

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday Dec 18th 2022 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Office 603 Union St., Fredericton, NB E3A 3N5 Tel: (506) 444-6010

Fr. Maria Arokiam Chinnappan, HGN

Administrative Assistant: Irene Jewett

Parish Email: parishoffice@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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

Sunday Dec 25th 10:00 AM St. Theresa's
Peter Shewciw

Dec 31st 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Mass For The People

Jan 1st 2023 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Patricia Gyuk
1:30 PM St. Patrick's
Jessie Sparkes

The Parish Office will close at noon on the 23rd
and reopen January 3rd 2023



Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Dec 20th St. Theresa's
Funeral Mass 2:00 Paul Leger

Wednesday Dec 21st 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Ronald Moore

Thursday Dec 22nd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Doris O'Neill

Friday Dec 23rd 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Annette Maillet

Saturday Dec 24th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Mass For The People

Saturday Dec 24th 5:30 PM St. Theresa's
Sherwood Billings

Saturday Dec 24th 8:00 PM St. Patrick's
Jose Lumbria

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Dec 11, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$ 4,031.00
Auto Debit (average):	\$ 2,044.00
Sub total	\$ 6,075.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 1,075.00
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 590.00
Special Collections:	80.00
Other:	\$ 420.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 241,825.00
Budget Needs:	\$ 250,000.00
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 8,175.00)
Information inquires should be directed to:	
Frank O'Donnell 472-0145 (mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener 472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca).	

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

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



@Ourladyofpeaceparishfredericton

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 18th**. Only new items will be accepted. All donations will be distributed the week before Christmas.

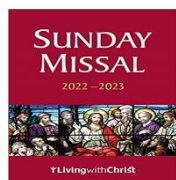
From the Parish Office

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.

SHIPPING ISSUES



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 is \$5.00.



St. Anthony's Church

Fr. Monte Peters

Offered by Irene Jewett

St. Theresa's Church

Sherwood Billings

Offered by Mary Billings

St. Patrick's Church

Melvin Bartlett

Offered by Family

I KNOW MY SHEEP Thank you to everyone who has participated in the "I Know My Sheep" census currently underway in the diocese. We're asking every family to fill out a card. If you haven't done so already, please complete one as soon as you are able. This information-gathering exercise is underway so the diocese can update records with current demographic changes and contact information. This will help ensure that the diocese can reach as many people as possible early next year in conducting a planning study for a potential capital campaign. Having updated information will also give parishes a better idea of their membership and hopefully improve communication with their parishioners. It only takes a few minutes to complete a card. These can be returned by placing them in the offertory basket or dropped off at the parish office or sent 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!

The results of the filming done by Lloyd Solomone and crew as a documentary on J.C. Dumaresq, the architect of St. Anthony's Church. Parishioners can tune and watch it on their computer at the addresses below. The part on St. Anthony's is **Watch on Vimeo, Episode 6**. The other five cover other parts of Fredericton and Halifax.

BUILDING ART - The Life & Times of J.C. Dumaresq

<https://vimeo.com/779375161>

Watch on Bell FibeTV1(subscriber link)

<https://tv1.bell.ca/fibetv1/shows/building-art-the-life-times-of-j-c-dumaresq>

Watch on Facebook (complimentary viewing)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5747792778598549>

Watch on Vimeo (complimentary viewing)

Episode 1: <https://vimeo.com/771628807>

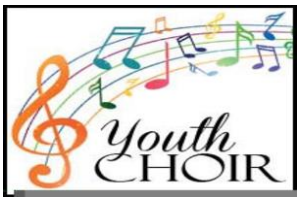
Episode 2: <https://vimeo.com/771635935>

Episode 3: <https://vimeo.com/771638406>

Episode 4: <https://vimeo.com/771643989>

Episode 5: <https://vimeo.com/771647247>

Episode 6: <https://vimeo.com/771640872>



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.

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>



We had a warm and special day delivering the goods collected from this year’s Share the Warmth campaign! Donations were dropped off to very appreciative groups including: The John Howard Society, Greener Village and The Boys and Girls Club of Fredericton. The items were delivered by WGK AI along with members Brs Walter and Les.



Ministry Schedule Dec 24th & 25th

St. Anthony's 24th

St. Theresa's 24th

St. Theresa's 25th

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen & Maureen O'Donnell	Betty MacNeil, Barry Miller, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Janet Matheson	Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Ed Theriault, Betty Flanagan, George Fernandez
Eucharistic Ministers	Ken Harris & Greg Feener	Deborah Allen & Betty MacNeil	Mary Fitzpatrick
Alter Servers	Merla Spires		
Lector	Sue Inkster	The Daigle Family	Aloysia Asima-ulor
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey	Mary Fitzpatrick

Our Sacred Stories Advent to Christmas: Hope

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shone. (Isaiah 9:2)

These words are the first we hear in the readings of the Feast of Christmas. And what words they are. They truly are “for us.” In the midst of winter gloom when darkness comes early and the light of day is short, when winds blow cold and the snow and ice lie on the frigid, frosted ground we long for the warmth and sunlight of summer. But the darkness and cold can often be seen as an image of the great challenges of our lives. War and violence, injustice and oppression, suffering and pain, inequities and abuse of power - these are experiences of darkness marking our very humanity. They prey on the weaknesses and vulnerability of all humanity. Advent – Christmas issues a cry of hope. The images and stories bring light, promise and hope. They touch more than our winter season. More importantly, they reach out to our heart and soul, the heart and soul of all humanity.

There are times when we and our world are *the people who walked in darkness* and we certainly seek and hope to become the ones on whom *light has shone*. This is the promise of Christmas and the Feast of the Incarnation. For it is this feast which speaks to us of *Emmanuel*, that is, *God-is-with-us*. Do we really believe this – in our heart and soul?

God has always been with us. The People of God, Israel was firm in their faith that God was always with them. The great act of God for them was in the liberation of the People from slavery through the Exodus. But God was with them even before this, even in slavery and captivity, in threat and in exile. The prophets, like Isaiah proclaimed this presence of the living God for them again and again. Quite beyond the People of Israel, God's presence has been witnessed and acknowledged among the many peoples of the earth – in the challenges and the wonders of life and creation. But now, in the *Incarnation*, we see a new hope and promise, a new way of knowing God-is-with-us.

Perhaps there are times when we regard Jesus as someone who was born long ago in a simple way and who lived for a while and did marvellous things. He was a great teacher, a moral leader, a charismatic person who gathered many followers. And then he was gone. In some way his influence continues in those who see themselves as his followers. All of this is quite true. But really, *Incarnation* means more than this.

Jesus, the Christ is God sharing in our flesh, joining our humanity, living in our world, not for a brief period of one lifetime, but forever. The moment in Bethlehem, in the meagre circumstances of Jesus' birth was a moment that revealed God's very special touch for us. But it was more than a moment. With Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus, the coming of the Christ into humanity, God continues to be with us in this *incarnational* way, sharing our flesh and blood. Beyond the ways in which God has been present from the very beginning, as giver and sustainer of life in all Creation, now God is present as a sharer of the humanity which we have, that all the peoples of the earth share. The great wonder of the *Incarnation* is that it continues,... NOW.

SO WHAT?

So what? What does all this mean for me? What difference does it make for our world? God continues to be a light for the darkness, the hope and the promise for all humanity and creation. Once having entered our world by sharing our humanity, God continues to be present in the Body of Christ. This “Body of Christ” is us, you and I, all Christians of all times, all the peoples of the earth who share our humanness and with whom God has shared humanness in Jesus the Christ. Humanity is truly the Body of Christ. We are the ongoing incarnation of God, the flesh and blood through whom God enters our world now. Hope for our world!

John Jennings

Advent - Christmas