

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday Feb 19th 2023 – 7<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Parish Office Closed for Family Day**



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**  
**Ash Wednesday**

12:00 PM at St. Anthony's Church  
5:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church  
7:00 PM at St. Theresa's Church  
February 19th following 11:00 AM Mass

### Mass Times & Intentions

**Tuesday Feb 21st 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**  
*Dell Mitchell*

**Wednesday Feb 22nd 12:00 PM St. Anthony's**  
*Ash Wednesday Service*

**Thursday Feb 23rd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**  
*No Mass*

**Friday Feb 24th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**  
*Thu Tam Tran*

**Saturday Feb 25th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**  
*Eileen Forsythe*

**Sunday Feb 26th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**  
*Mass For The People*

**Sunday Feb 26th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's**  
*Sheldon Postlethwaite*

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

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Feb 12, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$5,471	Offertory	\$5,471
Capital Infrastructure	400	Budget Needs	(5,000)
Special Collections	105	Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$471</b>
Other	240	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,216</b>	Offertory	\$32,849
		Budget Needs	(35,000)
		Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$(2,151)</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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Office Numbers

Fr. Maria's 444-6070

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### CWL NOTICE

During Lent, the Catholic Women's League will be leading

*"Mary's Way of the Cross"*

every Tuesday, after the noon Mass at Saint Theresa's church.



The Knights of Columbus, Council 8654, will be Praying the *Stations of the Cross* on

Thursdays during Lent. Hope to have as many of you as possible join us starting on Thursday, February 24 after the Noon Mass.

### Ash Wednesday Services February 22<sup>nd</sup>



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5:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church  
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Sanctuary Candle Burns this Week at St. Anthony's in Memory of the Underhill Family.

Offered by Ann Boies & Family

## 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 (February 28<sup>th</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup>) during Lent from 7:00 - 8:30 PM as we watch and discuss season 1 of "The Chosen". We are excited to be able to offer parishioners two ways to participate, either in person at St. Theresa's Church or online via Zoom. **To register for in-person sessions or via Zoom please contact Patty Cameron at [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) or 444-6018 by February 21<sup>st</sup>.** So that we can properly prepare we ask that you choose only one option for participation for the 6 week period.

"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.

**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.

**Our next session is on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.** To register for Family Faith Formation please visit [www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to7](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to7) or contact Patty Cameron at [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) or by phone at **444-6018**.

## 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).



**Confirmation Youth - Coldest Night of the Year:** It's cold out there. And on February 25<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Peace Confirmation Preparation youth are going to do something about it. Together with thousands of Canadians across the country, we're walking and fundraising to support and serve people and families experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger in our community. To support them in their goal, parishioners can sponsor one of our youth at <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=993496>.

Thank you for your support!



### **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.

# Ministry Schedule Feb 25th & 26th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Ed Theriault, Andre Paier & Betty Flanagan
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Inkster	Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Alter Servers	Bonnie Bowlen	Lucas Daigle, Noah VanLeeuwen, Kevin Fernandez Vlad Gabe
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Betty Flanagan
Sacristan		Bud Trevors

## Our Sacred Stories Discipleship: Loving Beyond Measure

Perhaps the greatest challenge of Christian faith is to see ourselves living as Jesus lived. In the Sermon on the Mount (Matt chaps 5-7), Jesus lays out this challenge. The Sermon begins as Matthew tells us, with Jesus going up a hill and gathering disciples and others around him. If we could imagine ourselves as part of that crowd, we could probably realize he speaks to all of us.

As Jesus speaks, we can see that most of what he says connects with how we live in our relationships with one another, how we trust, how we speak, how we care about one another. Relationships are at the center of our life. The strength and vibrancy of our relationships go a long way to determining our fulfillment in life. Whether we are looking personally or globally, our relationships with each other form the path to happiness and to peace.

What is happening in this Sermon, is Jesus presenting a call to perfection, a perfection that God who has given us life, wants all of humanity to taste. Like loving parents looking at their family, God loves us beyond measure. As Matthew describes Jesus saying: *You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy'. But I say to you, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good,...* Matt 5:43-45)

At the center of Jesus' message and mission is this challenge, that God loved us into life and so we are called to love as God loves. In the verses of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, we see what being a faith-filled disciple of Jesus means – to recover wholeness in our fractured and fragmented lives. We are challenged to love one another as God loves us: *You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.... You shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord* (Leviticus 2,17). Holiness is living life with openness and love for all. The center of our Christian faith is, not piety, but the holiness of God, lived in our relationships of love with one another.

Our community of Faith enters the season of Lent this week with Ash Wednesday. It can be a period of transformation for us and for our communities. We have many traditions to mark this season. Perhaps, a focus for Lent this year might be taking the time throughout the season to focus on our relationships, personal and global.

### A Suggestion for Lent 2023

Rather than a scattering of our attention on many practices this Lent, perhaps we can focus on just one, directing our attention to our relationships, personal and global. Each day of Lent, reflect on Matthew chapters 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount.

For 15 minutes each day, slowly read and reread a small portion of this Sermon, and reflect on what the Spirit is saying to you and/or your faith community with what you read in the Sermon. Ask yourself a question such as: **What is the Sermon telling me about myself and/or my faith community's relationship with.....?**

John Jennings

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time