

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*"Three Churches One Faith Community"*

## Bulletin Sunday Nov 27th 2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

### Upcoming Events

December 4<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Winter  
Sunday Mass Schedule will be 1:30pm

December 11<sup>th</sup> St. Dunstan's Church  
Regional Reconciliation service  
Time 3 pm to 6 pm.

### Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Nov 29th 12:00 St. Theresa's  
*Peter Shewciw*

Wednesday Nov 30th 10:00 St. Anthony's  
*Marie Arsenault*

Thursday Dec 1st 12:00 St. Theresa's  
*Miguel Sueyras*

Friday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 am St Anthony's  
*Irma Tucker*

Saturday Dec 3rd 4:00 pm St. Anthony's  
*Mass for the People*

Sunday Dec 4th 1:30 pm St. Patrick's  
*Jordan Brewer*

Sunday Dec 5th 11:00 am St. Theresa's  
*Marie Shields*

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Nov 20, 2022		Year-to-Date	
Sunday Contributions:	\$ 2,202.00	Offertory:	\$ 223,184.00
Auto Debit (average):	\$ 2,044.00	Budget Needs:	\$ 235,000.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>\$ 4,246.00</b>	<b>Excess (Shortfall):</b>	<b>(\$ 11,816.00)</b>
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 5,000.00	Information inquires should be	
<b>Excess (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$ 754.00)</b>	directed to:	
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 30.00	Frank O'Donnell 472-0145	
Special Collections:	00.00	(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg	
Other:	\$ 200.00	Feener 472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca).	

*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](http://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

## **Christmas Outreach:**



Our parish will be helping local food banks and homeless shelters make Christmas a little brighter for those in need this year. Requested items will be displayed as decorations at each church. We encourage everyone to take a decoration or two. Items will be collected until Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Only new items will be accepted. All donations will be distributed the week before Christmas.

**Gifts and Talents** ~ Our parish is rich in people with amazing gifts and talents, we are asking all to share these gifts with our faith community, one way to do this would be to be on a Wellness leadership team. This teams focus will be to develop, coordinate and implement various programs or events that will enhance the wellness of health and spirit for the people in our diverse parish community. If you are feeling called to this ministry or would like more information, please reach out to a pastoral council member, or leave your contact information with Irene at the parish office and someone will call you.

**Sunday Missals** are available at each of the Churches. Cost per missal is \$5.00.



## **Ministers of Holy Eucharist**

Do you have a family member, a neighbour, or a friend who is in the hospital or nursing home that would like to receive Holy Communion? We can help. We have Ministers of Eucharist that are willing, able and ready to visit and distribute Holy Communion. For further information and to make arrangements, please call Allison Wrynn at 506-470-9390.



## **Photo Shoot**

Universal has finished taking the pictures for the Photo Directory. Thank you so much for your participation in this book that will become a very important part of our Parish History. If you chose not participate with getting your picture taken and still would like to own a Photo Directory the cost will be \$25.00.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all parishioners who contributed as this was truly a combined Parish effort.



The winter clothing items will be sorted and distributed throughout the community to local clothing banks and shelters as a major donation from Our Lady of Peace Parish

## **Development and Peace**

We hope you had a pleasant summer and are getting ready to mobilize with us! Since its launch in Sept 2021, our People and Planet First campaign has achieved many milestones: meetings with 36 MPs across the country, over 17,000 parliamentary petition signatures received, and your message demanding mandatory due diligence legislation for companies operating abroad presented in the House of Commons. There is much to celebrate! As we prepare for the fall, we would like to share news about some exciting changes we hope you'll support. To strengthen the effectiveness of our campaigns, we will be transitioning to a new campaign cycle where the themes will be launched in January, for Lent. What does this mean? When we start a new campaign in January, we will introduce Canadians to the new theme by highlighting some of our partners' projects in the Global South. During Share Lent, we will invite the Canadian public to support our mission financially. Then, we will take action by bringing the education and action campaign to life throughout the year. What will we do this fall? We will continue to mobilize around due diligence with our People and Planet First campaign, using the resources available since Sept 2021. We will also continue gathering signatures for our due diligence petition ([devp.org/act](https://devp.org/act)) to keep the pressure on the federal govt and build real political will to effect change. As our partners have repeatedly told us: to change the structural causes of poverty in the Global South, we also need to change things at home.

Allison Wrynn

**YOUTH CHOIR:**

**Our Lady of Peace Parish Youth Choir** will be practicing each Sunday following the 11:00 Mass 12:00pm to 12:30pm at St. Theresa's. All youth from kindergarten age and up are welcome to join at any time.

**Advent Activities**

**Advent Reflection Books** ~ Advent Reflection Books for adults, seniors and families are available at each of the churches. Please be sure to pick one up to enrich your Advent experience this year.

**Regional Advent Reconciliation Service** ~ Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at St. Dunstan's

**Parish Advent Movie Night** ~ Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. Theresa's Church Hall. Ages 12 and up.

**Celebrate Advent! Family Event** ~ Join us on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm in St. Theresa's Church Hall as we celebrate the Advent season with a special parish family event, with lunch (pizza), a movie ("The Star") and a family keepsake craft. All families are invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to grandparents of the parish to attend with their grandchildren. To help us plan for the event please rsvp to Patty Cameron at [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) by Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost is by donation.

**Advent on FORMED** ~ Resources for adults, families, and children. Be sure to check out "*FORMED In the Word Advent*" a review of the Sunday Mass readings throughout Advent and Brother Francis "*The Days of Advent*", plus so much more!

**Previous Programs Resuming This Fall**

**Shawl Ministry** October 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in St. Anthony's Church Hall. This group will meet every second Tuesday of the Month. New knitters are always welcome. Contact Lucille Aube 455-1511

**Painting Group** continue on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in St. Anthony's Church Hall. Must be experienced as this is a mentoring painting group. New members welcome, please bring your own supplies. For more info please contact Lorraine Nimegeers at 472-8800

**Programs Not Continuing**

**Mindful Movement and Meditation Program** Emma Couturier at [eecout@gmail.com](mailto:eecout@gmail.com)

**Nov.28 is the last class for the program.**

**Our Lady of Peace Book Clubs last session** will be held in December on the Second Tuesday 11:00 am under the direction of Allie Hicks 450-4155.

**Events Happening Around our Community**

**Join Irene J. & Friends for a Christmas Music Event** Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 pm at Marysville Heritage Center. All proceeds to Liberty Lane in support of sponsoring three families and making Christmas special for the children. Admission \$10.00 also bake sale, 50/50 boards, silent auction and donation table for donations with tax receipts issued. Great way to end the Month of November which is Stop Domestic Violence Month. Help us make a Christmas for these children free of violence and full of joy and love.

**Gibson Memorial United Church**, 183 Gibson St. will be hosting a **Breakfast & Christmas Market** on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022. 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. The breakfast will be from 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at \$10/person. The market tables will feature Christmas cards by Lori Donovan, a church table with baking, pickles & knitting and a Book & Puzzle table. Everyone is welcome!

# Ministry Schedule Dec 3rd & 04th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann(Front), Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Andre Paier, Janet Matheson, Betty MacNeil
Eucharistic Ministers		Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Alter Servers	Merla Spires	Vlad Gabe, Kevin Vernandez Noah VanLeeuwen
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Kendra Dean
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick

## Our Sacred Stories Waiting Around in Advent

Waiting is never easy. Whether it is in a hospital waiting room, an airport, a bus stop or simply to meet with a long-absent friend. It's hard to be patient when we do not know when or what is coming. I am sure that first-time parents have a tough time waiting for the arrival of their first (and even later) little ones. There are lots of questions, many uncertainties and a fair share of anxieties. How do we wait and how do we prepare?

Our ancestors in the faith, the first generations of Christians, lived in expectations that the promised Kingdom of God would soon come in its fullness. They were waiting for God's Advent which seemed to them imminent. As so often, the waiting seemed long and they sought to know "WHEN".

This is reflected in Matthew's Gospel (chapter 24). Matthew captures the questions of the disciples and Jesus's response. In Matthew's telling of the story, he presents us with many of the Old Testament's (e.g. in Daniel) apocalyptic images, events of destruction, persecution, threats and challenges. The early Christians were already experiencing some of these images and we can see this expressed in the Book of Revelation.

What the Gospels relate expresses the core message of Jesus – the Kingdom of God is among you. Those apocalyptic images drawn from the Old Testament are meant to promise a transformation of all Creation into the full and completed Kingdom of God. This Kingdom is to be a world marked by love, by peace and by justice, healing and reconciliation for all peoples. The "Coming of the Son of Man" will see for all peoples and generations what Jesus revealed by word and action.

As Matthew puts it, the question of "when" is not answerable. We are told to "stay awake" and "be ready" for the "Coming", or what is sometime called "the Day of the Lord" when the created world will end and Jesus will come in glory as judge of all the world. This very literal reading is tempting and it leads us, like the early Christians to all kinds of questions of when and how this "Coming" might occur.

But the "Coming" or "Day" may be read in a different more present way. It refers to something much closer to the Incarnation. God has already come and shares our humanity in Jesus. God's reign is already among us and we live with the spirit of Jesus in each and every human being. To "stay awake" and "be ready" is all about awareness. It is to be open to recognizing this ever-present God that we meet in one another and in every moment of our day.

We live between two Advents. The first was the Incarnation and the gift of Jesus the Christ. With that "Coming" we realized that our humanity and all Creation is filled with the Spirit and life of our loving God. We encounter our life-giving God of love in every person, every experience. This is to live in a way that honours and respects the whole of creation. We are to build a world marked by love, harmony, peace, freedom and justice. To do this is to "stay awake" and "be ready" in our day. Between two Advents, we are in fact, building the second Advent, every moment of our lives. In the last Book of the New Testament John gives us a view of God's Dream in the Second Advent: *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.... He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God.... He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.... Now I am making the whole of creation new.* (Revelation 21:3-5) John Jennings