

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*"Three Churches One Faith Community"*

## Bulletin

**Sunday, February 06th, 2022 – Fifth 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 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
**All Welcome**

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

### Mass Times & Intentions

**Tuesday, February 8th 12:00 am - St. Theresa's Church**  
Miguel Sueyras

**Wednesday February 9th 10:00am - St. Anthony's**  
Marie Smith

**Thursday, February 10th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's**  
Ivan Savage

**Friday February 11th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church**  
Perry Tucker

**Saturday, February 12th, 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church**  
Mary DeGrasse

**Sunday February 13th 1:30 pm - St. Patrick's Church**  
Mass for the People

**Sunday, February 13th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church**  
Shauna Matheson

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

#### Weekly Offertory Jan 30th, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$1,610.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,978.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,588.00</b>
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,000.00
<b>Excess (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$1,412.00)</b>
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 25.00
Special Collections:	\$
Other:	\$ 55.00

#### Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 18,268.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
<b>Excess (Shortfall):</b>	<b>(\$ 6,732.00)</b>

Information inquires should be directed to:

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(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener  
472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)

*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](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

**Keep up to date on all activities, news and weather cancelations!**



**@Ourladyofpeaceparishfredericton**

**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.

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.

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- 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

Covid has continued to challenge us this year, but we have not given up! Our Family Style Faith Formation program has been up and running since the fall and 38 families are journeying together using our new program that includes monthly family gatherings, when permitted, and guided home sessions. Families are supported through a dedicated Family Faith Formation Facebook page and supplemental resources through FORMED.

We are blessed to have 12 children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist using a guided family program. Fifteen youth are preparing for Confirmation and have been committed to regular online sessions that will transition to in person meetings as permitted.

Please keep all our Faith Formation families and those preparing for their Sacraments in your prayers.

## 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.*

## From the Parish Office

Please ensure that all bulletin notices are submitted to the Parish office Thursday at noon at the latest. Your co-operation is very much appreciated in this matter.

**The Parish Office** will remain open during the Level 3 Restrictions. However no entry will be permitted. I will be available by phone or email during office hours which are 9 am – 4 pm.

**Your 2022 Offertory Envelopes** are now available at your Church. If you can't find yours please call the office for assistance. ..



**Missals are now available** at all three churches. To help with the cost of purchasing a \$5.00 donation is appreciated. There are containers by the missals to place your money. Missals are also available at the Parish Office.

## Parish Nursing

Book Club Members – the March Book you have chosen to read is available at the Parish Center. Please stop by and sign it out.

Book Club ZOOM Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

## Liturgy Committee

February 3 was the feast day of St. Blaise. St. Blaise is the patron saint of throat diseases. He was best known for the miraculous healing of a child choking on a fish bone. "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

## Pastoral Council Notes:

- Pastoral Council meeting February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- New: you can reach out to Pastoral Council by e-mail at [olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com](mailto:olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com)
- Pastoral Council will be leading a book study during lent. Book and sign up will be announced soon.

## 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 [lintons21@outlook.com](mailto:lintons21@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>.

## Ministry Schedule Week of February 12th & 13th

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener, Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford, Alyson Wrynn, Marilyn Brennan, Ed Theriault
Lector	Ann Boies	M. McGabe

### Our Sacred Stories

#### Discipleship: An Invitation to Relationship

Most of my adult life, some 46 years has been spent teaching. Like most teachers, I willingly admit that I learned more than my students ever did. Looking back, there is one very significant piece of wisdom that I picked up along the way. Early in my career another more senior person shared something that is crucial for no matter what we do: "A good teacher, teaches themselves." Looking back, I can see that no matter what we do in life, the most significant element will always be the relationships we discover, build and nurture.

That piece of wisdom should be kept in mind when we spend time with our Judeo-Christian scriptures. Too often we read and use these scriptures as "proof texts". We look at them to find doctrinal teachings or moral teachings for our lives as Christians. Perhaps as we do so, we fail to see the fundamental purpose and truth that in fact these scriptures are meant to present.

Our Bible is a collection of books, a kind of library for us. This collection presents us with a whole series of stories that open the door to what we might call our "Great Story". It recounts how all creation, including our humanity is a wondrous expression of God's love. Our origin is in God's love and our destiny is to return to the fullness of God's love. What we find unfolding in the books of our Jewish and Christian scriptures presents and celebrates a fundamental truth of our faith. Our life and all creation exist because of God's love. We are in relationship with our God, and God with us.

The stories of Jesus and his disciple in the New Testament - gospels, letters, historical accounts, they all need to be read in the light of this relationship of love by which we bond with our God, through Jesus the Christ. Like all the Gospel writers, Luke provides us with stories of how Jesus begins to build his circle of disciples. He calls them and challenges them where they are.

We can see this in Luke 5:1-11. Jesus gathers all kinds of people around him. In order to deal with the crowd, Jesus makes use of the setting and the situation in order to reach out to them. It is in a fishing area and so Jesus makes use of one of the fishing boats from which to teach. When he finishes speaking to the crowds, he asks the boat's owner, Simon to go fishing with him. Simon resists at first but agrees to go and is shocked by the number of fish they catch.

Luke closes this story with Jesus issuing an explicit invitation to Simon and his partners to join him in his mission. Like the fish, they are caught. Like the fish, they are brought on board with Jesus. Having been brought on board, they leave what they have been about and follow Jesus as disciples and ultimately as partners, sharing the mission.

This is a story of an encounter leading to a relationship. Jesus will teach these disciples. He will also build and nurture a friendship with them. Over time and with many shared experiences, this circle will grow close. The unfolding of this relationship is the key to understanding the Good News. If read in this way, it can be the story of our own relationship with Jesus the Christ and with our fellow disciples in our own community of faith.

In John's Gospel, 15:15-17 we see a proclamation of this encounter leading to relationship. It begins with these words: *I do not call you servants any longer,... I have called you friends.* These three verses in John can help us recognize who we are in the stories of the Gospels.

#### Can I read our Scriptures with this perspective of love and hope?

John Jennings

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