

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*"Three Churches One Faith Community"*

## Bulletin Sunday Aug 27th 2023 –21st 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

**Monday August 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM St. Anthony's  
Funeral Mass  
Sr. Charlotte Lockhart**

**Saturday Sept 2nd 4:00 PM St. Anthony's  
Nancy Soctonah**

**Sunday Sept 3rd 8:45 AM St. Patrick's  
Jordan Brewer**

**Sunday Sept 3rd 11:00 AM St. Theresa's  
Kendell Holt**

**There will be no weekday Masses  
while Fr. Maria is on Holidays.**

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

#### 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

**This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns  
at St. Anthony's  
In Memory of James Brander  
Offered by Lorraine & Family**



#### Twilight Retreat

Sponsored by the Saint Theresa's Catholic Women's League of Canada. Being held Monday September 11, 2023 at Saint Theresa's Church Hall  
This will be a Pot Luck

Theme: Catholic and Living It.

Presenter: Graydon Nicholas

Topic: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Registration: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Everyone is Welcome

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Aug 20, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$ 4,266	Offertory	\$ 4,266
Capital Infrastructure	10	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	-	Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (989)</b>
Other	235	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,511</b>	Offertory	\$ 173,974
		Budget Needs	176,375
		Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (2,401)</b>

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

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



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### 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)

**Royal Road Construction Detour:** Masses at St. Theresa’s Church will continue as scheduled during construction on Royal Road. Please allow for extra time to arrive before Mass begins and follow detour signs which will bring you to the parking lot via Primrose Ave., left onto Lombardi Lane then left onto William St.

## Ministry Schedule September 2nd & 3rd

St. Anthony’s

St. Theresa’s

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Darren Richard, Ed Theriault
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Forsythe	Deborah Allen & Marg Anderson
Altar Servers	Kelly Bowlen	Miguel & Isiah Bonaventura, Vlad Gabe, Kevin Fernandez
Lector	Joyce Rozario	Betty MacNeil
Sacristan		Bud Trevors

### Our Sacred Stories - Living with Uncertainties and Discoveries

In a world filled with uncertainties, facing constant questions, we live with many challenges. Yet... it is from our questions and often doubts, that we come to discovery, to finding new ways and new understandings of our world, our lives and even our faith.

Several years ago, I met a student who had many questions – questions about faith, questions about the Church, questions about our traditions and practices. She thought that she could no longer be Catholic, because she had these questions. She felt she did not believe everything and so was not Catholic.

In fact, to have faith is to have questions, and we all have them, lots of them. To believe is to want to understand and this necessarily raises questions in us. Such faith discovery is not unlike any of our relationships. When we first meet someone, we begin to ask questions. If they are someone with whom we want a relationship, questions arise, maybe even doubts about them, about us, about our relationship. To question is part of human life and part of faith.

To live in the Catholic faith means we are on a life-long journey. As we identify our doubts and ask our questions we are led to changes in our lives and to action. We are living a faith that we are coming to integrate with life. It is not possible to have faith in what God is revealing to us in Jesus, his life and his mission without accepting changes in the way we live. Our Faith starts with knowing, with grasping words and teachings. Then it grows into a “living faith”, that is a relationship, touching not only our head, but our heart. Like all relationships, it is alive, dynamic. It grows over a lifetime.

When Jesus asks his disciples, in Matthew’s Gospel “Who do you say that I am?” there are a variety of responses (Matt 16:13-20). Peter gave a remarkable one, but we can be sure that he did not fully understand what he said. Every expression of our faith is more a beginning than a conclusion. It leads us to more uncertainties and further questions. As well, like a couple in a marriage, the commitment of faith will take us to action and to places that we would not otherwise have gone. When it does, then we can say we have a “living faith”. In doing so, we discover the wonder of building a new world in which we live – the Reign of God takes on a reality for us and for others around us.

What we sometimes refer to as “blind faith”, might also be referred to as “dead faith”. Living faith, faith that is dynamic will be in constant change or growth. It will be the route to discoveries and new ways of acting and living. The challenges, uncertainties and questions open the door to discovering new life. Peter and the other disciples were discovering this in their relationship with the person of Jesus the Christ. We are these disciples.

John Jennings

**Parish Community Outreach Food Drive** ~ the rising price of food is very difficult for many in our community and our local foodbank is seeing an increase in demand. To help out we will be collecting the following most needed items as requested by the food bank.

- Canned pasta sauce (please no bottles)
- Canned meat (tune, ham etc.)

These two food items can be dropped off at our parish churches until Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Summer Bronze Rush 2023** I have had a few inquiries on how the Bronze Rush is doing. The amount is growing and has still time to grow more. The cost for each number is \$5.00.

You can buy as many spots as you like and play as often as you like. Ways to Pay:

1. Drop an envelope in the offertory with Bronze Rush and your name written on it.
2. Drop by the office during office hours.
3. E-transfer include Bronze Rush in the message box.



Good Luck to all who choose to play. The draw will take place in September and the winner will receive half of the raised amount. The other half will stay in the Parish.