

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

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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 1:30 PM

St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday March 11th 12 PM St. Theresa's

Arnetta Crowley

Wednesday March 12th 10 AM St. Anthony's

John & Honey Canney

Thursday March 13th 12 PM St Theresa's

John McAloon

Friday March 14th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Tim Gallan

Saturday March 15th^h 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

Mass for the People

Sunday March 16th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Jack Weatherhead

Sunday March 16th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's

Gratitude For The Rosary

Upcoming Events

Office Hours Mon – Fri 9:am – 4:30 pm

Income Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are available in your church.



Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

March 2, 2025		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$6,288	Offertory	\$6,288
Capital Infrastructure	880	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Diocesan Collections	180	Excess (Shortfall)	1,033
Other	187		
Total Contributions		Year-to-Date	Contributions
		Offertory	\$46,413
		Budget Needs	(47,295)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (882)

Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure.

For all that 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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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

Ministry Schedule March 15th & March 16th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Greg Feener	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford George Fernandez, Darren Richard & Marilyn Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Ken Harris	Mary Fitzpatrick & Mary Billings
Altar Servers		Kevin Fernandez, Isaiah Bonaventura, Pahati, Noah & Phil VanLeeuwen
Lector	Sue Inkster	Deborah Allen & Miguel Buenaventura
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick

Our Lady of Peace Parish Adoration Schedule

Thursdays at 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church before 12:00 pm Mass *

Fridays at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church before 10:00 am *

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church (1 hour) * If Mass is cancelled so is Adoration.

Our symbol for the First Sunday of Lent is Bread.

In the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper Jesus doesn't simply invite, but calls those at the table to share in the breaking of bread. The bread is unleavened. This action and His words are part of every Mass.

Season 4 of "The Chosen" ~ Threatened by the reality of Jesus' growing influence, religious leaders do the unthinkable – ally with their Roman oppressors. As the seeds of betrayal are planted the disciples struggle to keep up with Him. Join us Monday evenings beginning February 24th at 7:00 pm in the meeting rooms at St. Theresa's Church as we watch and discuss season 4 of The Chosen. Everyone is welcome!

Attention High School Students!

Steubenville Atlantic Conference July 11th to 13th

The Lord tells us, "Be not afraid," and these words resonate with us today. Join Catholic teens at Steubenville Atlantic at Dalhousie University, Halifax, from July 11-13, 2025. This conference is designed to evangelize, equip, and empower those aged 14-18 (grades 9-12). **Registration fee:** \$350.00 (including transportation) with a \$50 non-refundable deposit.



Other Opportunities:

- **Peer Leader for Young Adults (18-20):** Attend with a group and take on leadership roles at the discretion of group leaders.
- **Franciscan LEAD:** From July 7-11, 2025. A five-day Christ-centered immersion in leadership, evangelization, and discipleship inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. Teens first grow closer to Jesus, then learn servant leadership and evangelization.

Mark Your Calendars! ~ There be an online meeting for everyone interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference on Monday, March 31st at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference as a participant or a peer leader or attending Franciscan LEAD please contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018 to have your name added to the list and receive the link to the meeting.

Lenten Reflection Booklets ~ Lent Reflection Books for adults and families are available at each of the churches. Please be sure to pick one up to enrich your Lent experience this year.



TRUTH We are more than sandwich makers! Yes, service is part of our ministry – as we feed many in sadness, friendship and celebration – but we are so much more. Did you know members of The Catholic Women's League donate more than a million dollars to charities across the country per year as well as thousands of volunteer hours? Truth be told- we can do more – with you on our team!

Executive Meeting: Tuesday March 11th at 12:30 in the Rectory Meeting Room

General Meeting: Sunday March 16th at 1:00 pm in the old Rectory Meeting Room Following the Knights Brunch

Please join St. Theresa's Catholic Women's League to

Pray - "Mary's Way of the Cross" during this Lenten Season.

This will take place following the Tuesday Noon Masses beginning March 11th.

Notice From Knights of Columbus



The Knights would like to thank everyone that came to our Shrove Tuesday we were over 200 people and your generosity will help us give coats to kids, wheelchairs to people in need and so much more.

We will have our brunch on Sunday March 16th, we will give it a little St. Patrick's twist! See you then! As usual it is by Free Will offering.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP

Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!

Our Lady of Peace Parish, in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency, is pleased to announce that a tax preparation clinic will be provided (**Free of Charge**) to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation. The tax preparation service will commence **March, 2025**.

Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment, drop-off or virtual** to prepare your income tax and benefit returns. The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex situations** such as: returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business rental income or expenses. Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton** for further information at 506-261-7600 or email lintons21@outlook.com.



Parish Living Lent Outreach ~ Each week this Lent we will be supporting a local organization. The list of organizations and their needs can be found in this week's bulletin insert, on our website and Facebook page. We will also post in the bulletin the collection for the following week. Donations will be collected only the weekends indicated and will be delivered to the organizations the following Monday. Together we can make a difference in our community!

2nd Sunday of Lent Parish Living Lent Outreach Collection ~ Next week's collection (March 16th) supports the **Social Work Department at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital**. Everyday social workers meet with families struggling with the cost of travel to and from the hospital. Let's help them out by donating gift cards to gas retailers with a suggested value of \$20.00 or \$25.00

Art and Environment St. Theresa's church is looking for a person to lead the Art and Environment ministry, this volunteer position is a valuable ministry, in following the liturgical calendar. This person would work with the guidance of Fr. Maria and training from an experienced past member if required. If you feel the opportunity to lead this fulfilling ministry is for you, please contact Irene at the office 506-444-6010.

Our Sacred Stories

Lent: A Gift, A Challenge & A Discovery of our Mission

Here we are – Lent again. Here we are – Lent again. Traditionally, it is a time of penance and giving up things, habit and behaviors – but also a time of idealism and promise. It is about setting aside those elements of our lives which impede the goodness of God’s dream for us. Lent is about turning away from the temptations, the “stuff” that is hurtful, wasteful and dehumanizing in our lives and in our world.

But it is also about becoming. It is about turning around to be the person and the world of God’s plan for us. It is about turning away from self-centeredness and selfishness – and turning towards God and to those many “others” who are part of our lives. It is about using our time and our energy in life-giving ways – that our world may become the world that God has intended. During Lent we discover the message of hope and promise.

Our observance of the Lenten season has its origins in the early Christian Church and is associated with the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. These are the sacraments of welcome and generally take place for new Christians at Easter. From the earliest times, Christians developed the custom of welcoming new members at Easter time.

When the new member was ready to become part of the community, they asked to be initiate at Easter, the feast of the new and risen life. There was a brief and more intense period of prayer, fasting and good works. This was Lent – a time of transformation, a conversion.

The image of this transforming moment is found in the Gospels. We can see it in the desert experience of Jesus himself. After his baptism in the Jordan by John, Jesus ventured into the desert (Luke 4:1-13). There he searched for the mission to which the Spirit was leading him. He struggled with temptations. Then in that same desert, Jesus found his call and his mission. He came out of the desert, proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom of God, among us.

Every year, Lent is our desert experience, a time to rediscover our connection with our loving parent God. In the desert of our Lent, we have the opportunity to step back and see where we are in our journey, our personal life pilgrimage in faith, our relationship with God and with one another.

Several years ago, Dr. Michael Higgins, in his blog quoted an author named Brian Doyle. Just before he died, in 2017, Doyle reflected on his own life, especially his core relationships and his Catholic faith in “A Prayer for You and Yours”. Of his faith, Doyle had this to say: “I saw for the first time in my life that there were two Catholic Churches, one a noun and the other a verb, one a corporation and the other a wild idea held in the hearts of millions of people who are utterly uninterested in authority and power and rules and regulations; and very interested indeed in finding ways to walk through the bruises of life with grace and humility.” (Quoted by Michael Higgins in “Pontifex Minimus”, 12 Feb 2021)

- **What might we discover in our Lenten Journey this year?**

1st Sunday of Lent

John Jennings

Development and Peace

A signature to Turn Debt into Hope Next Sunday, March 16, you will be invited to sign the global Turn Debt into Hope campaign petition that calls for an end to unjust debt. With inequalities widening as rich countries continue enriching themselves by exploiting the resources of the poorest countries, we respond to Pope Francis’s call: “In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice.” (Message for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2025) Help us reach the Canadian goal of 100,000 signatures, which will feed into the global goal of 10 million signatures. Sign now at devp.org/debt. Thank you for your solidarity!

