

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

## Bulletin Sunday Aug 20th 2023 –20<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 8:45 AM

#### St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road  
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

### Mass Times & Intentions

**Saturday Aug 26th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**  
*Mass For The People*

**Sunday Aug 27th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's**  
*Yves Chalifoux*

**Sunday Aug 27th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**  
*Kay Trevors*

### Upcoming Events

**Parish Office will closed on Mondays until Fall.**  
**To accommodate Holidays for Irene.**

**There will be no weekday Masses**  
**while Fr. Maria is on Holidays.**

**Safe travels Fr. Maria and enjoy**  
**your time with your family.**

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Aug 13, 2023		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	\$ 4,628	Offertory	\$ 4,628		
Capital Infrastructure	175	Budget Needs	(5,255)		
Special Collections	-	Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (627)</b>		
Other	75	<b>Year-to-Date</b>		<b>Contributions</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,878</b>	Offertory	\$ 169,648		
		Budget Needs	171,120		
		Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (1,472)</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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### Faith Formation Registration is Open!

Online registration is open for Our Lady of Peace Parish Faith Formation programs. Families with children in kindergarten to grade 7 are invited to register for our Family Faith Formation program beginning in September. Children in grade 2 will receive Sacrament Preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist throughout the year.

Do you have or know a youth entering grade 8 this coming September? Please help us spread the word. Youth in grade 8 & up, if not already Confirmed, are invited to register for Confirmation Preparation beginning this fall with the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated the spring of 2025. To register online visit [www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca). For more information, contact Patty Cameron at (506) 444-6018 or [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

**Royal Road Construction Detour:** Masses at St. Theresa's church will continue as scheduled during construction on Royal Road. Please allow for extra time to arrive before Mass begins and follow detour signs which will bring you to the parking lot via Primrose Ave., left onto Lombardi Lane then left onto William St.

# Ministry Schedule August 26th & 27th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Greg Forsythe	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Betty MacNeil & Mary Fitzpatrick
Altar Servers	Merla Spires	Joe Adimalor, Miranda, Samuel & David Gutierrez
Lector	Cathy Bowlen	Kim Poffernoeth
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick

## Our Sacred Stories - How wide is our World, How broad is our Vision?

Every so often I visit the neighbourhood in which I grew up. When I do, I am surprised by how small everything seems to be. The street is now so short. What seemed as a child to be a long, steep hill is now a gentle grade. Those big backyards are tiny now. The bushes we used to hide in are sparse little shrubs. What happened to my big neighbourhood? How did it become so small?

Perhaps nothing happened to it. But a lot happened to me. I grew in both size and in experience. I left my little neighbourhood and moved into the larger world. What was my whole world as a child is now but a tiny piece of my world. As the years passed my world has grown beyond the street and backyards of my childhood. It encompasses many other neighbourhoods, cities, provinces and even countries. As my world grew, so too did my vision. This seems a common human experience. Even my vision of faith and of God and of God's plan has broadened.

In fact, this broadening of vision is not just limited to you and to me. Over time the way people have related to and spoken of the divine has evolved and changed. The people of the Old Testament like other peoples in the ancient world viewed God in a limited way. Each people had their own gods who looked after them, just as other peoples were cared for by their gods. The Israelites began with such a vision.

Over time for the Israelites this limited view of God began to change. Very gradually, their One God began to be seen as the One God not just for Israel but for all peoples. We find indications of this growing vision of a universal God, caring for all peoples in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: *And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,... these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.* (Isaiah 56:6-7)

The growing vision of God's plan for humanity was a key part of the message and mission of Jesus as the Christ. He began to draw disciples to himself. As he did so the first were Jewish, still seeing the messiah as sent to the Jews. Very gradually, what was expressed by the Old Testament prophet Isaiah began to take root in Jesus' message and be part of what the disciples came to discover. That is, that God and God's saving, life-giving plan was for all humanity, all peoples.

Matthew's gospel helps to recognize that this universal view of God and God's plan became clearer only gradually, like all broadening of vision. He tells the story of Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman who wanted him to free her daughter from being tormented by a demon. The disciples thought it inappropriate that a foreigner, a Gentile Canaanite woman should expect Jesus to call on the God Israel for her. Even Jesus himself seems reluctant to include her in his mission – *I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.* (Matt 15:21-28)

Only with her insistent faith does Jesus turn and reach out to her, acknowledging that her faith is great. Hers was a broad vision of the God of Israel. She saw and expressed what Isaiah had proclaimed, that the One God was God for all the peoples, all humanity. In Jesus' message, the salvation that came from the Jews came for all humanity and all were welcomed into the reign that he was to bring to the world. How wide and welcoming is our faith? How open are we to the "other" - whether culture, colour or creed?

John Jennings

**Youth Rally** ~ Bishop Riesbeck invites all high school aged youth to a youth rally at the Villa Madonna on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 pm – 7:00 pm (including BBQ supper) to wrap up the summer and start off the new school year firmly rooted in Jesus. The theme is Know! Grow! Go! (How can we KNOW Christ? How can we GROW in relationship with Jesus? How can we GO and make disciples of others?) Join young people from across the diocese for an afternoon of faith and fellowship! Interested in attending and would like to have a ride? Please contact Patty Cameron at [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) or (506) 444-6018. If there is enough interest we will book a bus (approx. \$15.00 / person) to take youth from the Fredericton Region to the event. Please let us know as soon as possible.



### Summer Bronze Rush 2023

I have had a few inquiries on how the Bronze Rush is doing. The amount is growing and has still time to grow more. The cost for each number is \$5.00.

You can buy as many spots as you like and play as often as you like.

Ways to Pay:

1. Drop an envelope in the offertory with Bronze Rush and your name written on it.
2. Drop by the office during office hours.
3. E-transfer include Bronze Rush in the message box.

Good Luck to all who choose to play. The draw will take place in September and the winner will receive half of the raised amount. The other half will stay in the Parish.