

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday Sept 3rd 2023 – 22nd 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

Mass Times & Intentions

Have a Safe Labour Day

Saturday Sept 9th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Mass for the People

Sunday Sept 10th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Albertine Doucet

Sunday Sept 10th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Patsy Kennedy

There will be no weekday Masses
while Fr. Maria is on Holidays.

Parish Office will closed on Mondays until Fall.
To accommodate Holidays for Irene.

St. Patrick's Church

31 Main St.
Stanley, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 8:45 AM

St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM



Upcoming Events

This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
at St. Anthony's
In Memory of Sr. Charlotte
Offered by Sharon & Leonard Cormier

Twilight Retreat

Sponsored by the Saint Theresa's Catholic Women's League of Canada. Being held Monday September 11, 2023 at Saint Theresa's Church Hall

This will be a Pot Luck

Theme: Catholic and Living It.

Presenter: Graydon Nicholas

Topic: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Registration: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Everyone is Welcome
Sept 17th Sacrament Preparation Meeting after 11 am mass.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Aug 27, 2023		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	\$ 5,102	Offertory	\$ 5,102		
Capital Infrastructure	165	Budget Needs	(5,255)		
Special Collections	-	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (153)		
Other	15	Year-to-Date		Contributions	
Total	\$ 5,282	Offertory	\$ 179,077		
		Budget Needs	181,630		
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (2,553)		

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

Faith Formation Registration is Open!

Online registration is open for Our Lady of Peace Parish Faith Formation programs. Families with children in kindergarten to grade 7 are invited to register for our Family Faith Formation program beginning in September. Children in grade 2 will receive Sacrament Preparation for 1st Eucharist throughout the year. Do you have or know a youth entering grade 8 this coming September? Youth in grade 8 & up, if not already Confirmed, are invited to register for Confirmation Preparation beginning this fall with the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated the spring of 2025. To register online visit www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca. For more information, contact Patty Cameron at (506) 444-6018 or pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Sacrament Preparation Parent Meeting ~ Meeting for parents with children preparing for 1st Eucharist and youth starting Confirmation Preparation this year will be held on Sunday, September 17th after the 11:00 am Mass at St. Theresa's Church. Program information and expectations for both the 1st Eucharist and Confirmation Preparation will be discussed. To help us prepare materials please register for programs in advance of the meeting.

Website & Social Media

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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



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Ministry Schedule September 9th & 10th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil & Janet Matheson
Eucharistic Minister	Theresa Donaher	Betty MacNeil & Janet Matheson
Altar Servers	Merla Spires	Al Adimalor, Noah VanLeeuwen, Lucas Daigle, Will Horsley
Lector	Greg Feener	Michele Gabe
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey

Our Sacred Stories - The Cost of Being a Disciple of Jesus

Seeking and research, embarking into territory that is new and unfamiliar can be exciting and absorbing. It is often time-consuming, uncertain and threatening as well. To go where we have never been or into something we have never done might be best described as... "scary". But whether it is taking up a new job, moving to a new place, entering a new school, studying a new topic or meeting and beginning a new relationship it will be a challenge. It demands risk, effort and commitment. Normally, it also means giving up something old, in order to take on something different and new – change.

Selfless commitment and sacrifice (giving up) play a huge role in human life and happiness, perhaps more than we normally might expect. The new or married couple, each of whom sets aside their own desires and preferences for the sake of the other certainly shows commitment born in love. The parents who give up their own comfort and wants for the good of their children can often be heroic in their sacrifices. Examples such as this, small and great surround our many life experiences. In each of them we can see something of what it means to "pay the price" for what we believe and undertake. Committed love calls for sacrifice.

It is such selfless commitment that is called for in Christian discipleship. It is the *cost of discipleship*. One cannot live as a disciple of Jesus without making a commitment in love that has demands on our time, talent and energies. It asks much of us to live as a disciple of Jesus whose sacrifice was so great.

In the Gospel of this Sunday (Matt.16:21-27), we hear Jesus tell his disciples that he is to face suffering and death. He also reassures them that he will rise again. But he cannot rise unless he sacrifices and dies. His selfless commitment to sacrifice himself for us will ultimately lead to resurrection. That is, through his commitment he will bring life.

As Matthew relates this story we hear Jesus tell his disciples that they are called to do as he does. They will follow him: *If anyone wants to become my follower, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me* (Matt.16:24). From a disciple, Jesus demands sacrifice, a willingness to give of ourselves. Like Jesus himself, we disciples are asked to have the same commitment as he showed. In doing so, we, like Jesus have the power to bring life to others and to our world. But it does make demands of us. Being Christian is not just about receiving. More important is our willingness to give, to offer our own life, time, energy and attention for the Good News.

But isn't this commitment and dedication what is asked of us in any life-giving relationship. In all our friendships, our marriages, our families and so many other relationships there is a call for commitment and a call for setting myself aside for the sake of the other person or for a cause. It is this self-giving that brings life to our relationships and allows them to continue and grow. As we grow in life, we discover that *it is not all about me*. Every relationship is richer and more life-filled when we sacrifice for the other or something greater than ourselves. It is the cost of relationship and of life-fulfilling.

If the Gospel, if our faith is to have value for us, it has a cost. The cost is the sacrifice Jesus revealed in his own life. In his commitment, he set himself aside for the sake of others, of us. This is our cost of being disciples – sharing time, energy and gifts for others – that the world may have life and have it abundantly. In this we become the spirit of Jesus in our world and what a difference we can make!

John Jennings

Parish Community Outreach Food Drive ~ the rising price of food is very difficult for many in our community and our local foodbank is seeing an increase in demand. To help out we will be collecting the following most needed items as requested by the food bank.

Canned pasta sauce (please no bottles) or Canned met (Tuna, ham etc.)

These two food items can be dropped off at our parish churches until Sunday, September 10th. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Summer Bronze Rush 2023 The amount is growing and has still time to grow more. Cost for each number is \$5.00. You can buy as many spots as you like and play as often as you like.

Draw date has been extended until Fr. Maria is back from holidays. Lots of time to play again.

It is Knitting Time Again. St. Anthony's Shawl Ministry will be starting on October 10th. More details to follow.

Royal Road Construction Detour: Masses at St. Theresa's Church will continue as scheduled during construction on Royal Road. Please allow for extra time to arrive before Mass begins and follow detour signs which will bring you to the parking lot via Primrose Ave., left onto Lombardi Lane then left onto William St.