

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

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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

45 Royal Road
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

Upcoming Events

HAPPY EASTER
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Sunday April 16th St. Theresa's
Knights of Columbus
Sunday Brunch After 11:00 Mass

Sunday CWL General Meeting
In the old Rectory following the Brunch

Sunday April 16th St. Theresa's
Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday April 23rd St. Theresa's
1st Communion 11:00 AM

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday April 11th St. Theresa's
No Mass / Funeral Mass St. Anthony's
Wednesday April 12th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Julie Crawford
Thursday April 13th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Audrey Cormier
Friday April 14th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Marg Whalen
Saturday April 15th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Mass for the People
Easter Sunday April 16th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Leonard Gallagher
Easter Sunday April 16th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Harry Nicks

Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office. 444-6010

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Mar 26, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$ 8,246	Offertory	\$ 8,246
Capital Infrastructure	640	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	485	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 2,991
Other	320	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total	\$ 9,691	Offertory	\$ 72,033
		Budget Needs	71,275
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 758

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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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.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday – Sunday, April 16th at 3:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church. It is suggested that parishioners pray the Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday to prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday. <https://www.divinemicysunday.com/novena.htm> to download the Novena



Knights of Columbus 8654

Invite everyone to the April 16th Sunday Brunch following the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Theresa's

Sit Down or take out available. Menu Includes: Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Hash Browns, Toast, Juice, Tea & Coffee (Gluten Free Available)

Please join for our Sunday Brunch. Cost is Free Will Offering.

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.*



St. Anthony's Church
This week the Sanctuary Lamp
Burns in Memory of

+Father Monte Peters+

Offered by Irene Jewett

If you would like the lamp to burn for a week in memory of a loved one at one of our Parish Churches, contact the office and reserve your week. Cost per week is \$10.00

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.

That's a Wrap! ~ Throughout Lent a group youth and adults gathered on Tuesday evenings to watch and discuss season one of "The Chosen". If you were not able to join us you can watch "The Chosen" season one on FORMED.ORG. Interested in season two? Watch the bulletin for our next session.

Prayers for our Children and Youth Preparing for 1st Eucharist and Confirmation ~ Please continue to pray for the children and youth in our parish as they complete their final Sacrament Preparations. 1st Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, April 23rd at the 11:00 am Mass at St. Theresa's and Confirmation on Sunday, June 4th at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's.

Easter Message from Our Pastor

On this day, Jesus Christ rose from the grave.

On this day, He conquered sin and death.

On this day, He opened Heaven to us.

On this day, He gave us life eternal.

It is a truly glorious day—for Christ, and those who choose to live with Him

Our Easter celebrations remind us that at all times of the year we Catholics celebrate an Easter faith, for our faith is in him who died on the cross for the sake of all, and rose bodily and victoriously from the grave to set humanity free from sin and death. While the ultimate and final consummation of this victory is yet to be achieved, we nevertheless believe in all that Christ has already accomplished in his paschal mystery, even as we hope for all that it has yet to bring about in us and in the world. In this same spirit, we pray that our lives will draw strength more and more from its healing mercy and saving power, so that we may face with steadfast courage and with unwavering hope all the challenges and trials life places before us.

As we begin our celebration of the great 50 days of Easter, we thank everyone who has generously contributed last few weeks to Student Hunger Program, Transition House, DECH Social Work Department, Solidarity Sunday Toonie and Cards for Nursing Homes which eastered hope to many people. May the new life of the risen Christ, and the new hope his resurrection offers, be an ever-freshening source of joy and vitality for you and for those who are dear to you. I wish you a happy and glorious Easter to you and your family!

Fr. Maria Arokiam.....

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. 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.

Scams and Fraud Schemes: The Fredericton North Heritage Association invites you to a presentation by **Constable Mike Bamford of the Fredericton Police Force**. This presentation discusses common frauds and scams in circulation. It is designed to be engaging, encouraging audience participation and to also inform of general red flags to watch out for. Everyone is welcome to attend, Tuesday, April the 11th, 2pm at 780 McEvoy St. (St. Mary's Hall). Refreshments served.

Ministry Schedule April 15th & 16th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Andre Paier, Darren Richard, Ed Theriault
Eucharistic Ministers	Theresa Donaher	Deborah Allen & Mary Fitzpatrick
Alter Servers	Merla Spires	Samuel & David Gutierrez , Al & Joe Adimalor,
Lector	Ken Harris	Betty Flanagan
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick

Our Sacred Stories - Easter: Season of New Life and Rebirth for Jesus....and for Us

[He] suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven...

Easter takes us through an entire season of rebirth and new life. Beginning with Good Friday and lasting until the Feast of Pentecost our Christian community celebrates the core of our faith, the Paschal Mystery. It is the feast expressing the passage of Jesus from death to new life. The words of our Apostles Creed express our faith in this part of the Christian story. What we might miss is that it is also the passing of ourselves from death to new life.

The resurrection stories in the Gospel present the disciples and friends of Jesus seeking him at the tomb, among the dead. They do not find him there. Nor would they find him in any place that represents domination, death, violence, greed, oppression and bondage. They would find him in the places of life and light, liberation and peace. This is where the risen one is to be found.

In Matthew's Gospel (20:1-18) we find ourselves facing the grieving and loss that is the common human experience of death. The disciples have lost their teacher and mentor. The dismay at this loss is expressed by Mary Magdalene as she cannot find him even in the tomb. She weeps at the loss of Jesus.

Then, in an insight of faith, Mary moves beyond the physical sight of Jesus to the spiritual recognition of the Risen One. She realizes in faith that this awareness is not just for her. It is Good News to be shared. Immediately, Mary rushes to tell the other disciples, as Matthew puts it: *I have seen the Lord*. And so, the new life of the Risen One begins to permeate the face of the earth.

The resurrection sends Jesus back into the world. His resurrection proclaims that there is life after death, there is hope and promise and that the power of evil, oppression and bondage is broken. The world and humanity are given new life.

What we may not realize is that like the risen Jesus, we too are sent back into the world and that we bring the Risen One with us. We carry Jesus into our world of families and friends, of commerce, economics and politics. We carry him into the places of oppression, bondage and poverty, of violence and suffering. As Jesus, we carry the resurrection and its hope. We bring what the risen one brings – PEACE. This is the Good News – we believe in the possibility of new life for all.

The spiritual writer, Carlo Carretto in *Blessed Are You Who Believed* describes the presence and power of the risen Jesus that we welcome into our lives and that we bear into our world.

When you forgive your enemy, When you feed the hungry,

When you defend the weak

You believe in the resurrection.

When you have the courage to marry, When you welcome a new-born child,

When, you make a home together

You believe in the resurrection.

When you wake at peace in the morning, When you sing to the rising sun,

When you go to work with joy

You believe in the resurrection.

The resurrection is for all. The promise of new life, hope and healing, peace and liberation is for all.

John Jennings