

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday March 12th 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> Touched by Cancer Mass.

Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> St. Anthony's

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Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> St. Theresa's

After each Mass there will be a Ukraine

Hosting Information Session followed by

Q & E. Please consider staying for this information

Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's

CWL Meeting Following 1:30 PM Mass

Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> St. Anthony's

Regional Reconciliation Service

3:00 PM

### Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

*Veronica Miller*

Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

*Duncan Keenan*

Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

*Patricia Hackett*

Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM St. Anthony's

*Touched by Cancer Mass*

Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

*Annie & Donald Rediker*

Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

*Jack Weatherhead*

Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM St. Patrick's

*Mass for the People*

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

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Mar 05, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$5,787	Offertory	\$5,787
Capital Infrastructure	770	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	225	Excess (Shortfall)	<b>532</b>
Other	70	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,852</b>	Offertory	\$49,363
		Budget Needs	(50,255)
		Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$(892)</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

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

**Confessions** Fr. Maria will hear confessions at St. Anthony's Church on Saturdays at 3:30 PM before 4:00 PM Mass.

### **Living Lent 2023**

Next week's Living Lent collection is to support the Social Work Department at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital. Everyday social workers meet with families at the hospital struggling with the cost of travel to and from the hospital. Let's help them out by providing \$10.00 gas gift cards to any gas station. Thank for your continuing support!

***Our symbol for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent is Water***  
*In the time of Jesus, many kinds of water purifications were practiced. A ritual washing was required before eating. Christian baptism is more than a cleansing. Baptism signifies a dying (a drowning) to one way of living and rising to a new way of life.*

**St. Parick's CWL** will hold a meeting after Mass on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Church.

## **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.



St. Theresa's Church

**Deceased Members of the Grattan Family**

Offered by Family

St. Anthony's Church

**Terry Bowlen**

Offered by Siblings

(We think of you often)

**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.

### **It's New... It's Fun...It's Faith-filled... It's Life-Giving... Introducing OLP Life Groups Ministry**

What is a Life Group? It is a small Faith-Sharing Community that meets once a week with the goal of loving and supporting one another in growing in faith and holiness. Group members help one another discern and live out God's plan for their life. This ministry was originally piloted in our parish from 2021-2022 and is now in the planning stages to expand and welcome more members. All adults in OLP parish are welcome! In the next few weeks you will hear from a few of the "pilot" participants in Life Groups about their experiences and about your invitation to join. For more information, please contact Tracy Horsley at [horsleysix@gmail.com](mailto:horsleysix@gmail.com).

**Reconciliation Service – The Fredericton Regional Reconciliation Service will be held on Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 pm at St. Anthony’s Church, 603 Union Street. All are welcome.**

*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).



### **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.

**From Parish Office** All tax receipts and Offertory Envelopes are now available at the Parish Office. Please come and pick yours up if you have not been able to do so at your Church.

### **Development and Peace Colombia: defence of land and territory**



Colombia is home to nearly 10 per cent of the planet’s biodiversity, yet it is also one of the most dangerous countries for people defending their land and territory against exploitation.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s partner, the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) supports peasant communities affected by armed conflict in defending their lives and territories and in building a culture of peace through filmmaking and art.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Raquel Soto, a participant in ACA’s documentary filmmaking school. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

**HEALING MASS** for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish will be held at St. Ann’s Church at Kingsclear on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 2pm. Father Curtis Sappier will preside assisted by Father Bill Brennan. All are welcome!

**Note:** Judy and Barb will meet anyone, who is not familiar with where St. Ann’s is located, at 1:15pm at Holy Family Church Parking lot, and they can follow us to the church or drive with us. (we can take 3 individuals each) In addition, a map will be available at Masses the weekend of 18-19<sup>th</sup> March.

### **INFORMATION SESSION: HOSTING A UKRAINIAN FAMILY March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

As the war in Ukraine continues, the number of Ukrainian newcomers arriving in Fredericton has remained steady at about 12 families a month. Not all these families require hosts, the Multicultural Association of Fredericton is matching approximately 3 families a month with volunteer hosts.

Dan Roberts of the Multicultural Association of Fredericton will be presenting information on hosting families from Ukraine, on March 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony’s and at St. Theresa’s on March 19<sup>th</sup> following each Mass. Please consider staying after Mass for this short presentation followed by a Q&A.

**Gibson Memorial United Church**, 183 Gibson St. will be hosting a **Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner** (with all the trimmings) on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15/adult. Please call 506-457-1951 to reserve your tickets

# Ministry Schedule March 18th & 19th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Debbie Heustis, Darren Richard
Eucharistic Ministers	Merla Spires	Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Altar Servers	Ken Harris	Kevin Fernandez, Vlad Gabe, Al & Joe Adimalor
Lector	Greg Feener	K. Poffernoeth
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick

## Our Sacred Stories ..Living Faith: Where does it come from?

The Gospel for this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent comes from the Good News according to John (John 4:5-42). It is the rather long account (John tends to be long-winded) of Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman at a well. The story describes the manner in which the woman gradually comes to an awareness and a faith in who Jesus is. First he is a Jewish man seeking water from a well. Then, through their encounter, the woman comes to see much more and it changes her and others. She sees him as a prophet, then messiah, then as the presence of God. But such faith is not just for the woman. It leads her out from being learner or disciple to being a witness. She takes her faith to others and they come to the same awareness and faith.

This is a story of how faith is a dynamic, growing and living experience, not a static body of doctrine. It is an experience of life that is constantly evolving and changing. The woman's experience revealed this as did the experience of the other Samaritans of the town. In addition, it reveals something of faith as the result of an encounter or rather, a series of encounters. First there is the woman's meeting of Jesus at the well. This is a totally unexpected meeting. To have Jesus, a Jewish man meet and speak to a Samaritan woman would be unheard of in the society of the time. The woman realizes this. Even the disciples question it.

The woman then encounters some others from her town and shares her experience and her bewilderment with them. This encounter apparently intrigues the townspeople. Their curiosity leads them to go to meet Jesus themselves and this encounter brings them an experience of faith in Jesus that is even more than what the woman expressed. They come to faith in Jesus as the Savior of the world.

Where does such living faith come from? It comes first as a gift of God. But God seems always to work through created and human instruments. Our living faith has resulted from many encounters over the years – our parents, our children, our teachers, our priests, our friends. It grows with every experience we have. This process of growth is a story like John's Gospel, for our recognition of Jesus and how we relate to Jesus (and God) is never constant. Like any relationship, the experiences of our lives, down through the years, will change that relationship. As children that relationship will have a child's character. As youths then as adults that relationship will change and perhaps challenge us.

Living and adult faith is not the faith of a child. It has many more questions, many more demands for us. It is like all other relationships, it is more grey than black and white, often more challenging than comforting, frequently will have more questions than answers. And such faith ultimately will lead us to reaching out in service to others.

The Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at that well turned her life upside down. It also spilled over into the people of her town. Living an adult faith has a capacity to do this. It should never be boring and it should never be static. It will call us to change every day and to see that we cannot keep it to ourselves. It is for others as much as it is for ourselves.

### Some Thoughts to Reflect on this Week

**Q/ Who has helped my faith to grow over the years? Who have I helped by sharing my faith?**

**Q/ How *adult* is my own faith?**

John Jennings

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent