

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin

Sunday, November 28th, 2021 – 1st 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

Final Bronze Rush Draw

Tuesday November 30th

Reconciliation Service

Friday December 10th 7:00 pm

St. Theresa's Church

As of Dec 5th Sunday Mass times in

Stanley will be at 1:30 pm

Please refer to the insert in this bulletin for
Advent Activities & Christmas Mass Times
including COVID protocols

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, November 30th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church

Patricia Gyuk

Wednesday December 01st 10:00am - St. Anthony's

Alice Giovannetti

Thursday, December 02nd 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's

Mary Catherine Savoie

Friday December 03rd 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church

Pauline Allain

Saturday, December 4th, 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

Deceased member of the Underhill & Hennessy Families

Sunday, December 5th 1:30 pm - St. Patrick's Church

Andrew Brewer

Sunday, December 5th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Lorenzo Fabro

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory – Nov 21, 2021

Sunday Contributions:	\$3,172.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$2,162.00</u>
Total:	\$5,334.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,400.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (66.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 65.00
Special Collections:	\$ 95.00
Other:	\$ 342.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 231,912.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 253,800.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 21,888.00)
Information inquires should be directed to:	
Frank O'Donnell 472-0145	
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg 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

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



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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

Parish Announcements

COVID Protocol Update

Effective this weekend the Province of New Brunswick is requiring all places of worship in New Brunswick to put the following COVID-19 measures in place. Please note that you will not be asked to show proof of vaccination to attend Mass.

- Masks are required at all times in church buildings.
- Each of our churches will operate at 50% or less capacity.
- Maintain two metres of physical distancing between different households. The only exception to the 2m between households are for those who have arrived together in the same vehicle.
- No congregational singing. A cantor is permitted during Mass.
- No physical sign of peace is to be exchanged during Mass.
- Record names of all attendees and contact information by row or have a consistent assigned seating plan for contact tracing.
- Parishioners will be screened at the door for COVID-19 symptoms and asked if you have been instructed to self-isolate.

Other activities using parish facilities, including Parish Nursing activities, meetings, presentations, workshops and Religious Formation for children, youth and adults will require proof of vaccination or provincially approved proof of exemption to attend for people over 12 years of age.

We encourage parishioners to continue to monitor their health before attending Mass and choose to attend/not attend accordingly. Your cooperation and understanding as we navigate these new restrictions is very much appreciated.



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 1:00 at St. Patrick's Church *
Thursdays 11:30 at St. Theresa's Church *
Fridays 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church *

** if there is no weekday Mass on Thursday or Friday, Adoration is also cancelled.*

Parish Giving

In addition to our parish envelope and auto debit program, parishioners are able to use E-Transfers for their parish giving.

E-Transfers can be done through on-line banking with your financial institution. Please send to **olpdonations@gmail.com**. If you need to add a secure question, please use:

- "What is this donation for?" and the answer "ourladyofpeace"

Envelopes can be dropped off at the pastoral center at 603 Union St. There is a mail slot in the door at the backdoor. Please do not leave envelopes in the mailbox at the front door.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office for assistance.



On October 10, 2021, Pope Francis inaugurated a 2-year-long synodal process for the universal Church "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". Dioceses worldwide opened the Synodal process at the local level on October 17, including the Diocese of Saint John.

A consultation process at the local church and diocesan level will soon begin. Everyone will be invited to add their voice as we listen and discern together. Please watch the bulletin for more details how you can take part. A letter from Bishop Reisbeck can be found on our parish website www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.

St. Theresa's Heat Pump Installation

A special project has been completed for St. Theresa's Church. The installation of heat pumps in the church, hall and rectory. This will result in substantial energy saving while maintaining comfortable heat and air conditioning through out the year.

This project has cost over \$50,000.00. Building funds accumulated have helped pay for one third of this expense. The finance committee would like to retire this debt as soon as possible. Therefore we are inviting parishioners to assist in this effort by asking for a special donation. Envelopes can be found in the pews and at the entrance area for anyone who would like to contribute. Donations at this time would be very much appreciated and added to your current year tax slip. Thank you for your consideration in this regard.



November's Bronze Rush

THE RUSH IS ON...

Only \$5.00 to play

To enter November's "Bronze Rush" contact Irene at the parish office (444-6010). Draw will be made on Nov 30th. Proceeds from this last RUSH will help with our Christmas Outreach Program in our communities.

Parish Nursing Ministry

Christmas Basket Fundraiser

Tickets Go On Sale November 27th

Tickets and Envelopes will be made available at each Church for you to fill out. Use the envelope to put your money in, tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Envelopes can be returned to the office or deposited into the offertory basket.



Wondering what is happening in the parish? ~ Check out the parish monthly activity calendar available at each of our parish churches and online.

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Knights of Columbus Announcement

All Brother Knights are invited to a Fraternal Gathering on November 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall located on Regent Street. Ian Maddock will be giving a Presentation on Insurance and Annuities. This valuable information is crucial to all our well being, and I urge all of you to attend this valuable and informative Presentation.

F. Allison Wrynn, Grand Knight, Council 8654

Development and Peace

Let's act for the Planet and its defenders. People like Medarda Hernandez is part of these defenders, and it is important for us, as Canadian People to respond appropriately. And we do that by signing the Petition that will be available shortly, and which can also be done on line at <https://devp.org/en>

Below, read more about our brothers and sisters fighting for their right to a healthy environment.

Let's listen to the stories of our brothers and sisters fighting for their right to a healthy environment

World leaders have gathered for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26). Although these powerful decision-makers are debating the future of the planet, they are probably too far removed from the realities of its most vulnerable people. It is up to us to hear and amplify the voices of those who are defending their rights and the environment against economic ravage.

Medarda Hernandez, whose community in Honduras has been repeatedly harmed by large industrial projects, including supposedly "green" projects, says, "if other extractivist projects start in our community, we are not going to let them pass. I ask the international community to come to our aid, because we are really suffering from this situation."

So that people like Medarda do not go unheard, let's make Canadian companies operating abroad responsible for protecting human and environmental rights. Join Development and Peace's **People and Planet First** campaign to make this happen. Visit <https://devp.org/en> to learn more.

Blessing Bag Project Our Family Faith Formation

program is looking to make Christmas a little brighter for vulnerable youth in our community. We are gathering items to be assembled into Blessing Bags during our Advent session on Sunday, December 19th.

Do you want to help us? Collection boxes will be at the three churches from November 28th to December 12th. Full list of items can be found at the back of the church and on our website. Sample of needed items:

- \$10 gift cards (Tim's, Dairy Queen, McDonalds, Subway)
- Snack items (chocolate bars, gum, microwave popcorn, candy, etc.)
- Nail polish / Hair brushes / Shaving Cream
- Good quality disposable razors / Hair elastics
- Adult colouring books / pencil crayons
- Bags will be distributed in time for Christmas to community groups that support vulnerable youth in our community.



Catholic Women's League

Meeting of the CWL on December 5th

Place – St. Theresa's Church Hall

Time – Noon

Missals are now available at all three churches. To help with the cost of purchasing a \$5.00 donation is appreciated. There are containers by the missals to place your money. Missals are also available at the Parish Office.

Ministry Schedule Week of DECEMBER 4TH & 5th

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener, Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick Allison Wrynn, Marilyn Brennan, Ed Theriault, Betty MacNeil
Lector	Ann Boies	Betty Flanagan

Our Sacred Stories

Our Advent Heritage of Longing

A rainy day and a walk in the park. Streams and rivulets of water wind their way down the sides of the hill through culverts and under bridges. The downhill flow in swollen brooks offers a roaring rush of water and a view of nature in all its power. There is an inevitability in this scene. The downward flow cannot be stopped. The water flows downhill, seeking its end. At the base, it lies in quiet, resting pools.

Our lives are a lot like this rushing water. From the very beginning we seem to be in a search for something - happiness, contentment, fulfillment, peace. We seek rest from the searching, yet our natural state, like the water running downhill, is to seek and search.

Jewish and Christian scriptures offer us something called the "history of salvation". In our bible the stories and other literature all are part of this "history of salvation". They tell of God and God's part in the human story, that story that is ever seeking contentment and peace.

Advent is particularly rich in the fulsome telling of the story of our relationship with God and the part God plays in our human journey. Through the course of this season we encounter a series of persons and experiences that play a significant role in our faith story. They are our faith heritage.

We meet the Old Testament prophet, **Isaiah** as he seeks to console and reassure God's People in the midst of their worries, trials and threats. He offers us the image of our God as a loving parent, who gave and continues to sustain and shape our life. In hope, we see that we are the work of God's hand.

We cross paths with **John the Baptist** as he announces that a wondrous coming of God among us is happening. God whose hand has shaped us is about to step into the life of humanity in a new way. God's voice will be heard bringing hope of a world renewed, building a reign of God for all.

Finally, we encounter **Mary**. We discover the simple, loving and very human way in which God reaches out to touch our humanity, in the birth of a child. Like every other child this birth brings hope, one who seems so fragile yet who offers such promise. Mary is the human instrument of this wonder of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Every single human being has been loved into life, shaped by a creator God who continues to love us (Is.63:16-17; 64:1-8). St. Paul recognized that Jesus through the mother-love of Mary was born for us, that we might know the loving gaze that God has for us all (1 Cor.1:3-9). Both John the Baptist and then Jesus issue a clarion call to us: "Be awake, be aware", "Prepare". The fullness of God's loving reign is coming, being built among us even now. This is our heritage. All that we see and hear in Advent/Christmas is the wonder of God's love and the sacredness of the humanity that God has loved into life.

Daniel O'Leary in an article in the British Catholic periodical, *The TABLET* presented the words of a mother responding to her daughter's question about her birth and baptism. The mother wrote to her daughter: *I believed that you had come to me from the Father [God] who had always known you. To me you were well and truly His child, baptised in my blood, in the pain and effort of giving birth to you and in the wish and longing of my heart...* This mother's words speak for Mary. They also speak for us in this Advent/ Christmas season. It is what God through Mary has revealed to us in the longing of our hearts.

John Jennings

1st Sunday of Advent