

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday Feb 26th 2023 – 1st 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



#### 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

#### 1st Sunday of Lent February 26<sup>th</sup>

Coffee after Mass at St. Theresa's hosted by the children and families of Family Faith Formation. Coffee, tea and treats will be served. Donation jars for faith formation programs will be at each church.

#### Town Hall Listening Session

Bishop Riesbeck is proposing three Town Hall Listening Sessions for the Fredericton region. Our Parish session will be held at St. Theresa's March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the church hall.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**NOTE: March 5th Mass time changed for St. Patrick's**

### Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Feb 28th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

*Sandra MacLean*

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

*Msgr. Elie Zouein 35<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary*

Thursday March 2nd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

*Marie Shields*

Friday March 3rd 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

*Annette Maillet*

Saturday March 4th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

*Alice Giovannetti*

Sunday March 5th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

*Ron Moore*

Sunday March 5th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's

*Mass for the People*

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office. 444-6010

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Feb 19, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$4,848	Offertory	\$4,848
Capital Infrastructure	215	Budget Needs	(5,000)
Special Collections	120	Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$(152)</b>
Other	180	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,363</b>	Offertory	\$37,697
		Budget Needs	(40,000)
		Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$(2,303)</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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### CWL NOTICE

During Lent, the CWL will be leading "*Mary's Way of the Cross*"

Tuesdays, after the noon Mass at St. Theresa's



The Knights of Columbus **will not** be offering *Stations of the Cross* on Thursdays, due to Adoration prior to Mass.



Sanctuary Candle Burns this Week at St. Theresa's in Memory of **Sandra MacLean**

Offered by Gisele Weatherhead

### Living Lent 2023

Next week's Living Lent collection is for the Student Hunger Program. The Student Hunger Program in partnership with 17 schools in the Fredericton area provides over 80-120 backpacks of non-perishable food to students each week to take home to their families for the weekend. We have reached out to the program coordinator to see what is most needed and they have requested canned pasta sauce and dry pasta. Please only bring canned sauce as the items are sent home in backpacks.

## Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration is a silent time for you to have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving or reparation, or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before the Lord. You can just sit quietly and say nothing, just keep Him company like you would a dear friend.

**Friday 9:30 AM - St. Anthony's Church \***

**Thursday 11:30 AM – St. Theresa's Church**

**First Wednesday of the month 1:00 PM - St. Patrick's Church**

*\* If a Friday Mass is not scheduled or cancelled, Adoration is also cancelled.*

**Experience "The Chosen" (season 1)** ~ Join us Tuesday evenings during Lent from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Theresa's as we watch and discuss season 1 of "The Chosen". For more information please contact Patty Cameron at [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) or 444- 6018.

"The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Christ. A charismatic fisherman struggling with debt. A troubled woman wrestling with demons. A gifted accountant ostracised from his family and people. In the ground breaking first season of "The Chosen" see how Jesus reaches each of these and more as He works His first miracles and embarks on His ministry to change the world. See Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.



### Our symbol for the First Sunday of Lent is Bread.

In the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper Jesus doesn't simply invite, but calls those at the table to share in the breaking of bread. The bread is unleavened. This action and His words are part of every Mass.

**Family Faith Formation** ~ Because faith grows with those who are closest to us, Our Lady of Peace Parish offers "Family Style" Faith Formation for families with children in Kindergarten to Grade 7. Combining eight engaging in person family sessions with nine simple and practical at home sessions and family events that will focus on fellowship and community service, families will explore their faith in our parish community and most importantly at home.

Children in Grade 2 (and up) wanting to receive 1st Eucharist this year, families are asked to participate in Family Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation will take place throughout the year, beginning with preparing and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Throughout the year family events are scheduled for families to come together for fun and fellowship. Please watch the bulletin for event information.

## World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer Service Video for 2023 is available to watch online. The 55 minute service video, produced by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, can be watched at home any time and can be downloaded at [wick.org](http://wick.org) for free. March 3, 2023 is the official date chosen as the World Day of Prayer. The women who wrote the World Day of Prayer Service this year are from Taiwan. Theme is "I have heard about your Faith" based on Ephesians 1:15-19

There will be a World Day of Prayer Service on Friday March 3, 2023 at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street at 2:00 PM with a Reception. Wheelchair accessible.

There will be a World Day of Prayer service on Sunday March 12, 2023 at St. Paul's United Church, 224 York Street at 10:30 AM with a reception. Any questions please contact Debbie Heustis at 472-2916

### **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, 2023**. 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 [lintons21@outlook.com](mailto:lintons21@outlook.com).



The Knights of Columbus brunch held last Sunday was a great success. There were 20 Knight volunteers who fed over 100 hungry parishioners. It was gratifying to see how many people sat and visited even after they had finished their meal. Council 8654 wants to thank all of the Knights and their family members who helped organize, cook and serve the tasty breakfast. Most of all the Council wants to thank the Our Lady of Peace parishioners who made it all worthwhile by attending the breakfast and giving generously to the Free Will Offering.



### **Welcome New Members**

Are you new to our Parish and would like to be registered with us? Family Registration Forms are available at the entrance of the Churches. Please feel free to fill one out and drop it in the offertory basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

**DIOCESAN PLANNING STUDY** - The Diocese of Saint John is conducting a comprehensive planning study of the entire diocese to help gauge the interest and support for the Cathedral Restoration, an Endowment for Parish Evangelization Efforts, and Individual Parish Needs. If you receive a survey in the mail, you can complete it and return it to the diocese by mail or place it in the offertory basket anytime in February or March. There will be listening sessions in the Fredericton Region on March 2 (Saint John the Baptist Parish, 7:00 pm), March 4 (Saint Mary Magdalene Parish, 10:00 am), and **March 5 (Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2:00 pm)** to gather feedback. Your thoughts are extremely valuable during this planning process and participation is greatly appreciated.

**From Parish Office** All tax receipts and Offertory Envelopes will be available at the Parish Office starting next week February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please come and pick yours up if you have not been able to do so at your Church.

**Stations of the Cross** – Will take place on Wednesdays at St. Anthony's Church following the 10:00 AM Mass.

# Ministry Schedule March 4th & 5th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Darren Richard, Ed Theriault, Andre Paier
Eucharistic Ministers	Theresa Donaher	Betty MacNeil & Janet Matheson
Altar Servers	Merla Spires	Al & Joe Adimalor, Samuel & David Gutierrez
Lector	Ken Harris	Pam Shields
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey

## Our Sacred Stories Lent: A Desert Journey of Change and Discovery

After Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan River the Spirit descended upon him and led him to begin his mission. The first step Jesus takes in this mission is to go out into the wilderness, the desert. There he faced the temptations that stood in front of this mission (Matt.4:1-11).

Lent for us, is always a step into the desert. A desert is a place of different environment, a place where we must wrestle with those things that threaten the fullness of our lives. The desert is the place where we can be lost, where we see the temptations and the possibilities that can draw us off track in our life journey. The desert can be a place of challenge. But it can also be a place of discovery. Often it is the place where we discover who we are and what our mission and direction is in life, even for a brief time.

For God's People in the Old Testament, the desert of Sinai was the place of discovery. Leaving Egypt and escaping their slavery, they trekked through the wasteland toward the land promised them by God. After much struggle, they came to the place of God's promise and recognized that they were the beloved ones of God. Through their desert journey, Israel was more and more formed into the people they were called to be.

Lent presents us with a desert journey. It is an opportunity to develop the spirituality that we long for, providing direction and focus for our lives. We can make it a time of reflection and of prayer, an opportunity to be formed into the people of God's dream. In moments of reflection we may discover our faults and flaws. But we can also discover that they do not matter, for in God's eyes we are the beloved, the loved.

Through the desert of prayer and reflection, we can begin to set aside those things that reduce and diminish our lives. We begin to see that God calls us to action, to mission. It is not an impossible mission but one which we share with a whole community – to reveal to the whole world, and to ourselves - that God loves us unconditionally.

Here are some suggestions for our desert journey during Lent 2023:

- Take advantage of opportunities for quiet reflection and prayer
- Examine how we use resources, talents and gifts for all, especially others in need
- Gather with your community and acknowledge how much they mean to you
- Look at your relationships and how they might be enriched and improved

Franciscan priest and spiritual writer, Richard Rohr in his daily online reflection a few years ago had this to say about how we might live our lives with a spirituality of both contemplation and action. "In order to become truly prophetic people,... we have to teach and learn ways to integrate needed activism with a truly contemplative mind and heart....Once you see things contemplatively, you'll begin to seek the bias toward the bottom [i.e. the most in need and forgotten in society and the world]." He goes on to assert: "You'll be free to embrace your shadow, and you can live at peace with those who are different. From a contemplative stance, you'll know what action is yours to do almost naturally. And what you do not need to do at all!"

John Jennings

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent