

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

BULLETIN

Sunday, September 5, 2021 - 23rd Sunday of 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



St. Patrick's Church

31 Main St.

Stanley, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 8:45 am



St. Theresa's Church

1 William St.

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Touched by Cancer Mass

Friday, Sept. 17th at 7:00 pm St. Anthony's Church

Alpha "Come See"

Thursday, September 16th at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Fall Welcome Outdoor Mass

Sunday, Sept. 19th at 11:00 pm St. Theresa's Church

Parking Lot (bring a chair)

"Discovery of Unmarked Graves: How Do We Respond?"

Tuesday, Sept. 28th 7:00 pm St. Theresa's Church

Mass for Truth & Reconciliation

Thursday, Sept. 30 12:00 pm St. Anthony's Church

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Fr. Maria will be on vacation from September 6th to 16th.

Fr. Brian Murphy will be filling in for Fr. Maria while he is on vacation.

No Weekday Masses

September 6th to 10th

September 13th to 17th

Saturday, September 11th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

No Intention

Sunday, September 12th 8:45 pm - St. Patrick's Church

For all students and their teachers

Sunday, September 12th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Claire Bungy

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory – August 29, 2021

Sunday Contributions: \$3,306.00

Auto Debit (average): \$2,146.00

Total: \$5,452.00

Weekly Budget Needs: \$5,400.00

Excess (Shortfall) \$ 52.00

Capital Infrastructure: \$ 245.00

Special Collections: \$ 30.00

Other: \$ -

Year-to-Date

Offertory: \$ 172,291.00

Budget Needs: \$ 189,000.00

Excess (Shortfall): (\$ 16,709.00)

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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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Stay Safe!

Now that we are in "Green" and public health restrictions have been lifted at this time, the parish continues to support

preventative practices such as hand sanitizing and mask wearing. Each church has a section of pews that will remain roped off to ensure social distancing for those who would like the extra precaution. Screening questions will not be asked as you enter our churches, but we encourage people to continue to monitor their health before attending Mass and choose to attend/not attend accordingly.



A Prayer for the New School Year

God of all wisdom, we praise you for gifting us with curiosity and learning. Give to all students, teachers, and caregivers a clear sense of your love.

May they feel your presence throughout

this school year. Guide their choices, their quest for knowledge, and their relationships. Use their successes and failures as opportunities to grow in understanding of who you would have them to be. Continue to shape them, that they may walk in the way of Christ, grow strong in Spirit's love for all people, and know the complete joy of life in you. In the name of Christ our Great Teacher, we pray. Amen.

Linda Witte Henke, adapted, "From the Vine," in Marking Time: Christian Rituals for All Our Days, Moorehouse Publishing 2001, p. 63.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



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

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



OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH Reconciliation Times

Fr. Maria is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the following times:

Saturdays at 3:30 pm at St. Anthony's Church

Sundays at 8:30 am at St. Patrick's Church

Sundays at 10:20 am at St. Theresa's Church

Or you may call the office to make an appointment.

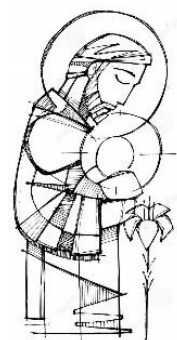


FALL WELCOME OUTDOOR MASS



Welcome fall! Welcome back to school! Welcome back from the cottage! Welcome back to Religious Formation! Welcome back to Mass!

Our Lady of Peace Outdoor Mass to celebrate all the "Welcomes" of Fall! Sunday, September 19th at 11:00 am in St. Theresa's Church parking lot. Please bring a lawn chair. ***This will be the only Mass celebrated this weekend at Our Lady of Peace Parish.***



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021

Consecration to St. Joseph

September 30th to November 1st

Draw closer to St. Joseph, our spiritual father, over a 33-day preparation period. Group will meet 6 times during the preparation. To register and receive a book please contact Patty at 444-6070.



Please find inserted in this week's bulletin the Our Lady of Peace Parish Calendar. This calendar will

be printed monthly and will include monthly parish, religious formation and parish nursing events and activities. Extra copies are available for you to share with friends and family. Calendar will also be posted on our website.



The Alpha Course is back and we are trying something new!

Take one lunch hour each week to renew your relationship with Jesus or take your first steps on an exciting journey of faith. Share your thoughts, questions, doubts, hopes and fears.

Free up your evenings - this new Alpha time is perfect for those who work, stay at home parents, seniors and all are welcome! We are committed to starting at 12:00 pm and finishing promptly at 1:00 pm. Join us from your desk, kitchen, coffee shop via ZOOM or bring a brown bag lunch and join our in-person small group that will gather in the meeting room at St. Theresa's. Grab a friend and have a meaningful and rewarding weekly lunch date!

Interested? Want to know more about Alpha? We are having a "Come See" Alpha Event on Thursday, September 16th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Experience Alpha and see what all the excitement is about! To register email

pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.

PARISH NURSING

Note from Vicky Knight, Parish Nurse

Fall Registration for Activities. If you're interested in joining any programs - activities for the FALL- please let us know ASAP as instructors need to plan and spots are filling up! Please give me a call at 454-8538 or send me an e-mail at vicky.knight@bellaliant.net

NEWSLETTER Fall 2021 Parish Nursing. We've all faced immense hardships as a result of the pandemic. If you're willing, share your story by sending me an e-mail of any significant moment or event and how you coped or celebrate (approx. 250 words). Our stories resonate with one another and let us know that we are a community. We are all in this together vicky.knight@bellaliant.net

**** Please see parish calendar for all parish nursing activities ****

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

"Discovery of Unmarked Graves: How Do We Respond?"

~ Presentation and question and answer by Graydon Nicholas. Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church. Everyone is welcome.

Mass for Truth and Reconciliation ~ To recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Thursday September 30th at 12:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church. You are invited to wear an orange shirt to the Mass. Church bells will toll after Mass as a remembrance of the children who died in residential schools and their families.

Website Update ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish website has been updated to include a page entitled "Truth and Reconciliation" with resources, articles and prayers for all ages. Resources will be added as they become available.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sacrament Preparation Parent Meeting ~ Tuesday, September 21st at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church Hall. **For all parents with children starting the preparation for 1st Eucharist (Grades 2 and up) and Confirmation (Grades 8 and up).** This important meeting will provide parents with program details, including schedules and program materials. To help us plan, please register your children prior to attending the meeting. Register online using the appropriate links below.

K to Grade 7 Family Style Faith Formation Lunch and Introductory Session ~ We are excited to share with you our new Religious Formation program! Join us for lunch after Mass to learn about Growing Up Catholic: Faith Stories. Receive the schedule for the year and your family prayer box. Please rsvp by September 28th with the number of people joining us! To help us plan, please register your children prior to attending the lunch. Register online using the appropriate links below. For more information and to register visit: <https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to-7>

Confirmation Preparation ~ for youth in grades 8 and up. Begins the 1st week of October. To register online <https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/confirmation-preparation>

Please share with other families and youth that may not see this announcement. Thanks!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11TH AND 12TH

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners/Ushers	Bonnie Bowlen Vicky Knight	Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford Ed Theriault Allison Wrynn Betty MacNeil
Lector	Greg Feener	Ed Theriault

Our Sacred Stories Living as Disciples in Our World

Even a brief glance around our world reveals that it is damaged and broken. It cries out for healing and restoration. Sometimes it can be a natural disaster or threat such as hurricanes, wildfires or pandemics and disease. Other times, we face the challenge of our own human disruptions, war, violence, inequities and injustices. We are disciples of Jesus in the midst of this world. It is here that as disciples we are to reveal the message and mission of Jesus in our own lives. That message and mission is to be our message and mission.

It is possible to see the fundamental message and mission of Jesus. All creation is a result of God's love and as such God's plan for it is ever good. The wounds, the weakness, the pain, the suffering, that appears in creation is not God's dream for us. Jesus the Christ is God's outreach to us. His message and mission present the dream or plan of God. Healing and reconciliation, wholeness and peace are the dream. If we regard Jesus as savior, it is because he brings the dream to fruition and fullness in both word and action. In him creation is made whole, restored and renewed.

Gospel writers, like Mark presents tell the stories of this good news. One such story is of Jesus healing a man who was deaf and had an impediment of his speech (Mk.7:31-37). Often when Jesus did such healing actions, the crowds were astounded, seeing it as an amazing wonder. As always, like the disciples in the Gospel we are challenged to read such actions as something more amazing – signs of the presence of God's reign active among us in Jesus the Christ.

The story in Mark leads us to a reflection of how as disciples or followers of Jesus, we bring his Spirit to life in our world. It is a little manual of discipleship for us. Jesus shows us the way to bring God's dream to our world.

Jesus begins by going beyond his comfort zone. He takes a risk to reach to the Decapolis, a Greek and Gentile area, outside of his familiar space of synagogue and Jewish communities. Living our discipleship will often be going beyond our normal.

As he reaches out, Jesus encounters a crowd who are expecting a miracle, a wonder to astound them. But Jesus, respecting the man takes him apart, in private, to allow him to receive a cure from within. The disciple will often be "the unsung hero". God's dream takes root within a relationship.

Jesus puts his fingers into the ears of the man, taking him further from the outside world and leading him inward to his heart. To do so is to respect the inward strength and dignity of the man himself. Jesus then spat and touched the man's tongue. He conveyed something of his own heart, his own Spirit to the heart of the man.

Then, Jesus speaks in very simple terms: *Be opened*. "Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly." The man hears and speaks. He is no longer cut off from his world. Receiving the gift of God's Spirit from Jesus he lives in wholeness, a sign of God's reign in all its fullness.

Mark's story of Jesus is the story of every disciple who brings Jesus' Spirit into the world, respecting the other and conveying something of the Spirit within us to the other. It is how each of us lives as a disciple and a sign of the presence of God's dream for all. To follow this path is to bring healing, wholeness and reconciliation to a wounded, fractured and divided world.