

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday November 5th 2023 –31st 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

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Nov 7th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Basil Kuiack

Wednesday Nov 8th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Kristine Sherman

Thursday Nov 9th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Wayne Carr

Friday Nov 10th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Peter Casey

Saturday Nov 11th 4:00 pm St. Anthony's

Mass for the People

Sunday Nov 12th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's

Bruce Armstrong

Sunday Nov 12th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Lawrence Bohan

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

Upcoming Events



Tuesday November 7th CWL Executive Meeting
6:30 PM in the Old Rectory

Tuesday November 7th Knights General Meeting
St. Theresa's Church Hall 7:00 PM

Sunday November 12th St. Theresa's Hall
Family Faith Formation 9:30 am

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Oct 29 th 2023		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	\$ 5,950	Offertory	\$ 5,950		
Capital Infrastructure	55	Budget Needs	(5,255)		
Special Collections	80	Excess (Shortfall)		\$ 695	
Other	560	Year-to-Date			
Total	\$ 6,645	Offertory	\$ 225,273		
		Budget Needs	228,925		
		Excess (Shortfall)		\$ (3,652)	

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

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



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Ministry Schedule November 11th & November 12th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Darren Richard & Ed Theriault
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Betty MacNeil & Marg Anderson
Altar Servers	Merla Spires	Miguel & Isaiah Buenaventura, Kevin Fernandez & Lucas Daigle
Lector	Ken Harris	Marilyn Brennan
Sacristan		Bud Trevors



St. Anthony's Church
+ *Jacque Mellor* +
Offered by Anne McDonald

St. Theresa's Church
+ *Kelly McAloon* +
Offered by Family

Mark your calendars! NET Team Retreat for Youth! ~ Experience a NET Retreat and engage your faith! A team of vibrant



young missionaries will be visiting our area to provide youth in grades 6 to 12 an opportunity to hear the message of God's love and a chance to experience the Gospel personally. We promise it will be a day of faith, fun and friendship! Saturday, November 18th from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm at the Msgr. Boyd Family Center (St. Dunstan's). Lunch and snacks will be provided. Please let us know if you will be joining us by contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018.



Our Lady of Peace Parish will be participating in a parish-wide survey!

Parishes in the Diocese of Saint John, including Our Lady of Peace Parish, will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. We need your help!

This information will be invaluable to Fr. Maria and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. The survey will be available online from November 21st to December 18th and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Closer to November 21st we will share with you the link to complete the survey online. Paper copies will also be available.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible so please seriously consider participating in the survey from November 21st to December 18th. Thank you for helping with this important project!

Liturgical Ministers Needed ~ The Liturgy Committee invites previous and new volunteers to consider serving at



Mass. We are looking for Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Sacristans to serve during Mass at all three of our parish churches. New volunteers are welcome, and training will be provided. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 444-6010 with your contact details and in which church you would like to serve.

Family Faith Formation Next Sunday! ~ Family Faith Formation (Catechism) will meet next Sunday, November 12th at 9:30 am at in St. Theresa's Church Hall. This is for families with children in Kindergarten to grade 7. During the session older youth in grades 5, 6 and 7 will have their own session. If you have not registered yet for Family Faith Formation, you can register online at [www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious\[1\]formation-k-to-7](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious[1]formation-k-to-7). All families are welcome to join us!



GAZA HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY

MONTREAL, October 25, 2023 — **Development and Peace — Caritas Canada** is making an immediate **allocation of \$150,000 to Caritas Jerusalem** to help it meet the needs of families besieged and displaced by the ongoing crisis in Gaza in the Holy Land.

As a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is also participating in the Humanitarian Coalition's **Gaza Humanitarian Emergency** appeal. This means that **donations for this cause will be matched dollar for dollar** by the Government of Canada up to a maximum of \$10 million **until November 12**. We therefore invite Canadians to **donate generously**, AND help provide food, water, shelter, hygiene kits, essential goods, healthcare and psychosocial support to families affected by the conflict in Gaza. **DONATE: Online at devp.org/give**

By **calling 1-888-234-8533** toll-free or by mailing a **cheque payable to Development and Peace** (marked *Gaza Humanitarian Emergency*) to: 555 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 8th Floor
Montreal, Quebec H2Z 1B1

ADVENT RETREAT AT THE VILLA MADONNA!

This 24 hour Advent retreat at the Villa Madonna Retreat House might be just what you are looking for. The theme is WAITING / An Advent Journey. The date is Friday, November 24th at 6:30 till Sunday, November 26th at 2:00 pm. Cost is \$70 for registration and upon arrival, \$240.

This is a **Silent-Directed** retreat and will be an opportunity for specific guidance in various structured approaches to prayer. Retreatants will have an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. In between assigned prayer periods, retreatants are free to enjoy the indoor and outdoor space as desired. This retreat will also include the celebration of the Eucharist. It is facilitated by trained spiritual directors in the diocese. (Google 'AASEA Retreats' for more information). To register contact **Bob McDermott** : (mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca)

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast: Sunday, November 12th, 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 8.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 25.00. Proceeds going to Our Lady of Grace School. Everyone welcome.



Remembrance Day Ceremony November 11th at the Stanley Cenotaph at 10:40. All Welcome

St. Paul's UCW is hosting a Christmas Bazaar on **November 18th** from 9am -12pm. Come do some Christmas shopping and pick up some tasty baking, crafts, books, puzzles and have a coffee and muffin. Donations of gently used items and baking are welcome and can be dropped off at the church Monday-Thursday between 8am-3pm and Friday between 8am-1pm.

Our Sacred Stories - Our Formation to a Listening and Inclusive Church

Every once in a while, I think of how fortunate I have been for the opportunity to have more than 40 years of university teaching and research. It has been a wonderful, fulfilling career. I had marvelous colleagues, met many great students and continue to hold all of them close as friends and acquaintances. All those years, have been filled with new experiences, discovery and continual learning.

For all its positive impact however, I do have one significant lament. For the first few years of teaching, for which I had little training or preparation. I am a little sorry for those students with whom I was working. Graduate school was great for immersion into the field of Medieval European history, but there was little to prepare us for the classroom in those first years. Experience and shared insights with others, was needed to help develop this aspect of the career. This has been a life-long experience.

In some ways, it is like a pilgrimage – an experience of continual discovery, learning and development. Such a journey can easily be directed to the life of any one of us. We are, like all humanity, on a life journey marked by constant change and growth. We are never perfectly formed and never will be. Ongoing formation and development is a constant of life. And what we can say about our life, we can also say about the faith that we hold.

The Gospel writer, Matthew highlights this need for constant growth as he presents Jesus speaking to the crowds around him, and his disciples (Matt 23:1-12). He points out that their own experts in the Law, the scribes and the Pharisees need to be heard by them, but even they are imperfect. Their imperfection expressed itself in the fact that they, did not live what they taught.

If we are honest about it, we all face that challenge. Our Christian faith demands much more than we can ever live up to fully and perfectly. Jesus provides us with a model and mentor. As individuals, and as a Christian faith community or church, we never perfectly live up to our model. Often we find ourselves as a church that is ready to express rules and requirements for inclusion, but we overlook or remain silent when it comes to compassion and care, peace and hospitality. We are a community called to conversion, not once, but a life-long process of repenting and conversion.

Last week, our Catholic church completed the first session of the Synod on Synodality. In the first of two sessions, for the first time since the early centuries of our church, clergy and laity, women and men sat down to examine the experience that we have with church in our global community. The second session will take place in October 2024.

This first session was crafted to be a time of listening, especially to our church experience. At the direction of Pope Francis, this listening time was done in isolation from press and media, beyond a bare minimum. The negative side of this approach meant that there was an air secrecy about the meetings. The reason for adopting this mode was to allow people in the session to openly and freely tell their own stories of church, positive and negative. Rather than a discussion of theology or canon law or doctrinal issues, this was an opportunity to experience the global church and its life, as well as its pain.

Between this time and the second session, hopefully our whole global church and many local dioceses and parish communities will have the opportunity to see the report that comes out from session #1. This will lead us to further conversations for broad and open listening and conversation on the changes we must make in response to our pains and failings as a Christian community. We are not a perfect church any more than we are perfect persons, but we are capable of continual conversion.

John Jennings
31st Sun Ord Time



A Little Laughter for your day!

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water:

DONALD: H I J K L M N O

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O