

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

BULLETIN

Sunday, March 14, 2021 – 4th 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 8:45 am



St. Theresa's Church

1 William St.
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 18th

Online Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 19th

Touched by Cancer Mass - St. Anthony's Church

Thursday, March 25th

Lenten Retreat with Sr. Karen
7:00 pm via Zoom

Thursday, April 15th

Alpha Online - *Who will you invite?*

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 16th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church
Michael Raj

Wednesday, March 17th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church
Jack Weatherhead

Thursday, March 18th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church
Special Intentions

Friday, March 19th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church
Harold and Nora McGuire

Saturday, March 20th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church
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Sunday, March 21st 8:45 am - St. Patrick's Church
Deceased Members of the McHale & Gallagher Families

Sunday, March 21st 11:0 am - St. Theresa's Church
Jim Noble

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory – March 7, 2021

Sunday Contributions:	\$2,835.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,982.00</u>
Total:	\$4,817.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,400.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$ 583.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 662.00
Special Collections:	\$ 50.00
Other:	\$ 35.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 45,492.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 54,000.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 8,508.00)
Information inquires should be directed to:	
Frank O'Donnell 472-0145	
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener	
472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)	

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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news and weather cancelations!



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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**OUR LADY OF PEACE
ONLINE MASS**
Sunday at 11:00 am
Facebook Live

Recording of Mass will be posted on our website for those who can't access Facebook.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION IN CHURCH PARKING LOTS

To provide Communion to those parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person we will have distribution of Holy Communion Sundays at:

St. Theresa's Church after Mass to 12:15 pm

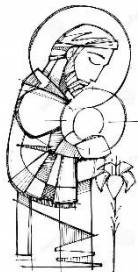
We encourage our parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person to watch Mass at home online at 11:00 am and then make their way to St. Theresa's Church if they wish to receive Communion.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 9:30 at St. Anthony's Church
Fridays 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church
Wednesdays 1:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church

** if there is no weekday Mass on Thursday or Friday, Adoration is also cancelled.*



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021

Friday, March 19th Feast of St. Joseph
Husband of Mary. Learn more about St.
Joseph on FORMED "Saint Joseph" (4-Part
Series).



This Week's Lenten Symbol - Candle

The fragile flame of a candle is a silent symbol that speaks of hope, gladness, warmth, learning and love. We pray that the flame of faith will be kept burning brightly.

This week Our Lady of Peace Parish Sanctuary Lamps are lit for:

St. Anthony's Church
A Special Intention
St. Theresa's Church
Jack Weatherhead

Triduum and Easter Mass Schedule

As we prepare for the Triduum and Easter, taking into consideration the province's anticipated return to a new restrictive yellow phase and guidelines for celebrating the Triduum issued by the Diocese of Saint John, the Liturgy and COVID-19 Committees are preparing for these Masses in a way that makes the most sense for our entire parish community.

The Masses of the Triduum are the pinnacle of the Catholic liturgical year. It is a time when we need to be open and welcoming to all, a time when our best should be offered in the Mass. With all restrictions, guidelines and the whole parish community considered please find below Our Lady of Peace Parish Triduum and Easter Mass Schedule.

This year attendance at Triduum and Easter Masses will be by reservation only.

You may reserve your spot calling the parish office at 444-6010 or emailing parishoffice@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.

When registering for Mass, please provide a main contact name, phone number, email address, the number of people in your group, and which Masses you would like to attend.

Triduum and Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday

7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church **
(Livestreamed)

Good Friday

10:00 am at St. Patrick's Church
12:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church
3:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church
(Livestreamed with distribution of Communion
in the parking lot)

Easter Vigil

8:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church **

Easter Sunday

8:45 am St. Patrick's Church
11:00 am St. Theresa's Church **
(Livestreamed with distribution of Communion
in the parking lot)

**** St. Theresa's Church has been chosen for these main parish Masses to allow more people the opportunity to attend. Ministries for these parish Masses will be shared between the three parish churches.**

Are You Watching "The Search" with Fr. Maria?

This Lent Fr. Maria is watching "The Search" on FORMED. Every Wednesday we will post on the parish Facebook page and website a link to watch an episode of *The Search* on FORMED along with a couple of questions for reflection and discussion. Share your thoughts each week on Facebook.



OUR LADY OF PEACE LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays of Lent after the 10:00 am Mass
St. Anthony's Church
Wednesdays of Lent after the 12:00 pm Mass
St. Theresa's Church
Wednesdays of Lent after 1:00 pm Adoration
St. Patrick's Church

Online Stations of the Cross: "A Journey You Will Never Forget" ~ an online stations of the cross perfect for everyone, especially for families with middle school aged youth and up. Each station features a reflection and parts of current popular songs. Young people and adults alike will be amazed at the powerful result of this unique presentation! Thursday, March 18th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Please email pattycameron@ourldayofpeacefredericton.ca to receive a link join.

Evening Lenten Retreat with Sr. Karen ~ Thursday, March 25th at 7:00 pm. This will be an online event email pattycameron@ourldayofpeacefredericton.ca for a link to join via Zoom.



Birthday Blessings!

Happy Birthday to Elite 90's member Anna O'Byrne celebrating a birthday on March 15th.



What are your plans for after Lent?

Why not grab a friend and join us for our next Alpha Course? Alpha is an ecumenical program. It is perfect place to discuss the big questions of life. Introduce people to God or renew your own relationship with Jesus. **Our next course will start online, Thursday, April 15th. Who will you invite?**

This week we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick

"The Breastplate"

St. Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

St. Patrick pray for us.

Touched by Cancer Mass ~ for those whose lives have been affect in any way by cancer will take place Friday, March 19th at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church. All are welcome.



Share Love, Share Lent: Raise a toast to yourself!

Did you know that over 10,000 Canadian Catholics like you are members of Development and Peace?

The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign invites you to pray for them and to honour their solidarity towards our sisters and brothers in the Global



South.

Show your support by donating generously this coming Solidarity Sunday. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

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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

PARISH NURSING

Online Yoga ~ Mondays from 3 to 4 pm via Zoom. Anyone interested to join can contact Emma at eecout@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF MARCH 9TH TO MARCH 14TH

St. Anthony's – Tuesday @ 10:00 am		St. Theresa's – Wednesday @ 12:00 pm	
Screeners/Ushers	John Walsh Merla Spires	Mary Billings Betty Flanagan	
Lector	Merla Spires	Betty Flanagan	
St. Anthony's – Thursday @ 10:00 am		St. Theresa's – Friday @ 12:00 pm	
Screeners/Ushers	Ken Harris Sue Inkster		
Lector	Sue Inkster	Dennis Kelly	
St. Anthony's – Saturday at 4:00 pm		St. Theresa's – Sunday at 11:00 am	
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener Mona and Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick	Martin Colford Ed Theriault Darren Richard
Lector	Greg Feener	Reg Hayes	

Our Sacred Stories

GOOD NEWS: Our Need to Hear It Again and Again

“Wash your hands.” How many times have we heard our mothers saying this? It seems it takes a long time for things to sink in for us. Now, in the midst of a pandemic, this advice appears to be coming home to us. Over the past year, we have heard it often and we might have noticed that even though Covid-19 continues among us, we have had fewer colds and less of the standard flu. Although it took a long time for us to accept this, I guess Mom was right.

“God loves us unconditionally.” This appears to be hard for us to accept, but it is in fact one of the central pieces of our Christian faith. Right from the beginning it has been expressed in many prophet voices and in a variety of ways, but it has not fully sunk in.

In the ancient town of Ephesus), a committed Christian of the 1st century expressed this belief eloquently in the Letter to the Ephesians as part of a summary of Christian faith. The writer declared: “God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – for it is by grace that you have been saved.” (Eph.2;4-10) It might help for us to know that “grace” refers to a share in God’s divine life, and that it is a free gift of God. We do not earn or win it. God gives it freely to all.

The same message comes to us in John’s Gospel. Jesus encounters a Pharisee who is marked by both his faith and his questions – a true seeker. In so many ways Nicodemus is us, for true faith involves constant seeking to delve deeper. Faith seeks understanding.

In the conversation with Nicodemus reveals a Jesus assists him in his seeking. The centerpiece of Jesus’s response is the consoling wonder of God’s great, unconditional love for us all: “For God so loved the world that he gave us his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world, to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:16-17)

Christians down through the ages have encountered this loving God in their daily lives. The Trappist monk and spiritual writer, Thomas Merton (1915-68) recalled his own experience. Standing on a busy street corner in Louisville, Kentucky, in the midst of a crowd, he looked around and realized he loved all of them and that they loved him. He recounted this as a vision of God’s love reflected in each and every person: “It was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their hearts where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God’s eyes.” (Thomas Merton, Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander 1966)

Pope Francis often expresses this vision of God, calling us to reflect it throughout the world. It is our mission as disciples to do so. Moved by the example of St Francis of Assisi, he shared it in his recent encyclical letter: “[St. Francis] calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance.... Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brother and sisters all.” (“Fratelli tutti” 2020, 1,8)

“Wash your hands” and “God loves us unconditionally” – tough to accept, but wisdom that is significant for us. From Jesus and his disciples to Pope Francis in our own day the message of God’s constant love has been the foundation of our Christian faith. It is a blessing of hope for us all and call for us to share in peace with all we encounter – truly, GOOD NEWS for our world.