

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*"Three Churches One Faith Community"*

## Bulletin

**Sunday, December 5th, 2021 – 2nd 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**

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

### Upcoming Events

#### Reconciliation Service

Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

St. Theresa's Church

#### "Hope" Online Advent Retreat

Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

#### Touched by Cancer Mass

Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

St. Anthony's Church

### Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, December 07<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church

Patricia Gyuk

Wednesday December 08<sup>th</sup> 10:00am - St. Anthony's

Pauline Allain

Thursday, December 09<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's

No Intentions

Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church

Laura Reid

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

Sadie & Clair McSorley

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm - St. Patrick's Church

Jordan Brewer

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Marie Shields

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

#### Weekly Offertory – Nov 28, 2021

Sunday Contributions:	\$3,053.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$2,162.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,215.00</b>
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,400.00
<b>Excess (Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ (185.00)</b>
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 40.00
Special Collections:	\$ 625.00
Other:	\$ 1640.00

#### Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 237,127.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 259,200.00</u>
<b>Excess (Shortfall):</b>	<b>(\$ 22,073.00)</b>

Information inquires should be directed to:

Frank O'Donnell 472-0145  
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener  
472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)

*Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. For all that 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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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

# Parish Announcements

## COVID Protocol Update

Effective this weekend the Province of New Brunswick is requiring all places of worship in New Brunswick to put the following COVID-19 measures in place. Please note that you will not be asked to show proof of vaccination to attend Mass.

- Masks are required at all times in church buildings.
- Each of our churches will operate at 50% or less capacity.
- Maintain two metres of physical distancing between different households. The only exception to the 2m between households are for those who have arrived together in the same vehicle.
- No congregational singing. A cantor is permitted during Mass.
- No physical sign of peace is to be exchanged during Mass.
- Record names of all attendees and contact information by row or have a consistent assigned seating plan for contact tracing.
- Parishioners will be screened at the door for COVID-19 symptoms and asked if you have been instructed to self-isolate.

Other activities using parish facilities, including Parish Nursing activities, meetings, presentations, workshops and Religious Formation for children, youth and adults will require proof of vaccination or provincially approved proof of exemption to attend for people over 12 years of age.

We encourage parishioners to continue to monitor their health before attending Mass and choose to attend/not attend accordingly. Your cooperation and understanding as we navigate these new restrictions is very much appreciated.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 1:00 at St. Patrick's Church \*  
Thursdays 11:30 at St. Theresa's Church \*  
Fridays 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church \*

*\* if there is no weekday Mass on Thursday or Friday, Adoration is also cancelled.*

## Parish Giving

In addition to our parish envelope and auto debit program, parishioners are able to use E-Transfers for their parish giving.

E-Transfers can be done through on-line banking with your financial institution. Please send to **olpdonations@gmail.com**. If you need to add a secure question, please use:

- **"What is this donation for?"** and the answer **"ourladyofpeace"**

Envelopes can be dropped off at the pastoral center at 603 Union St. There is a mail slot in the door at the backdoor. Please do not leave envelopes in the mailbox at the front door.

**If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office for assistance.**

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## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Attendance** at Christmas Mass will be by **reservation only**. Please call the parish office 444-6010 or email [parishoffice@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) When registering please provide main contact, phone number, email address and number of people arriving with you.

### Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve

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

#### Christmas Day

**10:00am** – St. Theresa's Church

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## St. Theresa's Heat Pump Installation

This project has cost over **\$50,000.00**. Building funds accumulated have helped pay for one third of this expense. The finance committee would like to retire this debt as soon as possible. Therefore we are inviting parishioners to assist in this effort by asking for a special donation. Envelopes can be found at the entrance area for anyone who would like to contribute. Donations at this time would be very much appreciated and added to your current year tax slip. Thank you for your consideration in this regard.



**BRONZE RUSH**  
**We have a winner**  
**Marg Flinn**

**Congratulations to Marg Flinn winnings**  
**\$280.00**

Thank you to all who played our Bronze Rush and the previous 50/50 boards. Of the **\$4,560.00** raised **\$2,280.00** was paid out to the winners. Because of their generosity in giving part of the winnings back the total earnings for the parish **\$3,330.00**.

*Irene Jewett*

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**Parish Nursing Ministry**

**Christmas Basket Fundraiser**

Tickets and Envelopes will be made available at each Church for you to fill out. Use the envelope to put your money in, tickets are **\$2.00** each or **3 for \$5.00**. Envelopes can be returned to the office or deposited into the offertory basket.

**Looking for Homemade Christmas Baking**

Accepting Christmas Cookies or Muffins to add to a basket for a second draw on **Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**.

If you are able to contribute please drop your goodies off at the **Parish Office** on **Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**.



Wondering what is happening in the parish? ~ Check out the parish monthly activity calendar available at each of our parish churches and online.

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

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**From the Parish Office**

**Your 2022 Offertory Envelopes** are now available at your Church. If you can't find yours please call the office for assistance.

**Missals are now available** at all three churches. To help with the cost of purchasing a \$5.00 donation is appreciated. There are containers by the missals to place your money. Missals are also available at the Parish Office.

**Blessing Bag Project**

Our Family Faith Formation program is looking to make Christmas a little brighter for vulnerable youth in our community. We are gathering items to be assembled into Blessing Bags during our Advent session on Sunday, December 19th.

Do you want to help us? Collection boxes will be at the three churches from **November 28<sup>th</sup>** to **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Full list of items can be found at the back of the church and on our website. Sample of needed items:

- \$10 gift cards (Tim's, Dairy Queen, McDonalds, Subway)
- Snack items (chocolate bars, gum, microwave popcorn, candy, etc.)
- Nail polish / Hair brushes / Shaving Cream
- Good quality disposable razors / Hair elastics
- Adult coloring books / pencil crayons
- Bags will be distributed in time for Christmas to community groups that support vulnerable youth in our community.

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**Development and Peace**

Over the last few weeks Development and Peace have been relating stories about People on our Planet that have been negatively affected by Climate Change. This world crisis is often exasperated by companies in the north, like Canadian Companies, that flock to areas around the world in search of riches to enhance our way of life. When these Canadian Companies are in these less fortunate countries, they ignore the fact that those workers have fewer working benefits than if they were working here in Canada; Development and Peace wish to help these less fortunate workers. Development and Peace asks you to consider this serious situation, and decide to sign the Petition. There are Petitions at the exits of our Church should you decide to sign. It will then be presented to our Member of Parliament, Jenica Atwin, in the hope that it may be presented in the House of Commons.

Thank you for your attentiveness in reading these true stories every week; and sincerely ask you to consider signing this Petition. Allison Wrynn

## Ministry Schedule Week of DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener, Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick Tracy Horsley, AJ Horsley, Darren Richard
Lector	Michelle Gabe	Barry Miller

### Our Sacred Stories

#### *Preparing the Way of the Lord*

Almost 500 years ago, an English poet, John Donne wrote a poem that began with these words:

*No [person] is an island, entire to [themselves],  
Every [person] is a piece of the continent,  
A part of the main.*

Donne's words are a reminder that we rely on one another that we are not alone in this world and our lives and well-being depend on the efforts and help of others. Significantly, who we are is the result of many who in love and care have made us who we are today. No one gets through life alone.

Looking back, I can recognize a host of family and friends, colleagues and communities who have formed and influenced me over the years. Some, I could name, others are without names, but just as significant in the influence they have had. They did so in many ways, as mentors and examples, by encouragement and challenges.

The Advent season draws us into such reflection as we consider who we are as disciples of Jesus the Christ, Christians. In our Scriptures we find the stories of who we are and how we have become. In them we discover the great love that God has for all creation, all humanity. We also encounter the challenge of what we are called to be as God's presence comes to be seen in our midst.

John the Baptist as well as the prophet Baruch are figures of this season. Their cry dominates the story of what we are becoming in and for our world. John's call is clear as Luke presents it: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God* (Luke 3:4-6).

This is a message of hope and joy. The message acknowledges God's love acting among us. It is a message not for a few, but for all humanity. The hope it proclaims is not a limited one. God's dream first expressed in a life-giving creation, is that life-giving love is for all of that creation and is freely given.

It is also, a challenge. We are called to prepare this creation for the acknowledgement of this God-presence. It is among us and within us, crying out for life-giving expression in every place and age. We are part of God's dream in an active way in our own age. We have a role to play expressing and building God's reign of love, compassion and peace.

John is called the "baptizer", for he came forth *proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins* (Luke 3:3). "Repentance" is not an end in itself. It is a translation of a Greek word, *metanoia* which is about an inner change of heart. To repent is to let go of all that impedes what is to come. Its meaning then is not so much getting rid of something, as it is preparing the way for something new and life-giving.

Both the prophet Baruch (5:1-9) and John the Baptist, issue a clarion call for the coming of a new world that expresses the peace, justice, freedom and harmony of God's reign among us. What was proclaimed by each of these prophetic voices, was expressed in the message and mission of Jesus. It has been passed on to us as a mission for the whole world, for all humanity. The Spirit of Jesus draws all humanity to God's dream of justice and peace, freedom and harmony. We are to live as the prophetic voices of God's dream in our own age.

John Jennings

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent