

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin

Sunday, February 13th, 2022 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Touched By Cancer Mass
Friday February 18th at 7:00 pm
All Welcome

Parish Nursing Ministry
St. Patrick's Day Draw on
Quilt "Stars on the Stars"
Tickets Available mid February

Happy Valentines Day

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, February 15th 12:00 am - St. Theresa's Church
Miguel Sueyras

Wednesday February 16th 10:00am - St. Anthony's
Antonio Serrano

Thursday, February 17th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's
Patricia Gyuk

Friday February 18th 7:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church
Touched by Cancer Mass

Saturday, February 19th, 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church
Mass for the People

Sunday February 20th 1:30 pm - St. Patrick's Church
Michael McAloon

Sunday, February 20th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church
Marie Haley

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Feb 6th, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$4,233.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,978.00</u>
Total:	\$6,211.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$1,211.00
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 745.00
Special Collections:	\$
Other:	\$ 220.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 24,479.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 5,521.00)

Information inquires should be directed to:

Frank O'Donnell 472-0145
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener
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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!

Website & Social Media

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

Wondering what is happening in the parish? Check out the parish monthly activity calendar available at each of our parish churches and online.



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Parish Announcements

COVID Protocol Update

Effective this weekend the Province of New Brunswick is requiring all places of worship in New Brunswick to put the following COVID-19 measures in place. Please note that you will not be asked to show proof of vaccination to attend Mass.

- Masks are required at all times in church buildings.
- Each of our churches will operate at 50% or less capacity.
- Maintain two metres of physical distancing between different households. The only exception to the 2m between households are for those who have arrived together in the same vehicle.
- No congregational singing. A cantor is permitted during Mass.
- No physical sign of peace is to be exchanged during Mass.
- Record names of all attendees and contact information by row or have a consistent assigned seating plan for contact tracing.
- Parishioners will be screened at the door for COVID-19 symptoms and asked if you have been instructed to self-isolate.

Other activities using parish facilities, including Parish Nursing activities, meetings, presentations, workshops and Religious Formation for children, youth and adults will require proof of vaccination or provincially approved proof of exemption to attend for people over 12 years of age.

We encourage parishioners to continue to monitor their health before attending Mass and choose to attend/not attend accordingly. Your cooperation and understanding as we navigate these new restrictions is very much appreciated.

Synod

Thank you to all parishioners who took time to respond to the Synod questions provided by the diocese either by returning the paper questionnaire or participating in our discussion group this past Sunday. The discussions were thought provoking, and some very good insights regarding our faith, our parish, and the Catholic Church, were brought forward. The discussions that were held along with the questions sheets and online submissions will be summarized and sent to the diocese for incorporation into the overall Synod response. It is our hope that these questions will spark more conversations and discussions in our parish.

FORMED

FORMED is our gift to you!

New on FORMED! Do you have a young person who enjoys comics and graphic novels? FORMED has added "Comics" as a category on the home page. Check out "Finnian and the Seven Mountains" available as PDF, EPUB and MOBI downloads.

Registering for FORMED is EASY!

- Go to formed.org/signup
- Select our parish by Our Lady of Peace Parish or entering our Postal Code – E3A 3N5
- Register with your name and email address
- Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Have you tried FORMED yet? Let us know what you have enjoyed on FORMED!

Religious Formation Update

1st Reconciliation ~ This weekend, children in our Sacrament Preparation program preparing for 1st Eucharist celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue their preparation process.

Happy Birthday to Elite 90's Member



Dolly Kerr February 16th

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 1:00 at St. Patrick's Church *

Thursdays 11:30 at St. Theresa's Church *

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

** if there is no weekday Mass on Thursday or Friday, Adoration is also cancelled.*

St. Theresa's Church & Hall Heat Pump Donations

A heartfelt thank you to the **50** parishioners, Knights of Columbus NO 8654 and CWL for your generous donations totaling **\$12,637** in support of the **\$32,702** heat pump installation cost.

The anticipated benefits include consistent winter heating, summer cooling, reduced cost and dependence on natural gas.

The Church's building fund at December 31, 2021 had an - **\$800** balance that will be recovered through your monthly contributions to the capital infrastructure fund.

A special thank you is extended to Les Clements for his leadership and to everyone who assisted with this milestone project.

THANK YOU!

Pastoral Council – BOOK STUDY

During lent Pastoral Council will be leading a book study on the book Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time by Marcus Borg. In Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, Marcus Borg addresses the yearnings of those who want a fully contemporary faith that welcomes rather than oppresses our critical intelligence and openness to the best of historical scholarship. Borg shows how a rigorous examination of historical findings can lead to a new faith in Christ, one that is critical and, at the same time, sustaining. We will begin on Wednesday March 9th.

To sign up or for more information email olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com or call the parish office.

Help us show our parish support of our Indigenous communities by picking up the special collection envelope provided by the Diocese for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. This special collection will take place February 26 -27. You can reach out to Pastoral Council at any time by e-mailing olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com

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, 2022**. 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 linton21@outlook.com.

Special Collection, Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

On the last weekend of February, the diocese will be taking up a special collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Monies collected will contribute towards the CCCB's five-year \$30-million National Campaign to support regional and local Indigenous healing and reconciliation initiatives. Special Collection Envelopes have been sent to parishes to be used at Masses for the weekend of February 26-27.

You may also contribute to this fundraising appeal at anytime on our website via cheque or email money transfer. (<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>).

Please consult our website for Bishop Riesbeck's most recent letter and additional resources. <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/indigenous-relations>.

Parish Income Tax Receipts

Receipts will be available the weekend of Feb 19th & 20th at each Church.

Ministry Schedule Week of February 19th & 20th

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener, Bonnie Bowlen & Vicky Knight	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford, Tracy Horsley Darren Richard
Lector	Greg Feener	M. McGabe

Our Sacred Stories

A Faith that Offers New Vision

Life can be pretty complicated, even confusing. It is hard to see where we fit or how we make sense of it all. Sometimes we hope to find the simple and direct answer to our questions. We look for someone or something who has the ultimate truth that we can apply to all our questions and to every confusing and unsettling experience in which we find ourselves.

This is where we find ourselves turning to faith. Not the faith of pat answers and definitive responses. These might be comforting in their ease, but for a complicated life journey we need something more, something that helps us even when it seems we are lost. We hunger for a faith that guides in the midst of the messiness of our lives.

In his book, *Against an Infinite Horizon: The Finger of God in Our Everyday Lives*, the spiritual writer, Ron Rolheiser offers some thoughts on the kind of faith for which we all long. For Rolheiser it is a matter of how we view our lives through the eyes of faith. He frames the task in the preface of his work: *When we have the eyes of faith we see a certain divine glow shimmering within the ordinary, just as we see all that is ordinary against a horizon of the eternal.... Traditional religion calls it 'the finger of God in our lives,' this book will call it 'seeing against an infinite horizon.'*

Fr. Rolheiser issues a call to espouse faith as a way of sorting through the contradictions and complications that the messiness of our lives throws at us. Life is indeed a complex mess. To make sense of it will take us on a journey in which we see all against the infinite horizon of what we might call God's dream for all creation. Such vision does not offer quick and simple answers. The vision is much broader and fuller than that. It is the vision of Jesus the Christ as we find it in his message and mission, that the reign of God is among us, in the midst of our very lives.

The stories of the Good News offer us this vision in many and various ways. In chapter 6 of Luke's Gospel we see Jesus identifying a number of his disciples as apostles who will be particularly charged with receiving and then passing on this dream of God for all. Luke's way of telling this story is quite striking. Jesus goes to spend the night on a mountain in prayer with his disciples. Then from his disciples he calls twelve of them to be apostles of the message of God's dream. The message is captured as he begins to teach his disciples in Luke 6:17, 20-26.

Luke's story looks much as we find in Matthew's Gospel (Matt.5:1-12) with a series of blessings or beatitudes. Luke however follows the blessings with a series of woes. How are we to read this? Perhaps the temptation is to start by looking at the individual blessings and woes. Better might be to see the piece in Luke's story as a whole. Blessings and woes are part of any life journey.

Faith offers a vision that sees life "against an infinite horizon". This horizon allows us to recognize a life-giving God who loves us always unconditionally and who never leaves us. This is the broader picture. In the Gospels this is the good news. No matter what, the reign of God is among us.

In Luke, Jesus announced this through the words of the prophet, Isaiah: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour* (Luke 4:18-19). Seeing "against an infinite horizon" is God's new vision.

John Jennings

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time