

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday March 26th 2023 – 5th 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 26th St. Anthony's
Regional Reconciliation Service 3:00 PM

Holy Thursday
April 6th 7:00 pm St. Theresa's

Good Friday
April 7th 12:00 PM St. Patrick's
3:00 PM St. Anthony's

Easter Vigil
April 8th 8:00 PM St. Theresa's

Easter Sunday
April 9th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
11:00 AM St. Anthony's

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday March 28th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Katherine Phee

Wednesday March 29th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Kathleen & Joseph Walsh

Thursday March 30th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Jean Marie Caissie

Friday March 31st 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Clarence & Annie LeBlanc

Saturday April 1st 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Theresa Brown

Sunday April 2nd 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Mass for the People

Sunday April 2nd 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Jorden Brewer

Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office. 444-6010

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

| Mar 19, 2023 | | Weekly | Contributions |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Offertory | \$6,255 | Offertory | \$6,255 |
| Capital Infrastructure | 65 | Budget Needs | (5,255) |
| Special Collections | 170 | Excess (Shortfall) | \$1,000 |
| Other | 165 | Year-to-Date | Contributions |
| Total | \$6,655 | Offertory | \$60,167 |
| | | Budget Needs | (60,765) |
| | | Excess (Shortfall) | \$(598) |

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 cancellations!



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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.

Confessions Fr. Maria will hear confessions at St. Anthony's Church on Saturdays at 3:30 PM before 4:00 PM Mass.

Living Lent 2023

Next Sunday is our last Sunday for our Living Lent collections. Thank you to everyone who has donated items to our chosen organizations so far! For some seniors living in a long-term care home can be a lonely experience. Let's make their day a little brighter. Next week all parishioners are encouraged to make or purchase a card and write a short "Thinking of You" message to be delivered to seniors in local nursing and special care homes. Thank you for supporting our Living Lent project!

Mass Time Change

Note: Mass time will return to Summer schedule of 8:45 AM starting Apr 2nd at St. Patrick's Church.

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.*

Our symbol for the Fifth Sunday of Lent is Strips of Cloth

Lazarus, a friend of Jesus, died and was successfully resuscitated by Jesus. The burial ritual called for his body to be bound with linen cloths. Jesus instructed the on-lookers to remove these binding so as to enable Lazarus to move about freely. The raising of Lazarus is one of the miracles performed by Jesus and is a sign of Christ's power over death.



St. Theresa's Church
Joseph McGuire
Offered by Family

Reconciliation Service – The Fredericton Regional Reconciliation Service will be held on Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church, 603 Union Street. All are welcome..

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.

It's New... It's Fun...It's Faith-filled... It's Life-Giving... Introducing OLP Life Groups Ministry

What is a Life Group? It is a small Faith-Sharing Community that meets once a week with the goal of loving and supporting one another in growing in faith and holiness. Group members help one another discern and live out God's plan for their life. This ministry was originally piloted in our parish from 2021-2022 and is now in the planning stages to expand and welcome more members. All adults in OLP parish are welcome! In the next few weeks you will hear from a few of the "pilot" participants in Life Groups about their experiences and about your invitation to join. For more information, please contact Tracy Horsley at horsleysix@gmail.com.

Family Faith Formation ~ Our next Family Faith Formation will be held on Sunday, March 26th at 9:45 am. Families are asked to gather in the church for this session.

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.

This Lent, please give generously



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Stand for the Land** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. **Our solidarity rests on your generosity.**

"The support we receive from Development and Peace has been very important for me. It allowed me to find myself, to live again."

— Raquel Soto, participant in the documentary filmmaking school of the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia)

Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for helping us build a world of justice.

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".

You are invited to a book club! St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish (Holy Family Church Site) will be the location for a book club for anyone interested in reading and discussing the best selling novel by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer's "Braiding Sweet grass : Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants." Braiding Sweet grass is a "... beautiful and thoughtful gift to those of us, even the least bit curious, about understanding the land and living in healthy reciprocity with the environment that cares for us each day."

See Full Invitation on the bulletin Board...

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St. will be hosting a **Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner** (with all the trimmings) on March 29th, 4 - 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15/adult. Please call 506-457-1951 to reserve your tickets



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.

From The Parish Office There are approximately 60 Tax receipts and 34 boxes of envelopes yet to be picked up at the Parish Office. The tax receipts will be mailed at month end for those parishioners who have valid addresses on file.

Ministry Schedule April 1st & 2nd

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

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| Hospitality | Bonnie Bowlen Greg Feener | Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Merla Spires | Deborah Allen & Mary Fitzpatrick |
| Altar Servers | Bonnie Bowlen | Lucas Daigle, Noah Vanleeuwen Kevin Fernandez, Vlad Gabe |
| Lector | Readings: Sue Inkster Passion Narrator: Kelly B. Jesus: Ken Harris | Kendra Dean |
| Sacristan | | Rochelle Ivey |

Our Sacred Stories ... Comfort the Mourning, Heal the Suffering, Care for the Poor – Stand in Solidarity

Death is a reality of our life. Often it is a time of both pain and confusion. It comes as such a shock. With it come waves of questions. Why is it happening to me, to us? To whom shall I turn? Grief and loss hurts. We feel so alone and isolated. It carries a pain and confusion that strikes at the very core of our lives. It is part of our lives. Whether the experience is physical death and the loss of a loved one or an experience of another form of death, deep loss – of home, of country or freedom we face it. Whatever its form, death brings the pain, confusion and dislocation of grief.

Death, however can also bring forth great love. The love expressed among family, the love revealed in friends and the community that can surround and support us is huge. So too is the support and love expressed across borders of race and colour, faith and culture. Many tears are shed. But at the same time, many stories are told and much gratitude expressed. The experience of death draws us into grief. But it also draws us into the power of healing and life-giving love.

John's gospel offers us a story of death, grief, pain and tears (John 11:1-45). But it is also a story of life-giving love. Lazarus and his two sisters, Martha and Mary are friends of Jesus. The two sisters send word that their brother is sick and call on Jesus to come. By the time he arrives, Lazarus has died. The sisters are grieving. It is a painful time for them and for many others, including Jesus. But it is also a time of healing and love. For Martha, Mary and Jesus, their tears of grief were also tears of love.

For three Sundays in Lent (3rd, 4th & 5th) we hear stories in John's Gospel, of people who encounter Jesus. The first is a Samaritan woman at a well, then a blind man. Finally on the 5th Sunday it's the story of the raising of Lazarus. All three of the stories are of someone who faces a barrier, a kind of death that excludes them from the fulness of life-giving relationship. Their encounters with Jesus are expressions of God's love that breaks down barriers and brings life and full communion.

Whenever we face loss or lack of full capacity, it is in some way a taste of death, and so we grieve. When we lose a family member or a friend, we grieve. When our freedom is eroded by oppression, injustice, economic exploitation or poverty we grieve in isolation. All of these are loss for us, a taste of death. And so we grieve, personally and as a world community.

Such grief is a sign of love, of connection, of relationship. To stand with someone in loss or separation from full community is to express our love for them. The experience may be physical death and the loss of a loved one or another form of deep loss, barrier or separation – from home, from country or capacity for relationship. To stand with them in grief is to honour the loving relationship among us especially in the confusion of separation.

This Sunday our church marks what we call "Solidarity Sunday". We are asked to recognize that all around our world there are many who stand in the grief of poverty, injustice, oppression, violence and economic exploitation. As Jesus stood with Mary, Martha and Lazarus in their experience of loss, so we stand, sharing our love with all humanity in its experiences of death and loss.

We are a human community of many races, colours, cultures and creeds. We are a wounded world. We suffer from war, hardship, poverty, injustice and oppression. The deaths that we experience are our common burden. May our sharing of gifts, talents and resources to ease the suffering be a sign that we are one human community and that we stand in solidarity with all for healing and reconciliation.

John Jennings 5th Sunday of Lent