

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday July 30, 2023 –17<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

**Tuesday Aug 1st 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**  
*Paul Leger*

**Wednesday Aug 2nd 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**  
*Alice Giovannetti*

**Thursday Aug 3rd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**  
*Rachel Richard*

**Friday Aug 4th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**  
*Peter Casey*

**Saturday Aug 5th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**  
*Robert Hickey*

**Sunday Aug 6th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's**  
*Fr. Monte Peters*

**Sunday Aug 6th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**  
*Mass for the People*

### Upcoming Events

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



**Summer Bronze Rush**  
Good Luck to all who choose to play  
See Details on your Bulletin Board.

The Bronze Rush runs continuous from July till  
September. One Month left to play....

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You can play more than once.

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

July 23, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$ 5,151	Offertory	\$ 5,151
Capital Infrastructure	25	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	25	Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (104)</b>
Other	80	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,281</b>	Offertory	\$ 154,846
		Budget Needs	155,355
		Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (509)</b>

*Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. For all you do, THANK YOU!*

### 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)

### 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

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St. Anthony's Church

**Herb Allen**

Offered by Sue Allen

St. Theresa's Church

**Deceased Members of the MacNeil Family**

Offered by Betty MacNeil

## Ministry Schedule August 5th & 6th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Darren Richard, Ed Theriault
Eucharistic Minister	Merla Spires	Deborah Allen & Mary Fitzpatrick
Altar Servers	Kelly Bowlen	Joe Adimalor, Miranda, Samuel & David Gutierrez
Lector	Greg Forsythe	Deborah Allen
Sacristan		Bud Trevors

### Our Sacred Stories The Kingdom of God and our Quest in Life

Harry Potter, The da Vinci Code, Star Wars, the adventures of King Arthur and his knights of the round table, all have a common element in their stories. They are about a quest, a search for something significant to the lives of their characters. All of them as well can be seen as representative of human life, for we all face life as a quest. And although we may not always recognize it, our quest is always much the same. We search for how we can make sense out of life. For our Catholic faith, we find direction in the mission and message of Jesus. In the Gospels, this mission and message is about the Kingdom of God.

In *Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality* (New York, 1999), Fr. Ron Rolheiser treats this search as a longing or a quest that is part of our humanity. As he puts it: *Whatever the expression, everyone is ultimately talking about the same thing – an unquenchable fire, a restlessness, a longing, a disquiet, a hunger, a loneliness,... that lies at the center of human experience.*(4)

Now that we are in the season of Ordinary Time, every Sunday responds to our quest, our search for the Kingdom of God. It is our effort to find meaning in our life that sets us on this quest. Rolheiser would describe this as our need for a spirituality. The mission of Jesus as we see in the Gospels is to reveal the Kingdom of God among us. It is this revelation in Jesus that will ultimately satisfy our life quest.

This Sunday we listen to Matthew as he recounts in his Gospel several stories or parables of the Kingdom (Matt.13:44-52). These parables focus on very ordinary images of life to express the great values of the Kingdom. Two questions help us to focus on the parables of the Kingdom:

- *What do I want or seek in Life?*
- *What do I set my heart upon?*

Matthew points out that the Kingdom is more valued than all else. It is the treasure of great value, the pearl of great price. It is so valuable that we would commit all else to attaining it, for in doing so we find the answer to the two question – this is what I seek, this is what I set my heart on. For Matthew and for us, this becomes clear when we recognize what God offers in the Kingdom: peace, harmony, justice, respect, compassion, love. All of this is in the mission and message of Jesus, for he reveals the Kingdom.

For Matthew, for the little Christian community in which he lived and for us, these are stories which express the mission and message of Jesus – the Kingdom of God is among us. It is to be lived each day in the life of each of us. To recognize the Kingdom in this way is to find the answer to the great questions to which our life quest is directed. Fr. Rolheiser would see this as developing a Christian spirituality. It is prayerful action, in the model of Jesus himself, bringing the world we touch, a spirit of openness, acceptance, compassion love and peace. Such a quest builds the Reign of God in our world.

John Jennings 17<sup>th</sup> Sun Ord Time

**Catholic Women's League 2023 National AMM Closing Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John Open to anyone who wishes to attend.** Have you been to the Cathedral in Saint John or would like to visit again? Join us on Tuesday, August 15th for a bus trip to the Catholic Women's League 2023 National AMM Closing Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John. Bus leaves Holy Family Church (1500 Hanwell, Fredericton) at 2 pm and returns by 9 pm. Cost \$34.00 on first come first serve basis as seating is limited. \$34 due upon registration. Pick up also in Oromocto at Gateway (by Tim's). You could bring a brown bag/small cooler with snacks or supper items. Tim Hortons is within walking distance of Cathedral, for take-out only. Please invite your Spiritual Advisors...maybe they plan to attend already and would prefer joining us on the bus. If interested, please contact Marlita at St. Dunstan's office 444-6001 to register.

### **COME JOIN US FOR THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE SHRINE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, SKIFF LAKE, NB on AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 (RAIN OR SHINE)**

Celebration of outdoor Mass at 11 am ..... Praying of Rosary at 1 pm .....Healing Service at 2 pm

Lunch follows the Mass. Canteen available with sandwiches, hotdogs, sweets, pop, water available to purchase or bring a Picnic Lunch.

Shrine Sunday at Skiff Lake has been a place of gathering, celebration and healing for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples for generations. If you have come before, please invite others. This could also be the beginning of a new tradition for you. For all, we will experience the symbols and languages in prayer and celebration of all of those who gather.

The Shrine is located at 413 Upper Skiff Lake Road, Route 122, Canterbury. Feel free to bring your own lawn chair.