

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday April 2, 2023 – Passion (Palm) Sunday

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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

Sunday April 16th St. Theresa's
Knights of Columbus
Sunday Brunch After 11:00 Mass

Sunday April 16th St. Theresa's
Divine Mercy Sunday
3:00 PM

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday April 4th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Kay Trevors
Wednesday April 5th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Doris & Harold Kierstead
Holy Thursday April 6th 7:00 PM St. Theresa's
Joyce Mackin
Good Friday April 7th 12:00 PM St. Patrick's
3:00 PM St. Anthony's
Saturday April 8th 8:00 PM St. Theresa's
Maureen Waugh
Easter Sunday April 9th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Mass for the People
Easter Sunday April 9th 11:00 AM St. Anthony's
Jim Noble

Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office. 444-6010

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Mar 26, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$3,619	Offertory	\$3,619
Capital Infrastructure	225	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	1,155	Excess (Shortfall)	\$1,636
Other	755	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total	\$5,754	Offertory	\$63,787
		Budget Needs	(66,020)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$(2,233)

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

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



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CWL NOTICE

During Lent, the CWL will be leading "*Mary's Way of the Cross*"

Tuesdays, after the noon Mass at St. Theresa's

Stations of the Cross – Will take place on Wednesdays at St. Anthony's Church following the 10:00 AM Mass.

Confessions Fr. Maria will hear confessions at St. Anthony's Church on Saturdays at 3:30 PM before 4:00 PM Mass.



Welcome New Members

Are you new to our Parish and would like to be registered with us? Family Registration Forms are available at the entrance of the Churches. Please feel

free to fill one out and drop it in the offertory basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Masters 23 Golf Pool

Please consider supporting Fundraiser for L'Arche Fredericton. See bulletin board for all details or visit larchefredericton.org/masters. 1st place wins \$1000.00. Entries accepted till April 5/23

L'Arche celebrates the gifts of persons with intellectual disabilities and encourages growth and inclusion through a variety of activities and programs.

Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration is a silent time for you to have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving or reparation, or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before the Lord. You can just sit quietly and say nothing, just keep Him company like you would a dear friend.

Friday 9:30 AM - St. Anthony's Church *

Thursday 11:30 AM – St. Theresa's Church

First Wednesday of the month 1:00 PM - St. Patrick's Church

** If a Friday Mass is not scheduled or cancelled, Adoration is also cancelled.*



St. Anthony's Church

Eleanor Raab

Offered by the Family

Divine Mercy Sunday – Sunday, April 16th at 3:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church. It is suggested that parishioners pray the Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday to prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday. <https://www.divinemercysunday.com/novena.htm> to download the Novena

Our symbol for the Sixth Sunday of Lent is Palms

Palms are sacramental, that is, signs which bear a resemblance to The Sacraments. Each year on Palm Sunday, new palm branches are blessed and are carried home by the faithful as a symbol of Christ's presence in the home.

Family Faith Formation ~ Because faith grows with those who are closest to us, Our Lady of Peace Parish offers "Family Style" Faith Formation for families with children in Kindergarten to Grade 7. Combining eight engaging in person family sessions with nine simple and practical at home sessions and family events that will focus on fellowship and community service, families will explore their faith in our parish community and most importantly at home.

Children in Grade 2 (and up) wanting to receive 1st Eucharist this year, families are asked to participate in Family Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation will take place throughout the year, beginning with preparing and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Throughout the year family events are scheduled for families to come together for fun and fellowship. Please watch the bulletin for event information.

It's New... It's Fun...It's Faith-filled... It's Life-Giving... Introducing OLP Life Groups Ministry

What is a Life Group? It is a small Faith-Sharing Community that meets once a week with the goal of loving and supporting one another in growing in faith and holiness. Group members help one another discern and live out God's plan for their life. This ministry was originally piloted in our parish from 2021-2022 and is now in the planning stages to expand and welcome more members. All adults in OLP parish are welcome! In the next few weeks you will hear from a few of the "pilot" participants in Life Groups about their experiences and about your invitation to join. For more information, please contact Tracy Horsley at horsleysix@gmail.com.

Ministry Schedule April 6th – April 9th

Holy Thursday

St. Theresa's 7:00 pm

Hospitality		Betty MacNeil, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford
Eucharistic Ministers		Mary Ellen and Lawrence Holleran
Altar Servers		Lucas Daigle, Kevin Fernandez, Noah VanLeeuwen
Lector		1. Judy McAloon 2. Ann Boies Prayers of the Faithful Pam Shields

Good Friday

St. Patrick's 12:00 pm

St. Anthony's 3:00 PM

Hospitality	Joanne McWade	Bonnie Bowlen
Eucharistic Ministers	_____	Ken Harris
Altar Servers	_____	Ken Harris , Noah VanLeeuwen
Lector	Roger Ross	1) Betty MacNeil 2) Sue Inkster Gospel N: Marc Daigle, J: Fr. Maria Sol Int. Kelly Bowlen

Easter Vigil

St. Theresa's 8:00 PM

Hospitality		Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil
Eucharistic Ministers		Betty MacNeil, Marg Anderson
Altar Servers		Lucas Daigle, Kevin Fernandez, Al & Joe Adimalor
Lector		1 st Tim McWade 3 rd Greg Forsythe 5 th Barry Miller Ep Cathy Bowlen Prayers of the Faithful Betty Flanagan

Easter Sunday

St. Patrick's 8:45 AM

St. Anthony's 11:00 AM

Hospitality	Joanne McWade	Bonnie Bowlen & Greg Feener
Eucharistic Ministers	_____	Merla Spires
Altar Servers	_____	Noah VanLeeuwen
Lector	Tim McWade	1 st Greg Feener 2 nd Jeanette Cunningham Prayers of the Faithful: Debra Allen

Our Sacred Stories - Going to Hell and Back

Whenever I watch the TV News there seems to be much pain in our world. Wars, disasters, failures of our institutions and the pain that is visited on both individuals and communities seem to dominate. Life might often appear to have a taste of hell on earth. Everyone of us, on any given day, might find ourselves going to hell and back repeatedly in what we face.

This Sunday is Passion Sunday. The Gospel we hear is Matthew's version of the passion narrative (Matt.26:14-27:66). Later this week on Good Friday we will hear the story again in the version from John's Gospel (John 18:1-19:42). Both versions tell the story of the suffering and death of Jesus. In both versions we are taken to something that we Christians find expressed in our Apostles Creed: "He descended into hell."

What are we to make of this statement in our creed? What is the meaning of this statement? Why is it so important that we include it in our creed as a basic element of our community faith?

Both the stories of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross and the creed statement: "He descended into hell" speak to the same truth of our faith. Our God loves us unconditionally, and loves us so much that God cannot leave us in the hells that mark our human existence. The Incarnation, the birth of Jesus, Son of God taking on our humanity, his suffering and death, his descent into hell and his resurrection are all expressive of God's dream for the beloved. Every single human being, that has ever lived, now lives and will live can never be beyond the love that God has for us, even or perhaps especially when we face our hells.

Do we really believe this? There are times when each of us finds ourselves in our own private hells. Times when no one seems capable of bringing us out of it. We can be filled with fear, disillusionment, vulnerability and pain. Our world can be full of violence, injustice, conflict and suffering and there seems no way to bring it to an end. Sometimes it all seems too much – we can lose hope and promise.

All of this is where we hear the stories of Holy Week and the faith expressed in our creed and are reminded of what is at the heart of our God. To do so is to recover hope. Jesus as savior means that God has a heart that reaches into our hells and the hells of all humanity. "He descended into hell" so that he might bring unconditional love even to the deepest depths, bringing light and life where there is darkness and death.

This is often hard for us to accept. In our own private hells of pain and discouragement, woundedness and alienation it can seem that no one can help. But God's love is always unconditional and God will not give up. The great step in growing faith is the one that takes us to acceptance that such unconditional love is possible. Basic to our faith is the statement: "He descended into hell." In our creed it is followed by "On the third day he rose again from the dead."

Can we accept that hell is not part of God's dream for us personally or as a world? Will our faith allow us to grasp the hope and promise that Jesus' descent into hell reveals. That God's caring, compassionate love goes everywhere and brings new life to all? To accept this and reflect it to those around us and throughout our world is a call to every disciple of Jesus and a consolation to the suffering.

May you be blessed with the life-giving experience of a Holy Week filled with much love.

John Jennings Passion Sunday

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, 2023**. Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment** 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 lintons21@outlook.com.