

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday February 25th 2024 –2nd 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 Feb 27th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Fred Gallant

Wednesday Feb 28th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Evelyn Phillips

Thursday Feb 29th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Joan Sherman

Friday March 1st 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Margaret Vilimaitis

Saturday March 2nd 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

Eileen & George Forsythe

Sunday March 3rd 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Sandra Weatherhead MacLean

Sunday March 3rd 1:30 PM St. Patrick's

Mass for the People

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 1st- World Day of Prayer 2:00 PM

March 10th – Regional Reconciliation Service

3:00 PM St. Dunstan's

Confessions ½ hour before weekend Masses

For weekday Masses if School is cancelled

Masses will be cancelled.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Feb 18, 2024		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	\$ 5,173	Offertory	\$ 5,173		
Capital Infrastructure	165	Budget Needs	(5,255)		
Special Collections	1,033	Excess (Shortfall)		\$ (82)	
Other	157	Year-to-Date			
Total Contributions	\$ 6,528	Offertory	\$ 36,324		
		Budget Needs	(36,785)		
		Excess (Shortfall)		\$ (461)	

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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Ministry Schedule March 2nd & March 3rd

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Darren Richard, Marilyn Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Leonard Cormier	Deborah Allen & Janet Matheson
Altar Servers	Ken Harris	Miguel Bonaventura, Miranda, Samuel and David Alfaro
Lector	Greg Feener	Betty MacNeil & Terry Murphy
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick



St. Anthony's Church
+ Fr. Monte Peters +
 Offered by Juanita Rose

St. Theresa's Church
+ Sandra MacLean +
 Gisele Weatherhead

CWL Notices

ACCEPTANCE

The gifts we have are made valuable only by sharing them with others. Your gifts are gratefully accepted by the Catholic Women's League where members willingly share the good things God has given them. We can't wait to meet you!

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 *

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

World Day of Prayer will be held in two Fredericton locations.

Northside Location St. Theresa's on Friday March 1st at 2:00 pm. Refreshments to follow. Storm Date is Saturday March 2nd. At 2:00 pm.

Southside Location Brunswick Street Baptist Church, 161 York Street on Friday March 1st at 7:00 pm. Storm date is March 3rd at 2:00 pm. Refreshments to follow.

Available on wick.org on World Day of Prayer 2024

Lent



Lenten Reflection Booklets ~ Lent Reflection Books for adults and families are available at each of the churches. Please be sure to pick one up to enrich your Lent experience this year.

Parish Living Lent Outreach ~ Each week this Lent we will be supporting a local organization. The list of organizations and their needs can be found on our website and Facebook page. 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!

Welcome to The Catholic Parent! ~ We are excited to invite parents with children of all ages to join us for "The Catholic Parent" a video series created by Catholic Parents for Catholic Parents! This lighthearted six-episode series encourages moms and dads as they embrace their God-given role to form their kids in the Catholic faith. It features real parents telling real stories: Sunday Mass, praying as a family, Confession, sacrifice, generosity and more. This series is perfect for all parents and reflects the rich diversity of families in the church: small and large families, families with youth children and older children, and single parent families. Monday, February 26th, March 11th, and March 25th at 7:00 pm in the meeting rooms at St. Theresa's Church. Each session will include two short videos, discussions, and time to connect with other parents to gain support for your unique faith journey. To register please call or email Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018.

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. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Palestine, the series shares an authentic look at Jesus’ revolutionary life and teachings. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

Regional Reconciliation Service ~ Sunday, March 10th at 3:00 pm at St. Dunstan’s Church.

Parish Living Lent Outreach ~ Next week’s Living Lent collection is for Fredericton Community Kitchen. They are in need of **Large Cans of Coffee**. These can be left at the back of the three churches and will be delivered to The Fredericton Community Kitchen on the following Monday

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity

Last chance to sign the *Stand for the Land* petition



Today is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s last fall campaign.

Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at devp.org/act.

Thank you for your solidarity!

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 3rd)** for further information at 506-261-7600 or email lintons21@outlook.com.

Book Signing

Please join author Mary Ryan, for a book signing of her newly published book, “Wading Into Life's Changing Tides”. Mary's book will be available for purchase at the book signing (at a cost of \$20). Net book proceeds of book sales will go to senior initiatives.

When: March 1st, 2024 from 1 PM - 3 PM

Where: Regent Hall, Parkland Fredericton, 45 Patience Lane, Fredericton (light refreshments and music are part of the event). Mary’s shares her personal experience living in a long-term care community. It brings attention to the transition that older adults go through adjusting to their new environment.

For those who can't attend but still wish to obtain more information or order a book, please email: maryryanauthor@gmail

Our Sacred Stories

Going to the Mountain – Visions & Dreams

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. There he was transfigured before them....

Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent we listen to the story of the *transfiguration*. This year we hear the account as told by the Gospel writer Mark. *Transfiguration* is not a common word for us, but it does describe something that is quite often part of our experience. *Transfiguration* expresses change, transformation. It describes someone showing a different side or image of themselves. On that “high mountain apart, by themselves” this is what Mark describes happened for those three disciples. They had a vision of who Jesus is.

But *Transfiguration* also involves self-discovery. The experience shows the disciples beginning to see who they are. It reveals a transformation in their own lives. Accepting this change is more than taking on something new. It also involves a letting go of who they have been and accepting that their lives have in fact changed. New vision will always have this result and this challenge.

This is a story of vision. Peter and James and John have a vision. They glimpse Jesus in radiant light, expressing the presence of God in their midst. He is accompanied by the prophets Elijah and by Moses who led God’s People into covenant with God and brought them from slavery to liberation. These were the twin pillars of the faith of Israel in God – the law and the prophets. The vision of Peter, James and John now brought them to see this faith fulfilled in Jesus.

Jesus is the power of God revealed in human flesh. What Mark presents as happening to these disciples on that mountain acknowledges the faith of Christians down through the ages. Jesus reveals the Spirit of God showered upon humanity. It is a vision of God’s dream for us, what we can be.

This Sunday which focuses on the *transfiguration* is sometimes referred to as the “day of dreams.” As the Gospel writer anticipates the resurrection, God’s dream for creation and for all humanity is revealed in Jesus, the risen one. It is a dream of life and of light, of healing and reconciliation, of liberation and renewal. It is a dream of transformation, shown in the *transfiguration* that the disciples experienced on the mountain.

The *transfiguration* is not only about Jesus. The vision is also about the disciples and their mission. And, it is about us and the way of life we are called to imitate. It is about our own transformation and becoming. Whether we realize it or not, following in the steps of Jesus and blessed with the Spirit, we are meant to transform and transfigure all creation. In our own time and world, our mission is to transform our relationships, our Church, our community and our world.

This is quite a vision and it has all kinds of risks and challenges for us, as it had for Jesus. But what a dream, what a vision for our world! It is our glory and salvation – A world transformed, *transfigured*. Getting there will involve many challenges – from taking on something new and also, letting go of what has been our world. We are to bring life out of suffering and death, liberation out of bondage and injustice, healing out of division and hurt for all.

Our Church is currently working to grow as a dynamic, synodal Church. The next session of the Synod will occur in October. Around the world we are all asked to reflect on this question: “HOW can we be a synodal Church in Mission?” In this transformation, are we open to the new and ready to let go of what has been?

John Jennings 2nd Sunday of Lent



Third Age Centre presents Exciting Changes to Fredericton’s Transit

Charlene Sharpe, manager of Transit and Parking Services for the City of Fredericton, will tell us about recent and planned changes to Fredericton Transit – technical upgrades, new routes, Sunday service and more. In the Q & A, she will address your issues and answer your questions on transit in our city.

Wednesday, February 28th, 2024, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m

Forest Hill United Church, 45 Kimble Court

Light refreshments will be served

\$5 for Third Age Centre members, \$10 for non-members, free for students.

Cash, cheques and E-transfer accepted.

(Fees are to cover the cost of the hall rental and refreshments.)

Please register by calling (506) 452-0526 or emailing 3rdage@stu.ca

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