

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday Dec 11th 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

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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

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Advent Movie Night

**7:00 PM St. Theresa's Church**

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Celebrate Advent! Family Event

**12:00 PM St. Theresa's Church Hall**

### Christmas Mass Times

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup> St. Anthony's 4PM**

**St. Theresa's 5:30 PM**

**St. Patrick's 8 PM**

**Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 10 AM St. Theresa's**

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 4 PM St. Anthony's**

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 11 AM St. Theresa's 1:30 PM St. Patrick's**

### Mass Times & Intentions

**Tuesday Dec 13th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**

*Joseph McGuire*

**Wednesday Dec 14th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**

*Adelard Williams*

**Thursday Dec 15th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**

*Norma MacNeil*

**Friday Dec 16th 7:00 PM St. Anthony's**

*Touched by Cancer Mass*

**Saturday Dec 17th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**

*Yvonne McGarvey*

**Sunday Dec 18th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**

*Andy Chiasson*

**Sunday Dec 18th 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 Dec 4, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$ 4,352.00
Auto Debit (average):	\$ 2,044.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>\$ 6,396.00</b>
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Excess (Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ 1,396.00</b>
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 160.00
Special Collections:	380.00
Other:	\$ 275.00

#### Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 235,749.00
Budget Needs:	\$ 245,000.00
<b>Excess (Shortfall):</b>	<b>(\$ 9,251.00)</b>
Information inquires should be directed to:	
Frank O'Donnell 472-0145	
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg	
Feener 472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca).	

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

### Website & Social Media

[www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

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



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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

## Christmas Outreach:



Our parish will be helping local food banks and homeless shelters make Christmas a little brighter for those in need this year. Requested items will be displayed as decorations at each church. We encourage everyone to take a decoration or two. Items will be collected until **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Only new items will be accepted. All donations will be distributed the week before Christmas.

### **Ministers of Holy Eucharist**

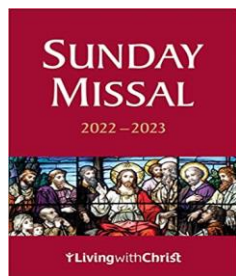
Do you have a family member, a neighbour, or a friend who is in the hospital or nursing home that would like to receive Holy Communion? We can help. We have Ministers of Eucharist that are willing, able and ready to visit and distribute Holy Communion. For further information and to make arrangements, please call Allison Wrynn at 506-470-9390.

### **From the Parish Office**

Your **2023** Offertory Envelopes have been ordered, being shipped next week. When available in your church **PLEASE** take (only) envelopes with your name; which also include parishioners using the auto-debit option.



Some will have a new envelope number, which is assigned for 2023 in our Computer program. I ask you to please include your name and address on the first few used. I thank you in advance.....  
Irene



### **Sunday Missals**

Missals are available at each of our Churches. Cost per missal is \$5.00.

## **I KNOW MY SHEEP**

All parishes across the diocese are participating in the "I Know My Sheep" census over the next month, when there is typically increased Mass attendance. The goal of the census is to update each parish database with current and accurate contact information for our parish families, to update the diocesan database, and to prepare for a planning study to test a potential diocesan wide capital campaign in **2023**. Having updated information will also give our parishes a better idea of who is in our parish and hopefully improve communication. This weekend, and every weekend through to **January 15**, you will see census cards in the pews. We are asking each family to take just a couple minutes to complete a card. These can be returned by placing them in the offertory basket, dropping them off at the parish office or sending them by mail. Thank you for your cooperation in this important effort.



### **Share the Warmth Campaign Wrap Up**

All the donations have been counted and sorted. This year we received 744 items of clothing including: 300 pairs of socks, 115 gloves/mittens and 122 hats. There were many coats, sweaters and other items donated. These will now be distributed to local clothing banks within the Parish communities.



**Thank you once again for your tremendous support!**



Advent is a season of waiting, of expectation, and of longing. **On this third Sunday of Advent, we light one more candle on our wreath: the pink candle that represents joy.**

## Faith Formation Update



**YOUTH CHOIR:** Our Lady of Peace Parish Youth Choir will be practicing each Sunday following the 11:00 Mass 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM at St. Theresa's. All youth from kindergarten age and up are welcome to join at any time.

## Advent Activities

**Advent Reflection Books** ~ Advent Reflection Books for adults, seniors and families are available at each of the churches. Please be sure to pick one up to enrich your Advent experience this year.

**Parish Advent Movie Night** ~ Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at St. Theresa's Church. Movie "Joseph and Mary". Ages 12 and up. Donation of food items for the Fredericton Food Bank will be accepted at this event.

**Celebrate Advent! Family Event** ~ Join us on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM in St. Theresa's Church Hall as we celebrate the Advent season with a special parish family event, with lunch (pizza), a movie ("The Star") and a family keepsake craft. All families are invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to grandparents of the parish to attend with their grandchildren. To help us plan for the event please rsvp to Patty Cameron at [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) by Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost is by donation.

**Advent on FORMED** ~ Resources for adults, families, and children. Be sure to check out "FORMED In the Word Advent" a review of the Sunday Mass readings throughout Advent and Brother Francis "The Days of Advent", plus so much more!

## Events Happening Around our Community



Are you interested in making a real difference in the world? How about right here in your own community? Meals on wheels volunteers deliver a freshly prepared meal, a warm smile, and the reassurance that someone cares at a time in our neighbors' lives when they need it the most. Our clients include individuals who are elderly, disabled, or recovering from illness or surgery – people who otherwise would not be able to access the nutrition they need to live healthy, independent lives. For a small investment of your time, as often or as infrequently as you like, you can help make their lives a little easier. We deliver seven days a week, 365 days a year, so any time you can give – during the week or on the weekend will be gratefully received. The demand for our service is growing and so is the need for volunteers. We need drivers who can take on a regular route once a week, and we also need substitute drivers to fill in on an occasional basis. From start to finish, an hour and a half is about all the time it takes.

Won't you please consider helping out? For more info, call 458-9482, or check out our web page: <http://frederictonmealsonwheels.ca>

See your bulletin boards for the Grace Memorial Baptist Church Christmas Concert "Ring Christmas Bells" poster featuring the Harding Smith Memorial Handbell Choir. Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM. Christmas Sweets & Refreshments to follow the Concert. For more info contact Grace Memorial at 458-8527

**Knights of Columbus** Monthly Community Breakfast, Sunday, December 11th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM, 170 Regent Street. Breakfast sausage, scrambled eggs, beans, French toast, pancakes, hash browns, juice, coffee and tea. Adults: \$ 8.00, Children \$ 5.00, Family \$ 25.00. Eat in or take out. Everyone welcome!

# Ministry Schedule Dec 17th & 18th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann(Front), Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Andre Paier, Janet Matheson, Betty MacNeil, Debbie Heustis
Eucharistic Ministers		Deborah Allen & Mary Fitzpatrick
Alter Servers	Merla Spires	Julia Paier, Vlad Gabe, Kevin Fernandez
Lector	Greg Feener	Margo Parker McAloon
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey

## Our Sacred Stories Advent:

### The Way of Joy: Faith, Hope and Love

*The joy and the hope, the grief and the anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joy and the hope, the grief and the anguish of the followers of Christ as well.*

These are the opening words of Vatican II's *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*. Promulgated on December 7, 1965, this was one of the final documents to come out of the Council. In some ways it captured the whole character of all the Council's work and expressed the open, inclusiveness and new vision of the Catholic Church. The words represent a description of who we are as Catholic Christians. The church is and always has been rooted in time. It seeks to share the Good News in the cultures and times of the present. In doing so, its call is to bring joy and hope to all humanity, not just Christians. In particular it is to reach out to the most vulnerable.

Almost 50 years later, on November 24, 2013, Pope Francis issued another document with much the same character, *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*. Intended to build on and again reflect the spirit of Vatican II this exhortation, in the first year that Francis was pope, set the direction for the whole of his papacy.

Pope Francis put it this way: *The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus* (E.G. 1). He goes on to say that he encourages the whole Christian community to take on the mission of sharing the Gospel as truly Good News. To do so is to be ourselves, filled with joy and hope. A little later in this same document, he points out a barrier to this call: *There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter* (E.G. 6).

Fully aware that life is not without suffering and pain, Pope Francis holds a strong faith that God's love is unending and unconditional. With such faith, there is firm hope and through hope comes joy. He quotes the Old Testament Book of Lamentations: *My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is... But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning* (Lam. 3:21-23).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete* Sunday. Literally, *Gaudete* is the Latin word for "Rejoice". It is a reminder of the fundamental joy that comes with the gift of life that God gives us. Despite the challenges that we face, life has a fundamental goodness, for God is good and life is a blessing of God.

In the midst of the deserts through which we sometimes must pass in life, the challenges we and our world face, there is a basic truth of our faith. That truth is that God recognizes the goodness of every human being and gifts us with a love that can never be lost. This Sunday we hear the prophet Isaiah present us with the image of the joy that comes with this gift of life and God's ever redeeming love:

*The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall **rejoice** and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and **rejoice** with joy and singing.*

John Jennings 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent