



OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH ADVENT ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES



ADVENT BOOKLETS

Celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas with Advent booklets for adults and families. Booklets are available at each church.

The Fullness of Time (Adults)

Celebrate Advent and draw closer to God through the daily reflections and prayers inspired by Scripture and the spiritual writings of Henri J. M. Nouwen.

Season's Greeting (Families)

Hectic holiday time together becomes time spent in joyful expectation of the Christ Child who makes all of our Season's Greetings possible. Families will find prayers and discussion starters to use while they participate in the traditions they treasure!

Our Lady of Peace Parish Advent Reconciliation Service ~ Friday, December 10th at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church.

"Hope" an Advent Retreat with Sr. Karen ~ Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm. Two ways to participate! Join us online via a Zoom or watch the livestream of the retreat at St. Theresa's Church. Contact Patty at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca to receive the link to join online or to register to attend at St. Theresa's Church. All COVID protocols will be in place in the church and everyone must be vaccinated to attend at St. Theresa's.

Family Faith Formation Advent Community Service Project ~ Sunday, December 19th from 9:45 to 10:45 am in St. Theresa's Church Hall. Families will gather to prepare blessing bags to be distributed to vulnerable youth in our community.

ONLINE ADVENT RESOURCES FOR ADULTS & FAMILIES

Indigenous Peoples and the Church: Walking Together Toward Healing and Reconciliation

Each week, the CCCB will release a video recording of a Bishop in Canada reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday of Advent. This year's reflections were developed in view of the Indigenous Delegation which will be travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis this December.

The True Meaning of Christmas with Dr. Michael Barber. Learn more about the biblical accounts of Jesus' birth and the meaning behind our favorite Christmas customs. This series will include new videos each week from Advent to Epiphany and will be featured on the main FORMED carousel. Begins November 27th on FORMED.

Brother Francis Daily Advent Videos for Children (English and Spanish). Starting November 28th on FORMED. Each day during Advent Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord! Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas.

Please visit the parish website at www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca for information on how to sign up for FORMED.

Pastor's Message for Advent

The season of Advent reminds that God comes to us. During the first two weeks of Advent we prepare ourselves for when Christ will come again in glory at the end of time. During the second two weeks of Advent we prepare to celebrate when He came at Christmas. Throughout season we become more aware of the fact that God comes to us now. In this way our lives are an advent a time of waiting, listening, a time of hoping and of openness to the unimaginable gift of God. Throughout Advent, throughout our lives we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

During this Holy season we would like to help you by providing a little Advent booklet that has 10 minutes of activities ever day, that's all it takes 10 minutes to pray to reflect, to share thoughts and to really get ready for the Christmas. Please light the wreath candles before you sit with family members or friends to read reflections and share with one another how are you waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus.

F. Maria Arokiam.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Following current provincial mandatory order and Diocesan COVID protocols for churches.

***This year attendance at Christmas Masses
will be by reservation.***

You **must** reserve your spot at Christmas Mass until Monday, December 20th by 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 attending, and the Mass that you would like to attend. We ask that all people in your group arrive together. If this is not possible, separate reservations will need to be made and a new main contact name provided.

When necessary seating may be assigned to ensure two-meter social distancing between groups. Masks are required to worn at all times while in church buildings.

All Mass times and church capacity are subject to change if directed by the Province of New Brunswick.

Our Lady of Peace Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church

5:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church

7:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church

8:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church

Christmas Day

10:00 am at St. Theresa's Church