

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

BULLETIN

Sunday, December 8th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

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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

December 8th

“Be Born in Us Today” - St. Theresa's

December 12th

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe - St. Anthony's

December 15th

Caroling for Canned Goods - St. Theresa's
Everyone Welcome!

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 10th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's
Our Homeless

Tuesday, December 10th 2:30 pm - Windsor Court

Wednesday, December 11th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's
Tony Gallagher

Thursday, December 12th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's
Eliza Morehouse

Thursday, December 12th 2:30 pm - York Manor

Friday, December 13th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's
Tom Gorman

Saturday, December 14th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's
Dorina Hachey

Sunday, December 15th 8:45 am - St. Patrick's
Melvin Bartlett

Sunday, December 15th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's
Elizabeth Kelly

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Collection Total = \$6,903.15

	St. Anthony's	St. Patrick's	St. Theresa's
Sunday Envelopes	\$1,350.00	\$ 635.00	\$1,391.00
Loose Collection	\$ 160.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 178.60
Auto Debit	\$ 668.81	\$ 25.00	\$1,215.74
Capital Infrastructure	\$ 120.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00
Special Collections	\$ 55.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 50.00
Pro-Life	\$ 366.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 278.00
Total	\$2,719.81	\$ 970.00	\$3,213.34

WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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



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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday, December 8th

"Be Born in Us Today" @ 3:00 pm - St. Theresa's
Praying the Stations of Advent & Christmas.

Reflections grounded in the joy, awe and mystery of
new birth and new beginnings.

Thursday, December 12th

**Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe "Patroness of all
the Americas" and National Day of Prayer in Solidarity
with Indigenous Peoples @ 7:00 pm - St. Anthony's**
Mass in English, Maliseet, French and Spanish.

All are invited to attend.

Sunday, December 15th

**Regional Advent Reconciliation Service @ 3:00 pm - St.
Dunstan's**

Sunday, December 15th

Caroling for Canned Goods @ 6:30 pm - St. Theresa's

Thursday, December 19th

**An Advent Pause with Sr. Karen @ 7:00 pm - St.
Anthony's**

Friday, December 20th

Touched by Cancer Mass @ 7:00 pm - St. Anthony's

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

St. Anthony's

Grandmother Regina Caissie

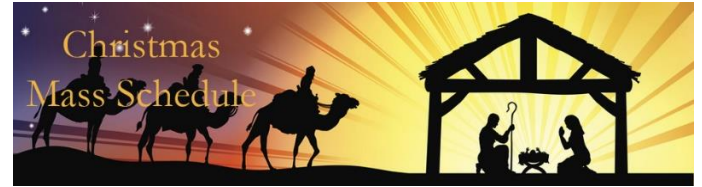
St. Patrick's

St. Theresa's

Marie Shields

2020 Our Lady of Peace Parish Envelopes ~ Parish envelopes are now available at the back of each church. Please take the envelope with your name printed on the label. This box has been assigned to you and the information will be used for your tax receipt. If you can not find your envelopes please call the parish office before taking a box of unlabeled envelopes. **Please do not use 2020 envelopes until the New Year.**

St. Theresa's Christmas Ministries ~ The Christmas ministry sign-up sheet for St. Theresa's is located on the bulletin board outside of the crying room.



Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - St. Anthony's * 5:30 pm - St. Theresa's
7:00 pm - St. Anthony's * 8:30 pm - St. Theresa's
10:30 pm St. Patrick's

Christmas Day

9:00 am - St. Anthony's * 11:00 am - St. Theresa's

Most Reverend Robert Harris

Bishop Emeritus and Apostolic Administrator
Diocese of Saint John

Cordially invites you to the

Installation of

Most Reverend Christian Riesbeck, C.C.
Thirteenth Bishop of Saint John

Monday, December 9th at 3:00 pm
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Coming in January!

**Walking Toward Eternity: Daring to Walk the Walk
Study Program (Adult Faith Formation)**

An inspiring series designed to help participants live their faith more fully. This study introduces 7 Key Virtues and taking the steps to live them in your life. Beginning the 3rd week of January. To register please contact Patty Cameron at 444-6070 or

pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca
Sessions times will depend on the amount of people registered. Daytime and Evening options will be considered.



Parish Senior Taxi Service ~ If you or someone you know is having trouble getting to and from Mass (St. Anthony's or St. Theresa's) or any

Parish activities please take advantage of our Senior Taxi Service. Just call Loyal Taxi at 455-6789. They will pick you up and deliver you to the church. Just sign a chit.

St. Patrick's CWL Christmas Party ~ Pot luck on Wednesday, December 11th at 1:00 pm at Susan's. Storm date is Thursday, December 12th.

Congratulations Irene! Last week's Christmas Gospel & Country Concert raised \$2,850.50 for Liberty Lane.



Caroling for Canned Good

Confirmation Candidates will be spreading some Christmas cheer and gathering food items for the Fredericton Food Bank in the neighbourhood behind

St. Theresa's on Sunday, December 15th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We are inviting all parishioners of Our Lady of Peace, young and the young at heart to come and join us. We would love to have some extra voices!

ONLINE ADVENT RESOURCES



Are you looking for a way to deepen your Advent experience this year? Here are some great online resources:

- www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent
- www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent
- Busted Halo Digital Advent Calendar - www.bustedhalo.com

Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.

Pope Francis

Community Christmas Concert ~ In memory of Margaret Flynn and her gifts of music and spirit to the community of Stanley. Sunday, December 22nd at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, 26 English Settlement Rd., Stanley. Come share the joy of Christmas! There will be a free will offering of non-perishable food items or cash gift for the Just Friends Food Bank. Enjoy some time for fellowship and tea & sweets.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Community Breakfast 170 Regent Street, on **Sunday, December 8th**, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Cost: Adults \$ 7.00, children \$ 3.00, families \$ 20.00. Everyone welcome.

St. Anthony's Bingo – December 11th Prizes!

Sputnick \$1,148.00 + Jackpot \$800.00 +
Lucky Seven \$223.00 + Letter H \$477.00 +
Loonie \$247.00 +

Wednesdays – Early Bird at 6:30 pm and Regular Games at 7:30 pm



**PARISH NURSING MINISTRY
Activity Schedule**

- Yoga** - Will return on Monday, January 20th.
- Zumba Gold** - Will return in the New Year!
- Knitting** - Will return in the New Year!
- Quilting** - Wednesday mornings. Group is full.
- Book Clubs** - Monday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm St. Theresa's and Tuesday, December 10th at 11:00 am at St. Anthony's.
- Sunday Night Music Lessons/Jam Session** - Will return in the New Year!
- Painting** - Tuesdays at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Hall. Bring your supplies and paint in a relaxed and fun environment.

Aquacise - At the Fredericton Indoor Pool.

Aquatic Exercise Fall Schedule

Aquatic Stretching

Monday to Friday 11:30 am to 12:15 pm

Aquacise

Monday/Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Tuesday/Thursday 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Tuesday/Thursday 8:15 to 9:15 pm

Senior Exercise Swim

Monday to Friday 11:30 am to 12:30 pm



Our Lady of Peace Parish Nursing Ministry has arranged for parishioners to participate in the Aquatic Stretching, Aquacise and Senior Exercise Swim programs at the Fredericton Indoor Pool free of charge. Sign in at the front desk.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF DEC. 14TH & DEC. 15TH

St. Anthony's - Saturday @ 4:00 pm

St. Theresa's - Sunday @ 11:00 am

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Sacristan			Mary Fitzpatrick	
Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	John MacDonald	Mary Taylor	
Altar Servers	Ian Walsh		Yan Rodrigo	Azi Rodrigo
Lectors	Maureen Jeffries	Nancy Vellenoweth	Marc Daigle	Julie Daigle
Eucharistic Ministers	Merla Spires	Sr. Karen Kelly	Laurence Holleran Amanda Knowles	Mary Ellen Holleran Ellen Dunphy
Gift Bearers	Bonnie Bowlen	John MacDonald		

John the Baptist: Repentance & Change of Heart - Hope for Humanity

Water, what a wonder! A short time ago I had the opportunity to attend a conference put on by the city of Fredericton aimed at consulting the population on how the city of Fredericton might adapt to climate change over the coming years. One of the striking items for discussion was how significant water was in our lives, both as a necessity and a possible threat. Climate change might lead to more floods and also more droughts.

Water is a source of life itself. The earliest forms of life on earth emerged from the sea and life on land evolved and developed in areas where there were sources of water both for life and for movement. Water continues to be necessary for the sustaining of life on earth. In fact, 50-65% of the human body is composed of water.

Religious traditions around the world often use water as expressive the divine presence and action. For the ancient Celts springs, rivers and water sources we often regarded as sacred, places of divine presence. Hindu tradition regards the river Ganges as a site for pilgrimage and spiritual cleansing, a sacred place.

In the Jewish scriptures of the Old Testament we repeatedly see the importance of water as the source of life (Gen. ch.1). At the same time, we see it as destructive or as something through which humanity must pass for renewal and new life. It is a flood which destroyed, and as well was an element of new life after passing through it (Gen. ch.6-8). In the great story of Israel's liberation from bondage in the Exodus we see a huge role played by water. Passing through it was a way of ending their slavery and then of being sustained by God's gift of water in the desert journey (Exodus chs.14,15,17).

In the New Testament, Jesus begins his mission after passing through the waters of the Jordan, in baptism by John the Baptist (Matt.3:13-17; Mk.1:9-11; Lk.3:21-22). Throughout this mission, water continues as a source of discovering the action of God through Jesus. In John's Gospel, it is at a well that the Samaritan woman shows a gradual discovery who Jesus is (Jn.4:1—30). When speaking of the gift of the Spirit as a gift of God, water was the image Jesus used: "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me, drink (Jn.7:37-38). Water is so often the way to new life, whether in a desert, or in us and our world.

It is no surprise that in our Christian tradition water, in our initiation sacrament of baptism, is the great sign of our entry into new life as part of a community of disciples. We pass through the waters of baptism and filled with the Spirit, become Christians, new People of God. With Jesus as our mentor and model, we are then given his mission, to share the Good News.

John the Baptist and the Old Testament prophet, Isaiah are two of the great figures of our Advent season. Both take us on the journey of transformation and change that brings new life to us personally and communally. In their calls for repentance and change of heart, these two prophetic figures reflect the call given to all from baptism.

In the waters of baptism we are the heralds of hope for all humanity. With God's Spirit, our repentance brings a change of heart. We become more and more the reflection in word and action of God's face for our world. This face reflects mercy, love, compassion and openness to all. And the fruit and gift of this face is as Isaiah points out – PEACE FOR ALL.

❖ **This Advent season, how am I God's face bringing peace where I am?**