

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday November 19th 2023 –33rd 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

Tuesday Nov 21st 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Adonia Lanteigne

Wednesday Nov 22nd 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Enid McDonald

Thursday Nov 23rd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Russell Noonan

Friday Nov 24th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

Kristine Sherman

Saturday Nov 25th 4:00 pm St. Anthony's

Lisa Paul

Sunday Nov 26th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's

Mass for the People

Sunday Nov 26th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Charlie Caterini

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

Sunday November 26th St. Theesa's

Family Faith Formation 9:30 am

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Disciple Index Opening

November 21st, 2023

Sunday Mass time for St. Patrick's will

change the first Sunday in December

to 1:30 pm

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Nov 12th 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$ 5,794	Offertory	\$ 5,794
Capital Infrastructure	185	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 539
Other	150	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total	\$ 6,129	Offertory	\$ 236,832
		Budget Needs	239,435
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (2,603)

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

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



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Ministry Schedule November 25th & November 26th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Darren Richard, Ed Theriault, Marilyn Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Theresa Donaher	Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Altar Servers	Bonnie Bowlen	
Lector	Greg Feener	Betty MacNeil & Andrea Yamane
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick



St. Theresa's Church
*Deceased Members of the
+ Grattan & Taylor + Families*

St. Anthony's Church
+ Kenneth & Norma Murphy +
Offered by Terry Murphy



It's Official!
**The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this week on
November 21st and we need your help!**

Please help us participate by completing a 10 – 15 minute survey as soon as possible.

You can complete the survey online at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/ba0x55>

Or you can join us after Mass on the following dates for coffee and to complete the survey:

Sunday, November 26th St. Theresa's Church after the 11:00 am Mass

Saturday, December 2nd St. Anthony's Church after the 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 10th St. Patrick's Church after the 1:30 pm Mass

All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response as possible. All parishioners 18 years and older are invited to participate. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Maria and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Prayers for Peace in our World! On the first Monday of each Month at 7 pm – 7:45 pm in St. Dunstan's Church beginning November 6th. Everyone is welcome. (Blue Church doors at King Street entrance by Tim Hortons).

Family Faith Formation Next Sunday! ~ Family Faith Formation (Catechism) will meet next Sunday, November 26th at 9:30 am at in St. Theresa's Church Hall. This is for families with children in Kindergarten to grade 7. During the session older youth in grades 5, 6 and 7 will have their own session. If you have not registered yet for Family Faith Formation you can register online at <https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to-7>. All families are welcome to join us!

ADVENT RETREAT AT THE VILLA MADONNA!

This 24 hour Advent retreat at the Villa Madonna Retreat House might be just what you are looking for. The theme is WAITING / An Advent Journey. The date is Friday, November 24th at 6:30 till Sunday, November 26th at 2:00 pm. Cost is \$70 for registration and upon arrival, \$240.

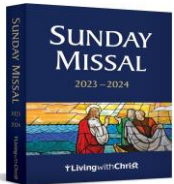
This is a **Silent-Directed** retreat and will be an opportunity for specific guidance in various structured approaches to prayer. Retreatants will have an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. In between assigned prayer periods, retreatants are free to enjoy the indoor and outdoor space as desired. This retreat will also include the celebration of the Eucharist. It is facilitated by trained spiritual directors in the diocese. (Google 'AASEA Retreats' for more information). To register contact **Bob McDermott** : (mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca)

Employment Opportunity- Our Lady of Peace Parish Custodian and Maintenance Position

Due to the retirement of our Custodian (St. Theresa's Church) this position will be available in the near future. The position responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- **Cleaning the church, church hall and meeting rooms.**
- **Maintain grounds, including lawn care and snow removal on stairs and walkways.**
- **Light maintenance and repair work as needed.**
- **Working with subcontractors as required.**

If interested and require more information contact Ken Harris at (506) 474-0332.



Sunday Missals are available at all Our Lady of Peace Churches. To help defray the increase in cost of the missals we are asking for a donation of \$7.00. You can also pick up your Missal at the Parish Office.



The 2024 Offertory Envelopes have arrived. As soon as they are labeled I will get them to the Churches for pick up. If you do not see an envelope with your name on it please contact the Parish Office and one will be made available for you. Parishioners who use the Auto Debit Program please take your envelopes as there are special envelopes within the box you may want to use.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8654 in conjunction with Our Lady of Peace Parish wants to collect again for those in need in our communities. We will be asking for donations through the Advent season. All items will be distributed to local clothing banks and shelters before Christmas.

PLEASE HELP BY DONATING ANY NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS.

- ♥ Collection boxes will be set up at each church. **Look for the big blue bins!**
 - ♥ Donate any item. We are especially collecting **socks, gloves and mittens.**
 - ♥ Tell your friends about the campaign!
- ♥ Parishioners can also donate by dropping off any items at the Pastoral Office at 603 Union Street between 9 am and 4 pm.



Our Sacred Stories - Courage and Building the Kingdom of God

Throughout the month of October, our global Christian community has experienced a remarkable and crucial event. Following some two years of preliminary consultations in local dioceses and many parishes, representatives of the bishops and clergy as well as lay members, women and men of the community around the world came together for three weeks in Rome.

Calling on the Spirit, on October 9, after a 5 day retreat, Pope Francis opened the first session of a Synod on Synodality. For the next three weeks, almost 400 representatives lay and clergy met in Rome. They listened to each other's experience of church and spent time in discerning conversation. Those at the synod were called upon to bring and share the many challenges and issues we face in our 21st century church. One might say that we have embarked on carving a course for our Catholic Church, one that is both open and broad.

The Synod on Synodality, as unusual as it might seem, was something that had its roots deep in the history of our church. Such gatherings were common from the very beginning. We find it in the very early church. We see it in the Acts of the Apostles (ch.15), when the apostles determined that the community of Christians was open to both Jews and Gentiles. This mission to all humanity, is the focus of the Synod on Synodality. Ultimately, it is to build the Reign of God in the world. It is a mission based on justice and peace, compassion and love, not for some, but for all.

Matthew in his Gospel (25:14-30) expresses the hope of the coming of the Lord with a parable. The story Jesus tells describes a master entrusting his resources (talents) to his servants. The focus of our attention is not on how much he entrusted to each, but rather what each one did with what was entrusted. What was it that the servants did with what was given them?

As in all the parables, Jesus offers us a challenge. God has blessed each and every person with a share in God's life. We have a choice as we wait for the coming of the Lord and the final completion of God's reign. We can, like one of the servants bury the talent (God's gift of life) entrusted, out of fear or simple reluctance. Or, we can like the other servants take the risks involved and build on the talents entrusted. Given that the parable is about the Kingdom and using our gifts to share life-giving love with others, what do we do with the resources entrusted to us? The demand placed on us is that we share the blessedness entrusted to us. It is not for us alone.

The Synod offers us a chance to discover how, as church we can share this mission deeply and broadly. At the end of the first three weeks in Rome, the representatives were sent home to their own dioceses around the world. With them they had a synthesis or summary of what arose at the Synod, the questions, the conversations, the issues, the questions and the hopes that were part of their reflection.

More importantly, they have been charged with sharing their experience of synodality. It expresses an openness to differences and diversity. Through prayer, deep listening, reflection, and discernment the Spirit allowed them a sense of unity in the midst of diverse and different views and perspectives.

All of this, we are receiving in our home churches for further listening and discernment with one another. In October of 2024, the second session of the Synod will meet with reflections from around the world. Moved by the Spirit, may we discern with openness and truth.

John Jennings
33rd Sun Ord Time



A Little Laughter for your day!

TEACHER: Harold what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no long interested?

HAROLD: A teacher.