that Bridget was so ready to reveal.