

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday November 12th 2023 – 32nd 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

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Nov 14th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Paul Leger

Wednesday Nov 15th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Christopher Sabile-Loberte

Thursday Nov 16th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Dean Casey

Friday Nov 17th 7:00 PM St. Anthony's

Touched by Cancer Mass

Saturday Nov 19th 4:00 pm St. Anthony's

Mass for the People

Sunday Nov 19th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's

Martha Thibeault

Sunday Nov 19th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Hubert Mulherin

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

Sunday November 12th St. Theresa's Hall

Family Faith Formation 9:30 am

Office Closed on Nov 13th & 14th

Friday November 17th 7:00 PM St. Anthony's

Touched by Cancer Mass

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Nov 5th 2023		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	\$ 5,764	Offertory	\$ 5,764		
Capital Infrastructure	525	Budget Needs	(5,255)		
Special Collections	75	Excess (Shortfall)		\$ 509	
Other	-	Year-to-Date		Contributions	
Total	\$ 6,364	Offertory	\$ 231,037		
		Budget Needs	234,180		
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (3,143)		

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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Office Numbers

Fr. Maria's 444-6070

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Ministry Schedule November 18th & November 19th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson, Elaine Read
Eucharistic Minister	Leonard Cormier	Deborah Allen, Mary Fitzpatrick
Altar Servers	Ken Harris	Joe Adimalor, Samuel, David & Miranda Alfaro
Lector	Sue Inkster	Kendra VanLeewen – Reign Buenaventura
Sacristan		Debbie Heustis



St. Theresa's Church
+ *Lawrence Bohan* +
Offered by Pauline Cormier

Mark your calendars! NET Team Retreat for Youth! ~ Experience a NET Retreat and engage your faith! A team of vibrant young missionaries will be visiting our area to provide youth in grades 6 to 12 an opportunity to hear the message of God's love and a chance to experience the Gospel personally. We promise it will be a day of faith, fun and friendship! Saturday, November 18th from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm at the Msgr. Boyd Family Center (St. Dunstan's). Lunch and snacks will be provided. Please let us know if you will be joining us by contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018.



Our Lady of Peace Parish will be participating in a parish-wide survey!

Parishes in the Diocese of Saint John, including Our Lady of Peace Parish, will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. We need your help!

This information will be invaluable to Fr. Maria and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. The survey will be available online from November 21st to December 18th and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Closer to November 21st we will share with you the link to complete the survey online. Paper copies will also be available.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible so please seriously consider participating in the survey from November 21st to December 18th. Thank you for helping with this important project!

Liturgical Ministers Needed ~



The Liturgy Committee invites previous and new volunteers to consider serving at Mass. We are looking for Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Sacristans to serve during Mass at all three of our parish churches. New volunteers are welcome, and training will be provided. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 444-6010 with your contact details and in which church you would like to serve.

Prayers for Peace in our World! On the first Monday of each Month at 7 pm – 7:45 pm in St. Dunstan's Church beginning November 6th. Everyone is welcome. (Blue Church doors at King Street entrance by Tim Hortons).

Family Faith Formation Next Sunday! ~ Family Faith Formation (Catechism) will meet this Sunday, November 12th at 9:30 am at in St. Theresa's Church Hall. This is for families with children in Kindergarten to grade 7. During the session older youth in grades 5, 6 and 7 will have their own session. If you have not registered yet for Family Faith Formation, you can register online at [www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious\[1\]formation-k-to-7](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious[1]formation-k-to-7). All families are welcome to join us!



GAZA HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY

MONTREAL, October 25, 2023 — Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is making an immediate **allocation of \$150,000 to Caritas Jerusalem** to help it meet the needs of families besieged and displaced by the ongoing crisis in Gaza in the Holy Land.

As a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is also participating in the Humanitarian Coalition's **Gaza Humanitarian Emergency** appeal. This means that **donations for this cause will be matched dollar for dollar** by the Government of Canada up to a maximum of \$10 million **until November 12**. We therefore invite Canadians to **donate generously**, AND help provide food, water, shelter, hygiene kits, essential goods, healthcare and psychosocial support to families affected by the conflict in Gaza. **DONATE: Online at devp.org/give**

By **calling 1-888-234-8533** toll-free or by mailing a **cheque payable to Development and Peace** (marked *Gaza Humanitarian Emergency*) to: 555 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 8th Floor
Montreal, Quebec H2Z 1B1

ADVENT RETREAT AT THE VILLA MADONNA!

This 24 hour Advent retreat at the Villa Madonna Retreat House might be just what you are looking for. The theme is WAITING / An Advent Journey. The date is Friday, November 24th at 6:30 till Sunday, November 26th at 2:00 pm. Cost is \$70 for registration and upon arrival, \$240.

This is a **Silent-Directed** retreat and will be an opportunity for specific guidance in various structured approaches to prayer. Retreatants will have an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. In between assigned prayer periods, retreatants are free to enjoy the indoor and outdoor space as desired. This retreat will also include the celebration of the Eucharist. It is facilitated by trained spiritual directors in the diocese. (Google 'AASEA Retreats' for more information). To register contact **Bob McDermott** : (mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca)

St. Paul's UCW is hosting a Christmas Bazaar on **November 18th** from 9am -12pm. Come do some Christmas shopping and pick up some tasty baking, crafts, books, puzzles and have a coffee and muffin. Donations of gently used items and baking are welcome and can be dropped off at the church Monday-Thursday between 8am-3pm and Friday between 8am-1pm.

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***Happy Birthday to Don Dinsmore
Member of the St. Anthony's Elite 90's Club***

Our Sacred Stories - Seeking & Discovering the Reign of God

Have you ever found yourself in unfamiliar territory? Perhaps you were hiking in the woods. Or possibly you were driving in a new city or a new province or even a different country. You got lost. I have often had that experience. When it happens, I prefer to think – I'm not lost, I just don't know where I am. This my opportunity to discover something or some place new and unplanned.

Such experiences are common to all of us. They seem to be part of being human. We do not know everything and we often face new challenges with many questions. We are born to discover, ask questions, to learn new things and ways. Natural to us all is the drive to go on quests, searches and discoveries. That's why we like mystery novels, movies and stories. It is why we are attracted to things like puzzles and games which tax our energies and thinking. Even when we are very young children, one of our first instincts seem to be to ask questions. Why? How? What? In fact, every answer we receive seems to generate more questions. Life is one long quest to figure it all out.

Our Gospel this weekend (Matt 25:1-13) is about **encounters** and **discovery**. The ten bridesmaids were waiting for the coming of the groom. He was late arriving and when he did come, some were prepared, some were not. Why does Matthew tell this parable of Jesus?

Like all the parables they are told first for the little communities of Christians to whom the Gospel writers belong. These early Christians of the first generation after resurrection, expected Jesus to return in glory soon, even in their lifetime. As time went by, the return was delayed, like the groom's coming. Some were discouraged by this delay. Matthew's parable is to urge Christians to wait patiently and **be prepared** for the **encounter** when they would meet their risen Lord: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

One of the striking parts of this story relates to being prepared for the encounter. The "foolish" bridesmaids are not ready when the groom arrives. They do not have enough oil for their lamps, so they want to borrow from the wise bridesmaids. They are told by the wise: "go... and buy some for yourselves." When the foolish leave to buy, they miss the coming of the groom.

Often in our waiting and searching for how we are to live as disciples of Jesus and as Catholics, we have a tendency to focus on what others have or do – borrow from the wise or buy from the dealers. In our quest, we fail to recognize that perhaps what we seek is already in us and among us. It is a matter of discovering what we already hold and allow our lives to act upon it.

Our baptism has made us part of a community of Christians. We are called to journey with one another. Our church is a global one, encompassing many cultures and languages. In 2021, our community was asked to enter into a process of synod. This past October 2023, after two years of preparation in local communities around the world, the first session of the synod took place in Rome.

The word "synod" has a Greek root which means "to travel together". As local representatives met in Rome, they took us and what was considered locally in our church with them. We in this way were traveling together with them. Over the next year we will be offered the opportunity to consider further who we are as church – to pray, to listen, to share our hopes and questions as a global church. In October 2024, Session #2 of this synod will consider more deeply who we are to be as church in the 21st Century. Again, we will be "traveling together", sharing ourselves in the Spirit.

John Jennings

32nd Sun Ord Time



A Little Laughter for your day!

TEACHER: Glen, how do you spell crocodile?

GLEN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLEN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.