

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday March 10th 2024 –4th 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

#### Mass Times & Intentions

**Tuesday March 12th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**  
*James Daley*

**Wednesday March 13th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**  
*John & Honey Caney*

**Thursday March 14th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**  
*Alexina Martin Violette*

**Friday March 15th 7:00 PM St. Anthony's**  
*Touched by Cancer Mass*

**Saturday March 16th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**  
*Mass for the People*

**Sunday March 17th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**  
*John McAloon*

**Sunday March 17th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's**  
*Elsie Cleveland*

#### 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

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – Regional Reconciliation Service**  
**3:00 PM St. Dunstan's**

**For weekday Masses if School is cancelled**  
**Masses will be cancelled.**

**Confessions ½ hour before weekend Masses**

**St. Anthony's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!**

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Mar 03, 2024		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	\$ 6,832	Offertory	\$ 6,832		
Capital Infrastructure	950	Budget Needs	(5,255)		
Special Collections	250	Excess (Shortfall)		<b>\$ 1,577</b>	
Other	120	<b>Year-to-Date</b>			
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 8,152</b>	Offertory	\$ 48,082		
		Budget Needs	(47,295)		
		Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ 787</b>		

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

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



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## Ministry Schedule March 16th & March 17th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Manie, Rachele & Ellie Pahati
Eucharistic Minister	Sue Inkster	Mar Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Altar Servers	Merla Spires	Isiah Bonaventura, Kevin Fernandez, Joe Adimalor, Phil VanLeeuwen
Lector	Kelly Bowlen	Barry Miller & Marilyn Brennan
Sacristan		Bud Trevors



St. Theresa's Church  
+ **Carney & Joan Heustis** +  
Offered by Debbie Heustis

St. Anthony's Church  
+ **Deceased Members of the Hughes Family** +  
Offered by Sue Allen

### Symbol for the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent:

**Candle** – the fragile flame of a candle is a silent symbol that speaks of hope, gladness, warmth, learning and love. We pray that the flame of faith will be kept burning brightly.

### CWL Notices

#### **ADVOCACY**

Catholic Women's League members educate themselves on how to make their voices heard by government and work together to address social justice issues. Join us. Be an advocate and let your voice be heard.

#### **Our Lady of Peace Parish Adoration Schedule**

Thursdays at 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church before 12:00 pm Mass \*

Fridays at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church before 10:00 am \*

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church (1 hour) \* If Mass is cancelled so is Adoration.

## Lent



**Parish Living Lent Outreach** ~ Each week this Lent we will be supporting a local organization.

We will also post in the bulletin the collection for the following week. Donations will be collected only the weekends indicated and will be delivered to the organizations right away.. Together we can make a difference in our community! Thank you to everyone who donated to last weekend's collection of coffee for the Fredericton Community Kitchen. Together we donated **99** cans of coffee!

Next week's collection (March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>) supports the Fredericton Food Bank. We will be collecting canned spaghetti sauce and dry pasta. Each month the Fredericton Food Bank provides over 1900 food hampers of essential groceries to families in need in our community.

**Welcome to The Catholic Parent!** ~We are excited to invite parents to join us for "The Catholic Parent" a video series created by Catholic Parents for Catholic Parents! This lighthearted series encourages moms and dads as they embrace their God-given role to form their kids in the Catholic faith. Join us for our next sessions on March 11th, and March 25th at 7:00 pm in the meeting rooms at St. Theresa's Church.

**The Story Continues! Season 2 of "The Chosen"** Join us Tuesday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm in the meeting rooms at St. Theresa's Church as we watch and discuss season 2 of The Chosen. The Chosen is a historical drama based on the life of Jesus and those who knew him. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

**Family Lent Event** – Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00pm to 3:30 PM in St. Theresa's Hall. Enjoy a family friendly movie about the life of Jesus and create a table top resurrection garden to take home. Please reserve your spot by emailing Patty

**Invitation to “Introduction to the Synod on Synodality”** ~ In October 2023, Pope Francis opened the first session of a synod in Rome with 365 delegates from around the world in attendance. The second session will begin in October 2024. Father John Jennings is offering an introductory overview of what the synod is about and what it can mean for all members of the Catholic community on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the meetings at St. Theresa’s Church. For those unable to attend at this time you are invited to take advantage of the same session being offered on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Mary Sullivan at the Msgr. Boyd Family Center.

### **Development and Peace Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia**



In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty.

Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

### **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP**

*Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!*

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, 2024**.

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 (unavailable from March 19 to April 3<sup>rd</sup>)** for further information at 506-261-7600 or email [linton21@outlook.com](mailto:linton21@outlook.com).



## **Our Lady of Peace Parish Triduum & Easter Mass Schedule**

### ***Holy Thursday***

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm at St. Anthony’s Church

### ***Good Friday***

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm at St. Patrick’s Church

3:00 pm at St. Theresa’s Church

### ***Easter Vigil***

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 pm at St. Anthony’s Church

### ***Easter Sunday***

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:45 am at St. Patrick’s Church

11:00 am at St. Theresa’s Church

## **Our Sacred Stories-- Christian Faith: A Human & Divine Encounter**

*As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world (John 9:5)*

How does Christian faith and an awareness of God enter our lives? There is no single, simple response to this question. But in most cases, it involves others, family, friends, even sometimes, persons we just happen to meet in a community in which we find ourselves. Even when we enter a community of faith as small children, it will be a life-long process of growth as we meet others who present us with a living faith that engages us.

Pope Francis, as he began his papacy in 2013 issued an encyclical letter entitled "The Joy of the Gospel" (*Evangelii Gaudium*). It emphasized the mission that has been bestowed on every Christian from their very baptism. As he put it: *I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation (EV 27).*

This vision a Christian community of disciples as sharers of the Good News is one of the motivating elements of the current gatherings underway in the Catholic community. *The Synod on Synodality*, unusual or unfamiliar as the phrase may sound, is really about opening the vision of Church in which all members are active sharers of the faith for the sake of others. Our faith is always a communal faith. We hold Christian faith so that it might be given away to others and that all might gain new life through this Good News.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent there are two options for the Gospel reading. One of them is directed to those just entering our community as newly baptized, but it also speaks to all of us who may have been baptized years ago. It is the story of person who has an initial encounter with faith and Jesus (John 9:1-41). It relates the gradual and progressive way in which a blind man slowly arrives at sight and light and faith through the encounter. This is an evangelization story. In many ways it expresses how the faith of any one of us has been planted and nurtured through encounters with others and their faith.

As John relates, Jesus encounters a man who has been blind from birth. He reaches out to the man and heals his blindness, restoring his sight. This is a wondrous act, a miracle. Suddenly, a person who could not see regains sight. But there is a bigger wonder, a greater miracle that is found in this story. The blind man gained his physical sight, but then gradually he came to a new kind of sight as well. He came to see with spiritual vision.

The spiritual sight gained by the blind man in John's Gospel was very gradual and involved many others, including his neighbours, some Pharisees, as well as another encounter with Jesus, in which the man expresses his faith that Jesus is the *Son of Man*, the active presence of God among us. It had been a difficult process and one that involved energy, time and a willingness to trust for the man. Spiritual sight was an awareness of God with him in the person of Jesus and a world that had changed with that presence.

A disciple's faith is like this. It involves a search or quest for understanding. It also involves the examples and engagement with others and a sharing of the faith lived. And, it involves the wonder of grace, God's life that is ever with us all.

John Jennings 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference** ~ Are you a high school youth (entering grade 9 in fall of 2024 up to 2024 graduates) looking for a unique faith experience this summer? The Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference may be for you! At the conference teens experience three days of amazing speakers, have the opportunity for worship, get empowered to live on mission after the conference and enjoy the fellowship of hundreds of teens who share the same Catholic faith. The Conference takes place July 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> on the campus of St. Mary's University in Halifax. If you are interested in attending the conference please contact Patty at [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca). A meeting of interested teens will be held soon to plan fundraising.

**Fredericton North Heritage** invites you to our monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 2pm, St. Mary's Church Hall (780 McEvoy). David Underhill and Phil Robichaud will be presenting, Local History Treasures in a show and tell format. All welcome. Refreshments served.

For your convenience all tax receipts that have not been picked up will be available at the **Parish Office**.