

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday March 5th 2023 – 2nd 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

Sunday March 5th 2:00 pm
Diocesan Planning Meeting
St. Theresa's Church Hall (details Page 3)

Sunday March 12th
World Day of Prayer 10:30 AM
St. Paul's United Church

Sunday March 12th
Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday March 7th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Kay Trevors

Wednesday March 8th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Allen & Helen Ramey & son Francis

Thursday March 9th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Joyce MacKin

Friday March 10th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Irene & Rheel Desroches

Saturday March 11th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
John & Honey Canney

Sunday March 12th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Mass for the People

Sunday March 12th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's
Frank Gallagher

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office. 444-6010

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Feb 26, 2023	Weekly	Contributions
Offertory \$5,878	Offertory	\$5,878
Capital Infrastructure 85	Budget Needs	(5,000)
Special Collections 880	Excess (Shortfall)	878
Other 535	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total \$7,378	Offertory	\$43,575
	Budget Needs	(45,000)
	Excess (Shortfall)	\$(1,425)

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

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news and weather cancelations!



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Fr. Maria's 444-6070

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CWL NOTICE

During Lent, the CWL will be leading "*Mary's Way of the Cross*"

Tuesdays, after the noon Mass at St. Theresa's

Stations of the Cross – Will take place on Wednesdays at St. Anthony's Church following the 10:00 AM Mass.

Living Lent 2023

Next week's Living Lent collection is for Transition House. Transition House provides a safe and confidential shelter for up to 19 women and their children in our community fleeing abuse. They have asked the parish for garbage bags and children's sippy cups. Due to their limited storage capabilities these are the only items we will be collecting. Thank you for supporting our Living Lent project!

Our symbol for the Second Sunday of Lent is the White Garment

The use of a white garment at baptism dates back to the early days of Christianity. After those who had been baptized from the baptismal pool, each was clothed in a new white garment. The white garment symbolized their new life.

Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration is a silent time for you to have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving or reparation, or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before the Lord. You can just sit quietly and say nothing, just keep Him company like you would a dear friend.

Friday 9:30 AM - St. Anthony's Church *

Thursday 11:30 AM – St. Theresa's Church

First Wednesday of the month 1:00 PM - St. Patrick's Church

** If a Friday Mass is not scheduled or cancelled, Adoration is also cancelled.*

Experience "The Chosen" (season 1) ~ Join us Tuesday evenings during Lent from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Theresa's as we watch and discuss season 1 of "The Chosen". For more information please contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or 444- 6018.

"The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Christ. A charismatic fisherman struggling with debt. A troubled woman wrestling with demons. A gifted accountant ostracised from his family and people. In the ground breaking first season of "The Chosen" see how Jesus reaches each of these and more as He works His first miracles and embarks on His ministry to change the world. See Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.

Family Faith Formation ~ Because faith grows with those who are closest to us, Our Lady of Peace Parish offers "Family Style" Faith Formation for families with children in Kindergarten to Grade 7. Combining eight engaging in person family sessions with nine simple and practical at home sessions and family events that will focus on fellowship and community service, families will explore their faith in our parish community and most importantly at home.

Children in Grade 2 (and up) wanting to receive 1st Eucharist this year, families are asked to participate in Family Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation will take place throughout the year, beginning with preparing and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Throughout the year family events are scheduled for families to come together for fun and fellowship. Please watch the bulletin for event information.

Congratulations to our Confirmation Preparation youth who braved the cold last Saturday to participate in the Coldest Night of the Year. Through their efforts they raised \$1,210.00 for the Fredericton John Howard Society. A big thank you to everyone who support the team!



There will be a World Day of Prayer service on Sunday March 12, 2023 at St. Paul's United Church, 224 York Street at 10:30 AM with a reception. Any questions please contact Debbie Heustis at 472-2916

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, 2023**. 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 lintons21@outlook.com.



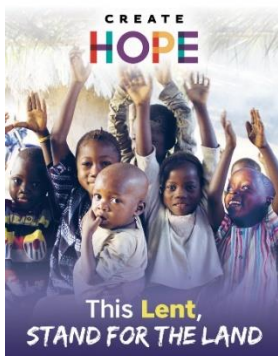
Welcome New Members

Are you new to our Parish and would like to be registered with us? Family Registration Forms are available at the entrance of the Churches. Please feel free to fill one out and drop it in the offertory basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

DIOCESAN PLANNING STUDY - The Diocese of Saint John is conducting a comprehensive planning study of the entire diocese to help gauge the interest and support for the Cathedral Restoration, an Endowment for Parish Evangelization Efforts, and Individual Parish Needs. If you receive a survey in the mail, you can complete it and return it to the diocese by mail or place it in the offertory basket anytime in February or March. **March 5 (Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2:00 pm)** to gather feedback. Your thoughts are extremely valuable during this planning process and participation is greatly appreciated.

From Parish Office All tax receipts and Offertory Envelopes are now available at the Parish Office. Please come and pick yours up if you have not been able to do so at your Church.

Development and Peace



To delegates at the 4th World Meeting of Popular Movements, Pope Francis said, "...you have the ability and the courage to create hope where there appears to be only waste and exclusion."

These are the words that inspired the choice of "Create Hope" as a five-year guiding theme at Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

The courage to Create Hope is rooted in actions big and small. For to drive away anguish and despair, it is best to act. Every action we take has a positive effect on us, our neighbours, our great human family, our children and their descendants. What will you do this Lent to Create Hope? Join our campaign at devp.org/lent.



March 12th

Ministry Schedule March 11th & 12th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Janet Matheson, Betty MacNeil
Eucharistic Ministers	Greg Feener	Deborah Allen & Mary Fitzpatrick
Altar Servers	Bonnie Bowlen	Julia Paier, Miranda Gutierrez, Lucas Daigle, Noah VanLeeuwen
Lector	Sue Inkster	M.Gabe
Sacristan		Debbie Heustis

Our Sacred Stories .A Trip to the Mountain

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. (Matt.17:1)

A number of years ago, I had the opportunity to work in a parish that sent a number of high school students and leaders on a service-learning trip to the Dominican Republic. There they worked in an orphanage, a school, a pregnancy clinic and on a housing project. They encountered a new and different culture from our own. It was they reported an amazing experience. They had to leave the Dominican and return to us. But they brought their experience back with them. It was and hopefully will continue to affect how they see things in their own lives and in lives of others for years to come.

Our lives are full of many experiences, many personalities, many challenges and many blessings. Some of these are very attractive, others, we would rather not have. To have a full life, however, we need them all. They affect who we are and what we do in life. Such life-affecting experiences are what we mean when we speak about *grace*. *Grace* is the free gift of God's spirit and love touching our lives. This gift is with us always, but often unnoticed. From time to time though, we will become especially aware of such *grace*. It touches us in the persons, places and events we encounter. But we need to recognize the ordinary *grace* that comes our way.

On this 2nd Sunday of Lent, our Gospel comes from Matthew. We hear the story of Jesus taking some of his disciples up a high mountain and there they experience the fullness of God in their presence (Matt.17:1-9). Jesus is transfigured before them and appears with two of the great Old Testament figures, Moses and Elijah. For that brief moment, the disciples have a glimpse of who Jesus is. It moves and affects them deeply. They wanted to remain there in this time of *grace*.

Remaining on the mountain, in the experience is not possible. The moment passes and they must return down the mountain to continue their journey with all its demands. But they are affected deeply and the *grace* of the experience, the spirit it offered will change them. From disciples they will become witnesses and will themselves be bearers of the Good News they have encountered in their journey with Jesus. They will bear this *grace* to others.

What happened to those high school students in the Dominican was a period of obvious *grace*. They and we may not have called it that at the time. But the people they met there, the experiences they were part of and the young people themselves, all were touches of God's love and presence for them in a very special way. Such moments are life-affecting. But they are also moments which call us beyond ourselves, for *grace*, that touch of God is always a call to serve and care and show compassion for others.

We experience such ordinary *grace* often in our lives – persons, places, challenges, blessings. Perhaps Lent offers us an opportunity to recognize the ordinary *grace* that touches us everyday. Where does it lead us to sharing God's love with others?

John Jennings

2nd Sunday of Lent