

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday December 17th 2023 –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

#### Mass Times & Intentions

**Tuesday Dec 19th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**

*Alfred Gallant*

**Tuesday Dec 19th 7:00 PM St. Theresa's**

*Parish Advent Reconciliation Service*

**Wednesday Dec 20th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**

*Edward Deurelle*

**Thursday Dec 21st 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**

*Marie Carr*

**Friday Dec 22nd 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**

*Kathleen Kohler*

**Saturday Dec 23rd 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**

*Mass for the People*

#### 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

#### Upcoming Events

**Sunday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**

*Agnes Podolsky*

**Sunday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent** *Paul Green*

**Sunday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM St. Theresa's**

**Christmas Eve Mass** *Sherwood Billings*

**Sunday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM St. Patrick's**

*Patsy McAloon*

**Monday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am St. Theresa's**

*Andy Chiasson*

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Dec 10, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$ 5,655	Offertory	\$ 5,655
Capital Infrastructure	792	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	50	Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ 400</b>
Other	642	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,139</b>	Offertory	\$ 259,222
		Budget Needs	260,455
		Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (1,233)</b>

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

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



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## Ministry Schedule Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday) & Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Regular 11 AM Mass

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil & Debbie Heustis
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Betty MacNeil & Mary Ellen Holleran
Altar Servers	Merla Spires	Lucas Daigle, Keven Fernandez, Noah VanLeeuwen
Lector	Sue Inkster	Barry Miller & Jeanette Cunningham
Sacristan		Bud Trevors

### Ministry Schedule December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen & Maureen O'Donnell	George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil, Marilyn Brennan, Manie, Rachelle & Ellie Pahati
Eucharistic Minister	Leonard Cormier & Ken Harris	Marg Anderson & Deborah Allen
Altar Servers	Merla Spires	Joe Adimalor, Lucas Daigle, Keven Fernandez, Noah VanLeeuwen
Lectors	Greg Feener & Kelly Bowlen	The Daigle Family
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick

### Ministry Schedule December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day)

Hospitality		Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Emlil Cabungal, Miguel & Andrea Yamane
Eucharistic Minister		Janet Matheson
Altar Servers		Isaiah and Miguel Buenaventura
Lectors		A. Adimalor & Reign Buenaventura
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey

**New Years Mass Schedule**   **New Year's Eve**   5:00 pm St. Theresa's Church   **New Years Day**   1:30 pm St. Patrick's

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

St. Theresa's Church  
*+ Mary +*  
Offered by The Sisters

St. Anthony's Church  
*+ Charles Bowlen +*  
Offered by Brother and Sisters



**Survey Deadline Extended to December 31<sup>st</sup>!**

Have you completed your Disciple Maker Index Survey? Each completed survey will provide Fr. Maria and our various ministries with valuable information for future planning. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about our community as a whole. Please help us by completing the 10 – 15 minute survey. You can complete the survey online at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/ba0x55> Paper copies of the survey can be picked up at our three parish churches. Completed survey can be placed in the collection basket or returned to the parish office.

**Parish Advent Reconciliation Service** ~ Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church

**The Parish Office will be closed next week on Wednesday and Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

**The CWL General Meeting** will be held Sunday January 21, 2024 at 12:15 in the Anne Wrynn Hall. All ladies in the Parish are welcome to attend.

**Our Lady of Peace Parish groups, CWL, Knights of Columbus, Religious Formation and Pastoral Council are joining forces to help those in need this Christmas Season.**

With your help we can make this Christmas better for people who rely on the homeless shelters and youth in transition programs.

We have set up a gifting tree decorated with tags bearing items for the homeless and youth in transition as Christmas gifts and a donation box for warm winter clothing in each church.



**Blue Donation Box** Please drop off new or gently used, warm winter clothing items such as gloves, hats, scarves, coats, and new socks.

**Gifting Tree** Please help yourself to a tag, purchase the Christmas gift listed on the tag, put the tag on the item and return it to the church (unwrapped).

**All purchased and donated items must be in the provided boxes in each church no later than December 17<sup>th</sup>, for sorting and distribution on December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Prayers for Peace in our World!** On the first Monday of each Month at 7 pm – 7:45 pm in St. Dunstan's Church beginning November 6<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome. (Blue Church doors at King Street entrance by Tim Hortons).

**Employment Opportunity- Our Lady of Peace Parish Custodian and Maintenance Position**

Due to the retirement of our Custodian (St. Theresa's Church) this position will be available in the near future. The position responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- **Cleaning the church, church hall and meeting rooms.**
- **Maintain grounds, including lawn care and snow removal on stairs and walkways.**
- **Light maintenance and repair work as needed.**
- **Working with subcontractors as required.**

If interested and require more information contact Ken Harris at (506) 474-0332.

**St. Francis of Assisi** Please join us for an afternoon of Christmas music and festivities St. Francis of Assisi Church on Lincoln Road. Sunday, December 17, 1 pm. Bring your family and friends to sing along to songs of the season and enjoy some baked goods, tea, coffee. Free will offering. Let's celebrate the gift of music!



**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** Open House for Rose Caterini on December 30<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3 PM at the Johnson Avenue Center. Everyone welcome to drop in. Best Wishes Only.

**Development and Peace Fall Campaign: Development and Peace** – Caritas Canada invites us to "Stand for the Land" with a focus on Honduras in Central America. We're asked to advocate with land and water defenders threatened by powerful mining interests. Some community members have been jailed and killed for resisting an open-pit iron mine heavily polluting a national park and rivers. Development and Peace is gathering signatures on a letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada to press for human rights and environmental protection. How might we participate? To sign the letter online, go to [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act) To download the letter (for 10 signatures) and access other free resources, see [devp.org/campaign](http://devp.org/campaign) ("Discover the Resources"). We're also encouraged to pray for the campaign, and all involved. Thank you - Mary Hanson, Diocesan Chair

### **Our Sacred Stories Advent People: A Community 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*. It was promulgated as the final document of the Second Vatican Council on 7 Dec 1965. In some ways this Constitution formed a capstone for Vatican II. It brought together the spirit that motivated the whole Council. From its beginning, Pope John XXIII enunciated two foundational aims for the Council. One was *aggiornamento* that is, renewal for our Church in the light of the current world. This renewal was linked to *ressourcement*, a French word which called the Council to honour our sources, our origins.

Vatican II was a new advent for the Catholic Church. Now, with the Synod on Synodality that had its opening session this past October, we are in another advent for our community of faith. When he addressed the delegates at the opening of the Synod on October 7, Pope Francis reflected the aims and hopes of John XXIII: *Let us keep going back to God's own 'style', which is closeness, compassion and tender love.... A Church that does not stand aloof from life, but immerses herself in today's problems and needs, bandaging wounds and healing broken hearts with the balm of God. Let us not forget God's style.*

In the reading from John's Gospel (John 1:6-8, 19-28) we hear today, we again meet John the Baptist and are told: *He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.* This is our model. We are witness for others, called to nurture the faith and hope of our generation and of the next. Our call is to *testify to the light* and live in a way that is "God's style".

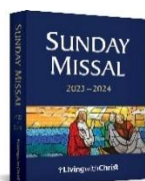
Testifying and living "God's style", is our way of sharing the Good News, and to reveal it in the words and actions of our lives. The Old Testament prophet Isaiah, whom we hear so often in the Advent season describes his own call as prophet,... and also who we are as witnesses:

*The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind-up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; (Is.61:1)*

May Advent be a season of many blessings for us, for our community and for our world.

John Jennings

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



**Sunday Missals are available at all Our Lady of Peace Churches. To help defray the increase in cost of the missals we are asking for a donation of \$7.00. You can also pick up your Missal at the Parish Office.**



**The 2024 Offertory Envelopes are ready for pick up in your Church.** If you do not see an envelope with your name on it please contact the Parish Office and one will be made available for you. Parishioners who use the Auto Debit Program **please** take your box of envelopes as there are special envelopes within the box you may want to use.

**Please do not use 2024 Envelopes until 2024.....**