

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin

Sunday, March 6th, 2022 – First 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

Upcoming Events

Parish Nursing Book Club - March 8th at 11:00

Pastoral Council - Meeting March 9th

Book Study – March 9th 8:00 pm for 6 weeks
“The Joy of the Gospel”

Daylight Savings Time March 13th

Family Faith Formation - Sunday Mar 20th 9:45 am

St. Theresa's CWL – Meeting Mar 20th 12:00 noon

Parish Nursing Quilt Fundraising Draw March 21st

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, March 8th 12:00 am - St. Theresa's Church
Margaret Wilson

Wednesday March 9th 10:00 am St. Anthony's
Darrell Estey

Thursday, March 10th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's
Miguel Sueyras

Friday March 11th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church
John & Honey Canney

Saturday, March 12th, 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church
Annie & Donald Rediker

Sunday March 13th 1:30 pm - St. Patrick's Church
Mass for the People

Sunday, March 13th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church
Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Feb 27th, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$2,754.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,978.00</u>
Total:	\$4,732.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (268.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 105.00
Special Collections:	\$ 2510.00
Other:	\$ 103.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 38,536.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 45,000.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 6,464.00)
Information inquires should be directed to:	
Frank O'Donnell 472-0145	
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener	
472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)	

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

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



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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

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



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Parish Announcements

COVID Protocol Update

COVID Protocol Update Return to Level 1

During Level 1 of the Province of New Brunswick Winter COVID Plan 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 COVID in our community is very much appreciated. The following protocols are in effect at all three of our parish churches:

- Masks are required at all times in church buildings.
- Each of our churches will operate at 50% or less capacity.
- Maintain two meters of physical distancing between different households. If there is any doubt when choosing your seat that there will be two meters between you and someone not in your household, please choose another seat.
- 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.
- Singing is allowed, but masks must remain on.

Please note that you will not be asked to show proof of vaccination to attend Mass.

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.*

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP

Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!

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. Due to **COVID** concerns, all sessions will be performed **non-contact means**.

The tax preparation service will commence **March, 2022**.

Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment** to prepare your income tax and benefit returns.

The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex situations** such as: returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business rental income or expenses. Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton** for further information at 506-261-7600 or linton21@outlook.com.

Special Collection, Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

Monies collected will contribute towards the CCCB's five-year \$30-million National Campaign to support regional and local Indigenous healing and reconciliation initiatives. Special Collection Envelopes have been sent to parishes to be used.

You may also contribute to this fundraising appeal at anytime on our website via cheque or email money transfer. (<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>).

Please consult our website for Bishop Riesbeck's most recent letter and additional resources.

<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/indigenous-relations>.



Catholic Women's League

There will be a regular meeting of the CWL on Sunday March 20th at 12 noon in St. Theresa's Church Hall.

All ladies of Our Lady of Peace are welcome to attend.

Pastoral Council Notes

Book Study

Join us via Zoom for a book study and discussion on Pope Francis' "APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION EVANGELII GAUDIUM, the Joy of the Gospel". We will begin the 6-week study Wednesday March 9th at 8:00pm via Zoom. This encyclical is available to download free on-line at <https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>. To receive the link to the Zoom meeting call the parish office or e-mail olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com.

Special Collection

Thank you to all for your support of our local Indigenous communities in our Diocese by donating to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund last weekend. Your donations and prayers are appreciated.

Prayer for Ukraine

Please join pastoral council in prayer for Ukraine.

Loving God,

*We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect
them.*

*We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength, and wisdom to
guide their choices.*

*We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.*

Remember

You can reach out to Pastoral Council at any time by e-mailing olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com

2021 Financial Results

We are pleased to include a summary of the past years financial results for your information and review.

A short presentation will be provided **March 12 – 13** at each of the parish churches to provide added insight and outline the budget estimates for 2022.

Lent



Lenten Reflection Books are available at each church. "Come to the Light" and "Growing in Grace" are perfect to accompany adults on their Lenten journey and "Abundant Mercy" provides family devotions and activities that will open hearts to receive God's overflowing kindness and forgiveness. Due to shipping delays and limited supplies we did not receive all our ordered books. **To ensure everyone can have a book, please choose only one of the adult books to take home. If we receive more books, we will put them out.**

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service ~ Friday, April 1st at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church.

Lenten Retreat with Sr. Karen ~ Save the date! Tuesday, April 5th. More details to follow.

Stations of the Cross ~ resources will be available at each church for individuals and families to pray the stations of the cross before or after weekday or weekend Mass times. Please feel free to use these booklets and return them when done.

Please watch the bulletin for more Parish Lent activities.

Development and Peace: a movement of solidarity



Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.

With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change.

Our Lenten campaign, *People and Planet First*, offers you the opportunity to help protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from corporate abuse.

To learn more about and to join our movement, visit devp.org.

Ministry Schedule Week of March 12th & 13th

	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, Martin Colford, Allison Wrynn , Betty MacNeil, Ed Theriault
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Maria Castellanos & Allison Wrynn

Our Sacred Stories Our Sacred Stories

Lent: Ashes and Conversion

Here we are – Lent again. Our season began with our experience of Ash Wednesday. The ashes we used came from fire. Whatever their source, these ashes came from a burning process, a way of transformation. They represent the change that is brought about, when we let the finger God touch our lives and open ourselves to God's plan for all life. The season is one of discovery and conversion, and one we share with the community in which we live and believe.

In our tradition, Lent is a time of penance and giving up – but also a time of idealism and promise. It is about setting aside those elements of our lives which impede the goodness of God's dream for us. Lent is about turning away from the temptations, the "stuff" that is hurtful, wasteful and dehumanizing in our lives and in our world. It calls us to let go of some aspects of our lives which get in the way of being the person and the world that God intends us to be. More specifically we might say that it is about giving up – many things, many habits and many behaviors which do not nurture and bring life to others or to ourselves.

Lent is also about becoming. It is about turning around to be the person and the world of God's plan for us. It is about turning away from self-centeredness and selfishness, turning towards God and to those many "others" who are part of our lives. It is about using our time and our energy in life-giving ways – that we may become the person that God has intended and called us to be. The season reminds us of the goodness that lies within each and every one of us. It proclaims to us and to our world the message of promise and hope that reveals God's love for all creation.

On this First Sunday of the Lenten season, we hear Luke's account of Jesus' own discovery of God's dream. Having been baptised by John and filled with the Holy Spirit, he embarks on the mission he has been given by the Father. The first step for Jesus is to go out into the desert, "the wilderness". There he is tempted to reject the mission. His resistance to the temptations is a sign of his interior conversion and his willingness to accept the call he has been given (Luke:1-13).

The story in Luke tells the story of Jesus acceptance of mission. It is also our own story. We are called to mission by our faith. Like Jesus we are challenged to live and proclaim the goodness of God's reign in our own lives, in the midst of our world. Doing so, demands that we undergo transformation. This is a continual and constant process of conversion. Only with transformation of our own humanity can we transform our world into God's dream.

Conversion is about more than leaving behind what we have been. It is about becoming someone renewed. It is changing ourselves bit by bit so that we may be life-giving to our world and to others. In other words, how can you and I be the face of God's love where we are?

John Jennings

1st Sunday of Lent