

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin Sunday Jan 15th 2023 – 2nd Sunday in 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 1:30 pm



St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

Upcoming Events

Family Faith Formation

Sunday Jan 22nd 9:45 St. Theresa's

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Jan 17th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Kay Trevors

Wednesday Jan 18th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Marie Arsenault

Thursday Jan 19th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Hazel Currie

Friday Jan 20th 7:00 PM St. Anthony's

Touched by Cancer Mass

Saturday Jan 21st 4:00 pm St. Anthony's

Mass for the People

Sunday Jan 22nd 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Jeanne Bordage

Sunday Jan 22nd 1:30 PM St. Patrick's

Roy, Patsy, Linda & Michael McAloon

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Jan 8, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$ 2,334.00
Auto Debit (average):	\$ 1,989.00
Total:	\$4,323.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$ 677.00)
Capital Infrastructure	425.00
Special Collections	-
Other	865.00
Sub Total	1,290.00
Total	\$ 5,613.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 7,105.00
Budget Needs:	\$ 10,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$ 2,895.00)
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

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



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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

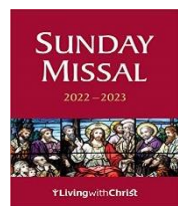
Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time,
talent and treasure. For all that you do, THANK YOU!

From the Parish Office

Your **2023** Offertory Envelopes have been labeled and delivered to each Parish Church and available to pick up. **PLEASE** take (only) envelopes with your name; which also include parishioners using the auto-debit option.



Some will have a new envelope number, assigned for 2023 in our Computer program. I ask you to please include your name and address on the first few used. If there is no box of envelopes assigned with your name please contact the office and a box will be prepared for you. I thank you in advance..... Irene.



.Sunday Missals

Missals are available at each of our Churches. Cost is \$5.00.



St. Theresa's Church

Joe McGuire

Offered by Mary Billings

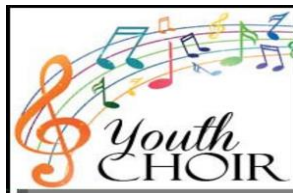
CWL NOTICE

CWL Reminder registrations and dues are due by January 31st, 2023

I KNOW MY SHEEP

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the "I Know My Sheep" census currently underway in the diocese. We're asking every family to fill out a card. If you haven't done so already, please complete one as soon as you are able. This information-gathering exercise is underway so the diocese can update records with current demographic changes and contact information. This will help ensure that the diocese can reach as many people as possible early next year in conducting a planning study for a potential capital campaign. Having updated information will also give parishes a better idea of their membership and hopefully improve communication with their parishioners. It only takes a few minutes to complete a card. These can be returned by placing them in the offertory basket or dropped off at the parish office or sent by mail. Thank you for your cooperation in this important effort.

YOUTH CHOIR:



Our Lady of Peace Parish Youth Choir will be practicing each Sunday following the 11:00 AM Mass 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM at St. Theresa's. All youth from kindergarten age and up are welcome to join at any time.

WEEKLY ADORATION SCHEDULE TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEKS BULLETIN

Faith Formation Update

Family Faith Formation ~ Our next Family Faith Formation session will be held on Sunday, January 22nd at 9:45 am in St. Theresa's Church Hall. Please note that this is a date change from our original schedule. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Prayers for Children and Youth Preparing for Sacraments ~ Please keep the 28 children and youth in our parish currently participating in Sacrament Preparation programs for Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation in your prayers. May God continue to bless, protect and guide them to increase their knowledge of God, so that they may grow in love for God and live out that love in their daily lives.

Events Happening Around our Community



Are you interested in making a real difference in the world? How about right here in your own community? Meals on wheels volunteers deliver a freshly prepared meal, a warm smile, and the reassurance that someone cares at a time in our neighbors' lives when they need it the most. Our clients include individuals who are elderly, disabled, or recovering from illness or surgery – people who otherwise would not be able to access the nutrition they need to live healthy, independent lives. For a small investment of your time, as often or as infrequently as you like, you can help make their lives a little easier. We deliver seven days a week, 365 days a year, so any time you can give – during the week or on the weekend will be gratefully received. The demand for our service is growing and so is the need for volunteers. We need drivers who can take on a regular route once a week, and we also need substitute drivers to fill in on an occasional basis. From start to finish, an hour and a half is about all the time it takes.

Won't you please consider helping out? For more info, call **458-9482**, or check out our web page:

<http://frederictonmealsonwheels.ca>

Spring time: a time to renew, rekindle and revitalize your marriage! Participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience and re-discover the person you are married to and fall in love all over again. The next weekend will be held on March 17th to 19th, 2023 at Villa Madonna in Rothesay NB. Consider applying today! Deadline for applications is February 27th. For more information, call Ron or Joanne Arsenault at (506) 451-8489 or email ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org

Universal Portrait Studio

If you have not picked up your photos yet please do so at the Parish Office. The Photo Directories are not finished but when they become available you will be notified in the bulletin. Any one who did not participate in getting your photo taken can still get a directory at the cost of \$25.00. For those who did get your pictures taken your directory will be free.

Mass Intentions

This is a Catholic practice that provides parishioners with **one of the greatest acts of charity** that you may request. Mass intentions are encouraged throughout the year, which may be offered for: a deceased loved one; a living person who is sick or suffering; a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life.

A Mass Card will be provided to send to comfort relatives, friends and loved ones. The Mass intention is supported by a **donation** of \$10 and arrangements for the date, time and church may be scheduled in person at the Parish Office, through the Parish email, or by calling 444-6010.

Weekday Masses

Please note that if Schools are closed due to a storm there will be no weekday Mass at either St. Anthony's or at St. Theresa's. This is for everyone's safety. The Mass intention scheduled will be said on another date.

Ministry Schedule Jan 21st & 22nd

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Ed Theriault, Betty Flanagan, George Fernandez
Eucharistic Ministers		Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson
Alter Servers	Merla Spires	Kevin Fernandez, Noah VanLeeuwen, Lucas Daigle
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Kendra Dean
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick

Our Sacred Stories The Spirit: Recognizing the Mission of Jesus

I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and remain on him (John 1:29-34)

Here we are at the beginning of Ordinary Time. Our journey through this year will be one which draws us into the mission of Jesus to build the Reign of God. We will have the opportunity to listen to the Good News, reflect on it and pray about this Reign and what Jesus reveals about it. This Sunday we begin our journey.

The piece of the story that we hear this Sunday comes from the Gospel writer John (1:29-34). John's version of the Good News was written a generation or more after the death and resurrection of Jesus. As John writes he does so out of his own faith and the faith experience of a community of early Christians. He also writes with a firm conviction that the Spirit of God which moved Jesus, also dwells in him and in each person of his community. He tells of this Spirit in his Gospel.

Early in the Gospels of Mathew, Mark and Luke, we hear the story of the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by John the Baptist. One element of that story relates how after the baptism, Jesus came up from the Jordan and the Spirit of God descended upon him. The story we hear today, from John's Gospel adds a significant piece to this. John tells us that the Spirit was seen to descend on Jesus *and remain on him*. What can we say about this?

We discover that as the gospel writers tell their story, the baptism event and the coming of the Spirit mark the beginning of Jesus' awareness of the relationship he has with the Father. When John tells us that the Spirit *remains on Jesus* he presents us with Jesus' recognition and acceptance of his mission. That mission is the proclamation that the Reign of God is present among us. In his words and in his actions he reveals that this Reign is directed at all creation and all the peoples of the earth. The Reign is a life-giving one. It is to bring healing and reconciliation and to result in the building of unity and peace in all creation. And there is more to the Good News.

What happens to Jesus, happens to us. We live in a special relationship with the Father, with God. Through Jesus we are the adopted daughters and sons of God. Like, Jesus the mission of building the Reign of God has been given also to us. In fact, the Spirit that *remains on Jesus* continues to work in our world as that Spirit *remains on us*.

For us to recognize that the Spirit *remains on us* and to be aware of this in the moments and events of our life is not easy. It calls for giving attention to the Spirit. The relationship we have with our God is like other relationships in our lives, we need to be in conversation. Such conversation is what we might call prayer and spirituality. Whether it is in words, actions, images or simply listening, prayer in its many forms allows us to offer our attention to the relationship into which we have been invited by the gift of the Spirit that *remains on us*. In other words, like any relationship, we have to pay attention to it.

John Jennings
2nd Sun. in Ord. Time