

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin Sunday March 24th 2024 –6th 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 March 26th NO MASS

Wednesday March 27th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Intention **Mary Butler**

Holy Thursday March 28th 7:00 PM St. Anthony's
Intention **Sr. Charlotte Lockhart**

Good Friday March 29th

St. Patrick's Church 12:00 PM

St. Theresa's Church 3:00 PM

Easter Vigil Saturday March 30th

St. Anthony's Church 8:00 PM Intention Peter Casey

Easter Sunday March 31st

St. Patrick's Church 8:45 AM Boyd Cleveland

St. Theresa's Church 11:00 AM Joan Leger

Upcoming Events

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

+ Martin Gillespie+

Offered by Shelia Gillespie

St. Theresa's Church

New Mass Time Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's Church will be held at 8:45 am starting Mar 31st

Confessions ½ hour before weekend Masses

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

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Mar 17, 2024		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	\$ 5,052	Offertory	\$ 5,052		
Capital Infrastructure	315	Budget Needs	(5,255)		
Special Collections	1,122	Excess (Shortfall)		\$ (203)	
Other	37	Year-to-Date			
Total Contributions	\$ 6,526	Offertory	\$ 58,135		
		Budget Needs	(57,805)		
		Excess (Shortfall)		\$ 330	

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 28th & March 29th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen & Greg Feener	George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford & Marilyn Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Merla Spires	Veneration Deborah Allen Eucharist Mary Fitzpatrick & Marg Anderson
Altar Servers	Noah & Phil VanLeeuwen, Kevin Fernandez, Will Horsley, Al Adimalor	Noah & Phil VanLeeuwen, Kevin Fernandez, Will Horsley & Joe Adimalor
Lector	1. Greg Feener 2. Betty MacNeil 3. PF TBD	1, Cathy Bowlen 2. Greg Forsyth Passion: N: Marc Daigle J: Fr. Maria Solm Int: Kendra VanLeeuwen
Sacristan		Debbie Heustis

St. Anthony's Easter Vigil

St. Theresa's Easter Sunday

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen & Greg Feener	Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil & Marilyn Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Leonard Cormier	Janet Matheson & Mary Ellen Holleran
Altar Servers	Kevin Fernandez, Will Horsley, Lucas Daigle, & Al & Joe Adimalor	Noah & Phil VanLeeuwen, & Miguel & Isiah Bonaventura
Lector	1. Kelly Bowlen 3. Deborah Allen 5. TBD EP) Ken Harris PF) TBD	1. Betty Flanagan 2. Marilyn Brennan PF) Mannie Pahati
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick

Symbol for the 6th week of Lent: Palms

Palms are sacramental, that is, signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments. Each year on Palm Sunday, new Palm branches are blessed and are carried home by the faithful as a symbol of Christ's presence in the place where they live.

CWL Notices

CHANGE

Are you ready to transform your spiritual life, serve others and act on social justice issues? This change is possible when you join the Catholic Women's League. It has all these values at the heart of its mission.

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.

Parish Living Lent Outreach ~ Each week this Lent we have been supporting a local organization. Donations are collected only the weekends indicated and will be delivered to the organizations right away.

Thank you to everyone who donated to last weekend's collection for The Fredericton Food Bank. With your contributions we were able to donate 190 packages pasta and 165 cans of pasta sauce. Together we can make a difference in our community!

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. Hope to see you there!

Welcome to The Catholic Parent! ~ We invite parents to join us for the last session of "The Catholic Parent" on Monday, March 25th at 7:00 pm in the meeting rooms at St. Theresa's Church. This lighthearted series encourages moms and dads as they embrace their God-given role to form their kids in the Catholic faith.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP 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. The tax preparation service will commence **March, 2024**. Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton (unavailable from Mar 19 to Apr 3rd)** for further information at 506-261-7600 or email lintons21@outlook.com.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Triduum & Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday

Thursday, March 28th

7:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church

Good Friday

Friday, March 29th

12:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church

3:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30th

8:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31st

8:45 am at St. Patrick's Church

11:00 am at St. Theresa's Church

Solemn Adoration after Holy Thursday Mass ~

Everyone is invited to spend some time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament after Holy Thursday Mass on Thursday, March 28th until 10:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church. To ensure that there is always someone with the Blessed Sacrament there are sign up sheets at all churches. Please note that you are invited to stay as long as you want and more than one person can be in prayer at the same time.



Divine Mercy Sunday – Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church. In the 1930's, Jesus asked St. Faustina Kowalska to establish a "Feast of Mercy" to be celebrated the 1st Sunday after Easter. To prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday it is suggested that parishioners pray the Divine Mercy Novena from Good Friday, March 29th to Saturday, April 6th. The novena can be accessed online at www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena

Our Sacred Stories—Passion Sunday: God and a Suffering Humanity

One of the realities of our human existence is the presence of suffering in life. It is the personal suffering we might have in our own lives. It is also what touches us in the suffering of loved ones. Beyond what we experience in our own lives directly, we all know that we live in a global community that is constantly facing the challenge of a suffering in which we feel so helpless. War, poverty, natural disasters, injustice, inequalities, violence, these all bring suffering to our world and its people.

There is a question that is often asked in the light of this constant theme of suffering in our humanity. In the midst of the suffering that we face personally and that we see around us in the global community – where is God?

This weekend is Passion Sunday. As we do every year at the beginning of Holy Week, we listen to Mark's telling of the story of Jesus' passion and death. It is here perhaps that we discover something of a response to that question, "Where is God?" In the midst of the suffering we face personally and globally the answer we are seeking is often directed at how God will make things better – how God will intervene and heal our threatening illness or prevent the suffering of a loved one. We are asking why God did not intervene to avoid the destruction and death that came from a hurricane or a flood. We ask why God allows the injustice and the violence and inequalities that seem so prevalent in our world.

Listening to the story of the Passion of Jesus in Mark's Gospel one of the most poignant images we are given is Jesus, on the cross, looking to heaven and crying out: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" On the cross, Jesus expresses the desolation he experiences through these words from the Old Testament Psalm 22. Of all the suffering that is part of the passion story the most painful is Jesus' sense of being forsaken by all, by his friends and disciples and even by his Father-God. In the passion story, Jesus faces the suffering totally alone.

Is this isolation the real pain of all of our human suffering? Are we ever really alone in our suffering? Perhaps the fuller story of the Good News of God is that in suffering we are never totally alone. God may not prevent or cure or take away our suffering or that of humanity. But the Incarnation, our faith that God in Jesus joins and shares our humanity, is the response to the question: "Where is God?" On the cross, the Father-God remains with Jesus and the story of the passion reveals this in the resurrection.

In the midst of suffering, "Where is God? Through the Incarnation God sends the Son to live among us, to share our humanity, to be like us in all things, even our suffering. God does not intervene, but God does stand with us, all of us, in all suffering. We are never alone. God does not abandon us. In the presence of Jesus, even sharing our suffering humanity, God stands in solidarity with every human being. St. Paul grasped this wonder of God's love constantly with us to comfort and to console. He expressed it to the little community of Christians in the town of Philippi so many centuries ago:

*Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, **being born in human likeness.** And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:6-8)*

John Jennings Passion Sunday

Meeting for Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference ~ Sunday, March 24th at 6:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church Hall. Are you a high school youth (entering grade 9 in fall of 2024 up to 2024 graduates) looking for a unique faith experience this summer? The Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference may be for you! At the conference teens experience three days of amazing speakers, have the opportunity for worship, get empowered to live on mission after the conference and enjoy the fellowship of hundreds of teens who share the same Catholic faith. The Conference takes place July 5th to 7th on the campus of St. Mary's University in Halifax. If you are interested in attending the conference please contact Patty at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.



Very Special Thank You to the Parishioners of St. Patrick's who painted and did the Annual Spring Cleaning at St. Patrick's Church.

HAPPY SPRING