

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

BULLETIN

Sunday, March 7, 2021 - 3rd 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 8:45 am



St. Theresa's Church

1 William St.

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 12th

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

7:00 pm St. Anthony's

Thursday, March 25th

Lenten Retreat with Sr. Karen

(watch bulletin for more details)

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 9th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church

John and Honey Canney

Wednesday, March 10th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church

Fr. Joe LeBlanc

Thursday, March 11th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church

Suzie Wrynn

Friday, March 12th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church

Nelson Dunn

Saturday, March 13th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

Marlene McEachern

Sunday, March 14th 8:45 pm - St. Patrick's Church

Michael McAloon

Sunday, March 14th 11:0 am - St. Theresa's Church

Marie Shields

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory - February 28, 2021

Sunday Contributions:	\$3,104.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,982.00</u>
Total:	\$5,086.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,400.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$ 314.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 110.00
Special Collections:	\$ 154.00
Other:	\$ 40.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 40,675.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 48,600.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 7,925.00)
Information inquires should be directed to:	
Frank O'Donnell 472-0145	
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener	
472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)	

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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



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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 ANNOUNCEMENTS



**OUR LADY OF PEACE
ONLINE MASS**
Sunday at 11:00 am
Facebook Live

Recording of Mass will be posted on our website for those who can't access Facebook.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION IN CHURCH PARKING LOTS

To provide Communion to those parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person we will have distribution of Holy Communion Sundays at:

St. Theresa's Church after Mass to 12:15 pm

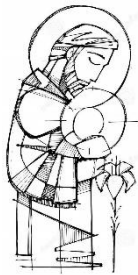
We encourage our parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person to watch Mass at home online at 11:00 am and then make their way to St. Theresa's Church if they wish to receive Communion.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 9:30 at St. Anthony's Church
Fridays 11:30 am at St. Theresa'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.*



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH **Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021**

Each week we will end Mass with a prayer to St. Joseph. St. Joseph prayer cards are available at the three churches for you to take home.



This Week's Lenten Symbol - Water

In the time of Jesus, many kinds of water purifications were practiced. A ritual washing was required before eating. Christian baptism is more than a cleansing. Baptism signifies a dying (ie. drowning) to one way of living and rising to a new way of life.

Our Lady of Peace Reconciliation Service ~ Parish wide Reconciliation Service will take place on Friday, March 12th at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church.

Triduum and Easter Mass Schedule

As we prepare for the Triduum and Easter, taking into consideration the province's anticipated return to a new restrictive yellow phase and guidelines for celebrating the Triduum issued by the Diocese of Saint John, the Liturgy and COVID-19 Committees are preparing for these Masses in a way that makes the most sense for our entire parish community.

The Masses of the Triduum are the pinnacle of the Catholic liturgical year. It is a time when we need to be open and welcoming to all, a time when our best should be offered in the Mass. With all restrictions, guidelines and the whole parish community considered please find below Our Lady of Peace Parish Triduum and Easter Mass Schedule.

***This year attendance at Triduum and Easter Masses
will be by reservation only.***

You may reserve your spot calling the parish office at 444-6010 or emailing

parishoffice@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.

When registering for Mass, please provide a main contact name, phone number, email address, the number of people in your group, and which Masses you would like to attend.

Triduum and Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday

7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church **
(Livestreamed)

Good Friday

10:00 am at St. Patrick's Church
12:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church
3:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church
(Livestreamed with distribution of Communion
in the parking lot)

Easter Vigil

8:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church **

Easter Sunday

8:45 am St. Patrick's Church
11:00 am St. Theresa's Church **
(Livestreamed with distribution of Communion
in the parking lot)

**** St. Theresa's Church has been chosen for these main parish Masses to allow more people the opportunity to attend. Ministries for these parish Masses will be shared between the three parish churches.**

Are You Watching "The Search" with Fr. Maria?

This Lent Fr. Maria is watching "The Search" on FORMED.org. Every Wednesday we will post on the parish Facebook page and website a link to watch an episode of *The Search* on FORMED.org along with a couple of questions for reflection and discussion. Share your thoughts each week on Facebook.



OUR LADY OF PEACE LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays of Lent after the 10:00 am Mass
St. Anthony's Church

Wednesdays of Lent after the 12:00 pm Mass
St. Theresa's Church

Wednesdays of Lent after 1:00 pm Adoration
St. Patrick's Church

PARISH GIVING

Please see our parish website for information on how you can continue to support the parish if you are not able to attend Mass.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office for assistance.

2020 Tax Receipts ~ 2020 tax receipts are available for pick up at Mass. **During the week receipts will be available at the parish office for pick up.** Please call the office at 444-6010 if alternative arrangements are needed.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP

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 linton@nbnet.nb.ca



Share Love, Share Lent: The Passion of Youth



Did you know Development and Peace has an active youth movement from coast to coast? The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign celebrates the passion and commitment of youth, who represent the present and the future of the Development and Peace movement. Join them in

supporting our work for positive change in Canada and the Global South.

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- Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED

RELIGIOUS FORMATION UPDATE

Kindergarten to Grade 8 Religious Formation ~ Will meet again on line Sunday, March 14th at 9:30 am.

PARISH NURSING

Online Yoga ~ Mondays from 3 to 4 pm via Zoom. Anyone interested to join can contact Emma at eecout@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.

Fredericton Indoor Pool ~ If you would like to use our Parish Nursing program to access swimming at the indoor pool please contact Vicky Knight at 454-8583 or by email at vicky.knight@bellaliant.net to book your swim time.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF MARCH 9TH TO MARCH 14TH

St. Anthony's – Tuesday @ 10:00 am		St. Theresa's – Wednesday @ 12:00 pm	
Screeners/Ushers	John Walsh Merla Spires	Mary Billings Betty Flanagan	
Lector	John Walsh	Gisele Weatherhead	
St. Anthony's – Thursday @ 10:00 am		St. Theresa's – Friday @ 12:00 pm	
Screeners/Ushers	Ken Harris Sue Inkster	Janet Matheson	
Lector	Ken Harris	Margot Parker	
St. Anthony's – Saturday at 4:00 pm		St. Theresa's – Sunday at 11:00 am	
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener Mona and Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford Tracy Horsley AJ Horsley Janet Matheson	
Lector	Sr. Karen Kelly	Ed Theriault	

Our Sacred Stories Earning God's Love?

John's Gospel tells a story of Jesus visiting the Temple in Jerusalem (John 2:13-25). The Gospel relates the story as a lead into seeing our relationship with God in a new light. In Israel, the Temple was the sign and symbol of God's presence in their midst. As Jesus speaks to the people in the Temple, he redirects their attention from the physical building to himself, as the Temple.

The Gospel account points out that this all came to make sense to the disciples after the Resurrection. Jesus then, becomes the sign of God's loving presence among us. He represents a new way of seeing our relationship with God. God's care and love is not dependent on what we offer to God. It is not affected by sacrifices we might present. It is not the result of bargaining with God. Our relationship with God is a free and unconditional gift from God. We do not have to earn or win God's love and we cannot lose it. It is always there for us. This is a remarkable discovery, a great surprise.

Even in the Old Testament, this is the relationship between God and God's People, Israel. It was not always apparent to this People, but it was there nonetheless. Israel saw itself in a covenant relationship. God called them as a people to be God's own. They in return lived according to the law and in doing so, they had a fuller, happier life as special to God and caring for each other.

The relationship we see in the Old Testament appears to be one in which, like all covenants or alliances, each side promised something to the other in exchange for their bond with each other. That is, they appear to be *bargaining*. But can this happen between two very unequal parties? In this case, the relationship between God and Israel is indeed unequal – between the divine and the human.

The covenant of the Old Testament is in fact unusual. The relationship results from the free gift of God's love to this People. Over the course of the Old Testament, we learn of this quality of free gift again and again. No matter how many times Israel drifted from God, God continued to reach out in love for them. They could not live this love, nor could they lose it.

The great expression of God's love comes in the New Testament, with Jesus. Jesus proclaims it a little further on in John's Gospel as describes Jesus in conversation with a Pharisee named Nicodemus. He says to Nicodemus: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, ..." (John 3:16).

The piece we hear today in the Gospel reading comes earlier in the Gospel, but it presents that same core element of our faith. Jesus is the sign of God's loving presence for us, the new Temple. Our relationship is not based on our doing something for God. It is not dependent on sacrifice or offering. It is not affected by how we keep rules or commands. It is not the result of some arrangement arrived at by bargaining with God. It is in fact a free gift of God's unconditional love, a love we do not win, and we cannot lose. Our covenant is a gift, a gift we are called to give away to other.

Reflection Question ~ How might accepting that God loves me unconditionally, affect the way I live?