Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin

Sunday, July 4, 2021 - 14th 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

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, July 6th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church
Madeleine and Violia
Wednesday, July 7th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church
Tony Buyting
Thursday, July 8th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church
Patricia Crotty Hawkes
Friday, July 9th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church
Mass of Thanksgiving
Saturday, July 10th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church
For the Children who died at Indigenous Residential Schools, Residential School Survivors and their families
Sunday, July 11th 8:45 pm - St. Patrick's Church
Indigenous children and families impacted by Residential Schools
Sunday, July 12th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church
Indigenous children and families impacted by Residential Schools

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory - July 4, 2021	
Sunday Contributions:	$2.901.00
Auto Debit (average):	$2,044.00
Total:	**$4,945.00**
Weekly Budget Needs:	$5,400.00
Excess (Shortfall)	**($ 455.00)**
Capital Infrastructure:	$ 240.00
Special Collections:	$ 70.00
Other:	$ 350.00

Year-to-Date	
Offertory:	$ 124,502.00
Budget Needs:	$ 140,400.00
Excess (Shortfall):	**($ 15,898.00)**

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!

Find us on: facebook

@Ourladyofpeaceparishfredericton

Parish Announcements

Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am

Watch Our Lady of Peace Mass live at 11:00 am on our Facebook page (Our Lady of Peace Parish Fredericton). Recording of Mass is posted on our website later in day.

Eucharistic 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.*

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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.

The Saint John Council of Development and Peace
In light of the unfolding and recent tragic discoveries of many unmarked graves, relating to the residential school system, and it's deeply negative and historic impact on our sisters and brothers in First Nations communities, the Diocesan Council of Development and Peace, Diocese of Saint John, have just started an on-line petition, which we would invite you to please read and discern signing your name. We are already well over 500 signatures and climbing. You are invited you to please consider adding your voice. The petition can be found at:
http://chng.it/VXVFn8rBkk

Thank you kindly for your support, and more importantly, becoming more fully aware of the issues facing indigenous peoples in Canada, and what we as parishioners can do to help restore trust, justice, healing, and reconciliation.

Mass Intention for the Children Who Died in Residential Schools ~ St Theresa's Catholic Women's League is standing with our Indigenous Sisters and Brothers at this time. Although Residential Schools are not a new topic, pain has been brought forward again to survivors and their families. We are sorry for your years of suffering; and for the loss of the many precious souls taken away from their loved ones. We have offered a celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday, July 10th at St. Anthony's Church in prayers for healing.

Religious Formation

Registration is Now Open!
Kindergarten to Grade 7 Religious Formation (including 1st Eucharist Preparation for Grade 2)

Help us prepare for the fall of 2021. Religious Formation registration is now open for families with children in Kindergarten to Grade 7. Families with children entering grade 2 in the fall will receive Sacrament Preparation for 1st Eucharist throughout the year. Register at:

https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to-7

Do you have or know a youth entering grades 8 or 9 this coming September?

Changes to the Diocesan Confirmation program for this coming September will include youth in grades 8 and up. To help us plan we are asking all youth entering grades 8 and 9 (and up if not Confirmed yet) in the fall of 2021, who are wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to register online at https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/confirmation-preparation

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

Attention High School Graduates ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish, St. Theresa's CWL, is offering a $700.00 bursary to any high school graduate continuing their education. Applications are available on the parish website www.ourladyofpeacefredericton. Application deadline is August 25th.

Message from Pastoral Council

Pastoral council would like to thank all those who took part our recent parish survey. The results are being tallied and pastoral council will be reflecting on where our people are on their faith journey and how we can best support all in our community by developing a vision that reflects our catholic faith and nurtures personal growth.

Pastoral council will be taking a brief break from our formal meetings for the summer and looking forward to holding an election early in the fall. We are looking for new council members with a vision for an active, growing, inclusive and vibrant parish. Please take some time over the summer to discern and consider putting your name forward for a position on Pastoral Council.

We have a small group working together on initiatives for welcoming all back to Sunday Mass after the pandemic and inviting new families and those who have drifted away over the years.

As we move towards the end of the pandemic and its mandatory orders, we are excited about a new fresh start as one cohesive parish and the opportunity to share our talents, gifts, and enthusiasm as a faith community.

Parish Nursing

Fredericton Indoor Pool: Adult Swim and Aquasice
If you would like to use our Parish Nursing program to access adult swim times and aquacise at the indoor pool please contact Vicky Knight at 454-8538 or by email at vicky.knight@bellaliant.net to book your swim time.

Volunteers Needed ~ Looking forward to starting monthly Blood Pressure Clinics on Saturday and Sundays of the third weekend of the month. If interested in helping out, please call Vicky Knight at 454-8538.

Shrine Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Howard ~ will be held on Sunday, July 18th at 2 pm. As per usual, the Bishop will be in attendance. Covid protocol will be followed. Bring your own chair, cool drinks, bug spray, etc. as this is outdoors.

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- Register with your name and email address

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After Alpha… "What's Next?" ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish is exploring a Small Group Ministry ("Life Groups") initiative this summer! Life Groups are communities of 6-10 people who meet regularly to connect with each other, to grow in their faith and friendship, and to pray together. They are communities that offer a safe place to journey through the joys and challenges of everyday life. It is a place where you can recharge and share about how you see God working in your life and in our world. We will begin with a 3-session series ("Life Shared Series") on Thursday, July 8th at 7:00 pm as an opportunity to "come and see" what the Life Groups will be all about. All past participants of OLP Alpha are welcome to register. Please contact Tracy Horsley at 261-0713 or horsleysix@gmail.com for more information.

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.

Ministry Schedule Week of July 6th to July 11th

	St. Anthony's - Wednesday @ 10:00 am	St. Theresa's - Tuesday @ 12:00 pm
Screeners/Ushers	Sue Inkster John Walsh	Janet Matheson
Lector	Ann Boies	Pam Shields
	St. Anthony's - Friday @ 7:00 pm	**St. Theresa's - Thursday @ 12:00 pm**
Screeners/Ushers	Merla Spires Gerry Arsenault	Mary Billings
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Gisele Weatherhead
	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	**St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am**
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener Bonnie Bowlen Vicky Knight	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford Allison Wrynn Barry Miller Betty MacNeil
Lector	Betty MacNeil	Betty Flanagan

Our Sacred Stories
Transforming the Familiar, New Birth Among Us

"Familiarity breeds contempt." Did you ever notice how we take so much for granted? Whether it is places, routines, or persons, the longer we know or are around them, the less attention we pay to them. In some ways, I wonder if that is something of our country's malaise, with regard to our indigenous communities. We know they are all around us, in Fredericton area, there are three First Nations communities. But how much do we Canadians really know or pay attention to them?

The history of Canada's relationship with our First Nations has been a long and painful one. It has involved conquest and colonization. For the most part we pushed them off their ancestral lands and settled ourselves there. Our ancestors aimed at "civilizing" and Christianizing them, which meant that as did so, we ignored and even tried to erase their cultures, their languages and their spiritual traditions. Much of this began when we were part of the French and English colonial empires. When Canada emerged as a nation in 1867, this treatment of the indigenous peoples simply continued. This has been our history.

The story of the residential schools that has now come to light, is a wakeup call to all of us. It cries out to all Canadians to open our eye and our hearts to what our nation has done. In a specific way we Catholic have been forced to confront the part our church has played in this story of conquest and colonization. We were sometimes the vehicle by which the state acted, especially in education. This is a painful time for us all. But it can also be a time of promise and new hope.

If we are open to listen and be transformed in our relationship with First Nations and their culture there can be healing and renewal. Canada has often been referred to as a multicultural nation. What an irony that we say this, but have largely ignored perhaps the most significant culture among, that of our indigenous neighbours who were in this land long before our ancestors arrived. This may be a great challenge for us but it can also be a great blessing.

Our blindness is not unlike what Jesus faced as he entered his own hometown. The Gospel writer Mark tells us the story (Mark 6:1-6). He is a man with a message and he begins to teach in the local synagogue. People are astounded by what he is saying. They are even more astounded by the fact that it is him who is teaching. They resisted him and his teachings. He was too familiar.

Jesus recognized that like the prophets before him, he was taken for granted, not listened to, even rejected. "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, among their own kin, and in their own house." Familiarity stood in the way of recognizing the message and the messenger who had come among them. This is the blindness that characterizes us at this time.

The presence of God is all around us always. The spirit of the Risen Jesus is ever present with us. All of this is - too ordinary. Jesus reveals and speaks the message of the Kingdom in every act of love, every experience of compassion, every moment of mercy and care. But it can be just too ordinary and so we cannot see what is right before our eyes.

At this time in the story of our nation, and of our church, we have an opportunity to be transformed. It is time to meet the First Nations of this land again, in a new way, without the conquest and colonization. This is a time for listening and learning from one another. It calls for openness and respect, compassion and love. In this, is healing.