

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday Jan 29th 2023 – 4th 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



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

Friday Feb 10th Nerf Family Fun Night
See page three for details

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Jan 31st 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Hazel Currie

Wednesday Feb 1st 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Marie Arsenault

Thursday Feb 2nd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Kay Trevors

Friday Feb 3rd 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Perry Tucker

Saturday Feb 4th 4:00 pm St. Anthony's
Alice Giovannetti

Sunday Feb 5th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Rita Cyr-Bonga

Sunday Feb 5th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's
Mass for the People

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Jan 22, 2023	
Sunday Contributions:	\$2,519.00
Auto Debit (average):	\$2,003.00
Total:	\$4,522.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$ 478.00)
Capital Infrastructure	95.00
Special Collections	-
Other	365.00
Sub Total	460.00
Total	\$ 4,982.00

Year-to-Date	
Offertory:	\$ 17,267.00
Budget Needs:	\$ 20,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$ 2,733.00)

Information inquires should be directed to:
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Website & Social Media

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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



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Office Numbers

Fr. Maria's 444-6070

Patty Cameron 444-6018

Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time,
talent and treasure. For all that you do, THANK YOU!

PARISH WELLNESS

February 4th and 5th

If you have a passion for wellness or just want to serve, we need your help!

As many of you know, our wonderful Parish Nurse retired last year, and many on that committee also left. We now need volunteers to help determine how to move forward and support those initiatives. We will be having short meetings on February 4th and 5th after each mass to solicit support and talk about next steps. Please consider helping to support this valuable initiative with a small commitment of your time.

Without dedicated volunteers, the parish will not be able to support new or legacy programs.

CWL NOTICE

CWL Reminder registrations and dues are due by January 31/23,

During Lent, the Catholic Women's League will be leading

"Mary's Way of the Cross"

every Tuesday, after the noon Mass at Saint Theresa's church.

Office Notes

Please ensure that all Church Doors are locked when leaving the buildings. This continues to be a problem.

If you have a notice for the bulletin please do your best to get it in no later than Thursday at noon. Thank you.

I KNOW MY SHEEP

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the "I Know My Sheep" census currently underway in the diocese. We're asking every family to fill out a card. If you haven't done so already, please complete one as soon as you are able. This information-gathering exercise is underway so the diocese can update records with current demographic changes and contact information. This will help ensure that the diocese can reach as many people as possible early next year in conducting a planning study for a potential capital campaign. Having updated information will also give parishes a better idea of their membership and hopefully improve communication with their parishioners. It only takes a few minutes to complete a card. These can be returned by placing them in the offertory basket or dropped off at the parish office or sent by mail. Thank you for your cooperation in this important effort.



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.

Fridays 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church *

First Wednesday of the month 1:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church

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

Universal Portrait Studio

If you have not picked up your photos yet please do so at the Parish Office. The Photo Directories are not finished but when they become available you will be notified in the bulletin. Any one who did not participate in getting your photo taken can still get a directory at the cost of \$25.00. For those who did get your pictures taken your directory will be free.

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.

To register for Family Faith Formation please visit www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to-7 or contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or by phone at 444-6018.

Nerf Family Fun Night! ~ Beat the winter blahs with a fun night of Nerf activities, Friday, February 10th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church Hall. Bring your own Nerf blasters. Darts and safety glasses will be supplied. Suitable for children from K to grade 7. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 8654.

Mass Intentions

This is a Catholic practice that provides parishioners with **one of the greatest acts of charity** that you may request. Mass intentions are encouraged throughout the year, which may be offered for: a deceased loved one; a living person who is sick or suffering; a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life.

A Mass Card will be provided to send to comfort relatives, friends and loved ones. The Mass intention is supported by a **donation** of \$10 and arrangements for the date, time and church may be scheduled in person at the Parish Office, through the Parish email, or by calling 444-6010.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary candle indicates the presence of the reserved sacrament in the tabernacle. **The Sanctuary candle is the one candle that remains burning continually.** One way of honoring a loved one is to dedicate the Sanctuary candle in their name for the week.. A donation of \$10 is requested for this candle to burn for seven days in memory of your loved one. Their name will be published in the bulletin the week prior to the date you have chosen.

Weekday Masses

Please note that if Schools are closed due to a storm there will be no weekday Mass at either St. Anthony's or at St. Theresa's. This is for everyone's safety. The Mass intention scheduled will be said on another date.

Offertory Envelopes

Thank you for your co-operation in picking up your assigned envelopes. All parishioners including those who use the Auto-Debit have been issued a box of envelopes. If you are new to our Parish and would like to register and receive a box of envelopes for 2023 please call the office at 444-6010 and a box will be prepared for you.

Ministry Schedule Feb 4th & 5th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Martin Colford, Andre Paier Mary Fitzpatrick, Darren Richard, Ed Theriault
Eucharistic Ministers		Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Alter Servers	Ken Harris	Julia Paier, Miranda Gutierrez, Lucas Daigle, Noah VanLeeuwen
Lector	Greg Feener	Margo Parker McAloon
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey

Our Sacred Stories Blessing: In What Does God Take Delight?

Many years ago, traveling in Ireland, I discovered a common awareness of *blessing*. Sitting in a pub for lunch, we noticed a group of truckers at the bar who were finishing off their Guinness. As each one finished and began to leave, the others called out to him, "God bless you now, safe drive." What do we do when we bless someone? Essentially, we are imitating God, seeing another person as God sees them.

If we take a look at the first chapter of the Book of Genesis, we find that the author reflected that at the end of creation God viewed it all. The writer says: *God saw all that was made, and indeed it was very good* (Gen.1:31). There is probably no clearer statement of the goodness of creation, our world and each and every creature on the earth – including ourselves. Genesis is a reminder that God takes delight in all these works that form creation. God does indeed see you and I and every created thing as **a blessing**. It is no small thing, that we recognize we are blessed and that we can bless one another.

The spiritual writer, Ron Rolheiser has a wonderful treatment of what we mean by a blessing in his book *Against an Infinite Horizon: The Finger of God in Our Everyday Lives*. In chapter 2 he focuses our attention on the significance of seeing that we are blessed and that we pass that blessing on to others. Recognizing that we are all blessed and can pass this on to others is a form of delight that God expressed in all creation. If God can look at the created universe and in the words of Genesis declare all to be "very good", we can do nothing less.

When we bless someone, we are indicating that like God, we take delight in that person, that this person is special to us and to God. Like God, we want the best for them. It is this that calls parents to bless their children, friends to bless their friends, members of a community to bless one another, and yes, truckers to bless their fellow truckers in an Irish pub.

In Matthew 5:1-12 we hear the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. We hear Jesus acknowledging the manner in which God views us all. This opening section of the Sermon is referred to as the Beatitudes. These are blessings conferred on us, all of us, in the many experiences that mark our lives. We need to know that in the midst of each and every experience of our lives, God constantly sees the goodness that rests in us and in all creation. God takes delight in us.

Jesus will go on in the Sermon to call us to let this goodness, this "salt" and "light", shine before our world. But it is important that we first recognize that God blesses us with this goodness – even when we do not feel that goodness.

As we conclude each Eucharistic gathering, we leave the table with a blessing for each person who has been with us. We recognize and express the delight in which the God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit holds each and every one of us. Leaving the table at home, especially when we have shared a meal with visitors, we do the same. In saying Goodbye, we bless them with "God be with you".

John Jennings
4th Sun Ord Time