

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

## Bulletin

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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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

**CWL Mother's Day Basket Underway**  
(See page 3 for details)

**Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00 am**

**First Eucharist at St. Theresa's Church**

**Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Draw for the CWL Mothers Day Basket**

### Mass Times & Intentions

#### NO WEEKDAY MASSES

**Saturday May 7th 4:00 pm St. Anthony's**  
**Mass for the People**

**Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am St. Patrick's**  
**Jordan Brewer**

**Sunday May 8th 11:00 am St. Theresa's**  
**Harry Nicks**

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

#### Weekly Offertory Apr 24th, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$2,867.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,978.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,845.00</b>
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,000.00
<b>Excess (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$ 155.00)</b>
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 130.00
Special Collections:	\$ 650.00
Other:	\$ 250.00

#### Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 80,549.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 85,000.00</u>
<b>Excess (Shortfall):</b>	<b>(\$ 4,451.00)</b>

Information inquires should be directed to:

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472-9364 ([glf@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto: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

# Welcome to the Table

This weekend a number of young members of our community are taking a significant step in their faith journey. Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass at St. Theresa's we welcome them among us and celebrate that they are joining us around the Table of the Lord for the first time.

## Celebrating 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist the Weekend

David Alfaro	Edward Leonard
Miranda Alfaro	Eva Neal
Samuel Alfaro	Julia Paier
Timothy Brewer	Morgan Wilson
Prince Jasaye	

*We hold them and their families  
in our prayer and our hearts.*

## Parish Nursing Ministry

**Puzzle Mania** is underway. Puzzles are available to sign out at St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's Church starting this weekend. All you do is look for a puzzle or two you would like to make, sign it out on the sheet, take it home and put it together. When you are finished and are able to, take a picture of your finished puzzle and send it to the Parish office and we will make a puzzle gallery to beautify our bulletin boards.

## Free Event "Improve the Lives of Older Adults"

Showcase of Research & Community Resources. Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> at Delta Fredericton in person or on line. To register to attend in person call Julia at (506) 260-5016 or on line at the CFN-NCE.ca website. First come first serve.... Door prizes include IPADS, Gift Cards and more... In person exhibits are at 8 am, which include Breakfast, exhibits and demonstrations. For those not attending the full day, exhibits and demonstrations are at 5-6:30 pm See full size poster on the bulletin board for more information.

## **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.

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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## **Parish Announcements For Everyone's Safety and Protection**

Now that COVID restrictions have ended we would like to acknowledge that parishioners will have different comfort levels and we ask for everyone's patience and kindness as parishioners assess their own level of risk and comfort.

Although no longer mandated, we encourage the continued use of masks in our church buildings for your protection and the protection of our vulnerable parishioners, those too young to be vaccinated and those with underlying health conditions. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available and you are asked to use it as you enter the church and before receiving communion.

Please continue to monitor your health and make the decision to attend/not attend Mass accordingly. Your cooperation and understanding as we return to pre-COVID 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.*

**Eucharistic Ministers** ~ Now that COVID restrictions are lifted we would like to begin to use Eucharistic Ministers at Mass. If you were a Eucharistic Minister prior to COVID and would like to continue this ministry or if you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the parish office and leave your name and your preferred Mass/Church. We would like to have Eucharistic Ministers in place for Easter.

## Pastoral Council Notes

### Congratulations



Pastoral council and the parish congratulate the children of our parish who are receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time this Sunday. As baptised people of God we ask that as a parish we continue to offer support, prayers and guidance to these children and their families throughout their lives.

### Support for Ukraine

Pastoral Council is currently looking at different opportunities for our parish to help the people of Ukraine. Please join pastoral council in prayer for Ukraine.

#### *Prayer For Ukraine*

*Loving God,*

*We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.*

*We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide  
their choices.*

*We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.*

*May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.*

*Amen.*

If you would like to make a personal donation to support Ukraine we suggest the following websites as trustworthy.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress & Canada Ukraine Foundation:

<https://www.cufoundation.ca>

Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.ca>

Are you interested in hosting a refugee family from Ukraine in your home?

<https://www.ukrainetakeshelter.com> is an independent platform helping to connect Ukrainian refugees with potential hosts and housing. Please go to their website to register.

You can reach out to Pastoral Council at any time by e-mailing

[olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com](mailto:olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com)



## Washrooms and Other Renovations At St. Theresa's Church.

**The first round of renovations have been completed which includes two gender neutral washrooms (one fully accessible,) flooring in the main entrance and the stairs to the church hall. More repairs are scheduled to fix a major leak in the roof and level the steps and sidewalk by the old rectory.**

Although there are funds available in the capital reserve fund for St. Theresa's there is not nearly enough to cover the cost of the upgrades completed or ones yet to be done. Fr. Maria and the Finance Council approved a special fund raising campaign. There are specially marked envelopes at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to contribute to these renovations. All donations would qualify for income tax purposes. This campaign will go until the end of June.

We thank you in advance for any contribution you wish to make.



### St. Theresa's CWL

**Mother's Day Basket Raffle Tickets on sale**

**Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00**

**Tickets are available at each of the churches**

**As well as the Parish Office.**

**For your convenience envelopes are available for you to use for the ticket stubs and your money.**

**Draw date is May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**We thank you for your continued support, all proceeds from ticket sales goes to support Community Outreach.**

### CWL General Meeting

**There will be a general meeting on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall at St. Theresa's. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend. We always welcome new members.**

**The CWL Executive members will meet on May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Old Rectory at St. Theresa's at 6:30 pm.**

### CWL Bursary

**Attention High School Graduates. St. Theresa's CWL is offering a \$1,000.00 bursary to any high school graduate continuing their education. Applications are available on the bulletin board at the back of each Church or thru the link on the parish website at Our Lady of Peace. Deadline for applications is **May 31, 2022.****



## Ministry Schedule May 7th & May 08th

	St. Anthony's	St. Theresa's
<b>Hospitality</b>	Bonnie Bowlen & Vicky Knight	Mary Fitzgerald, Martin Colford Andre Paier, Allison Wrynn, Marilyn Brennan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Alter Server	Merla Spires	
<b>Lector</b>	Ken Harris	Michelle McGabe

### Our Sacred Stories.Easter:

#### Meeting the Risen Jesus in the Midst of Life

This weekend is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Easter season. Two Sunday's ago we celebrated the Feast of Easter. Last Sunday, a week later the global Orthodox Christians, including those in Ukraine celebrated the Feast of Easter. What our Orthodox cousins were marking was exactly what we celebrated on the previous Sunday.

Easter is the most significant feast in our Christian faith, marking the centrality of the resurrection of Jesus. For all of us, Easter expresses the promise and hope of new life for all humanity and for all creation. At its center is the hope that God's life-giving love showers upon us. In Ukraine, whether Catholic or Orthodox, Easter has the same meaning and significance. We hold dearly the same faith as disciples of Jesus the Christ.

This Easter, was different for the people of Ukraine. They find themselves plunged into a deadly war, surrounded by death and destruction. In the midst of such circumstances, it is difficult to focus on God's life-giving love. It is hard to pray with faith and hope. Yet, Easter took place. With all the threatening clouds of the war, Ukrainians welcomed Easter. They marked it with firm faith and striking expressions of hope. The ground of their hope is founded on the very faith on which we, like the first disciples of Jesus the Christ base our own.

Throughout the season of Easter, we Catholic Christians, like our Orthodox sisters and brothers are called to reflect on scriptural accounts of the Risen Jesus. This Sunday, we again hear of an appearance of the Jesus in the Gospel of John (21:1-19). The encounter brings the disciples excitement and reassurance. Additionally, as so often is the case, the disciples find themselves called to mission, to service and sacrifice for others. In other words, they are to be bearers of the risen Jesus to others.

In John's account, three time the Risen One asks Peter if he loves him. With each of Peter's responses, Jesus calls him to care for and look after all of God's people, to "tend" and "feed" them, just as he has done.

For Jesus, his mission was to proclaim and reveal the kingdom of God among us. Where there is love and openness to one another, where there is life-giving love, then there is the kingdom of God. Jesus revealed this along the roads of Galilee. We walk the roads of our own time and places, as did the disciples of Jesus in their time and place. Here we find the kingdom, the way of heaven, and hope. It is planted in the midst of our lives.

The Franciscan spiritual writer, Richard Rohr spoke of this hope in an Easter season reflection: "Heaven is not about belonging to the right group; it's not about following the correct rituals. It's about having the right attitude." (28 April, 2019). This attitude is one of being life-giving, as Jesus is. Heaven is part of our life journey, not just somewhere out there in the future. Living our present life with love and compassion and service is the indication of heaven already begun among us.

John Jennings  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Easter