



Our Lady of Peace Parish

Bulletin Sunday Oct 11th, 2026 – 28th Sunday Ord Time

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Churches & Mass Times

St. Anthony's Church 603 Union St. Fredericton, NB Mass Time Saturdays at 4:00	St. Patrick's Church 31 Main St. Stanley, NB Mass Time Sundays at 9:00	St. Theresa's Church 1 Williams Street Fredericton, NB Mass Time Sundays at 11:00
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Mass Intentions

Tuesday October 13th 12:00PM St. Theresa's

Arnetta Crowley

Wednesday October 14th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

*****No Mass*****

Thursday October 15th 12:00PM St. Theresa's

Tom Porter

Friday October 16th 10:00AM St. Anthony's

Kaja Knapic

Saturday October 17th 4:00PM St. Anthony's

Marg Flinn

Sunday October 18th 9:00AM St. Patrick's

Mass for The People

Sunday October 18th 11:00AM St. Theresa's

Tommy Myette

Happy Thanksgiving



The CWL will be praying "The Rosary" at 12:30 following the noontime Mass every Tuesday during the month of October as it is the month of The Rosary.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Contributions Oct 04, 2026

Offertory (Envelopes)	\$5,747
Offertory (Loose)	438
Capital Infrastructure	824
Diocese	185
Other	160
Parking	150
Total Contributions	\$7,504

Contributions are welcomed at:

olpdonations@gmail.com

Answer to security question is: **ourladyofpeace**

Our Lady of Peace Parish adoration Schedule

If Mass is Cancelled So is Adoration

Thursday 11:30AM St. Theresa's

Friday 9:30AM St. Anthony's

*3rd Thursday each Month 6:30PM St. Theresa's (1 Hour)

Confession 1/ 2 Hour Before weekend mass

Website & Social Media

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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

Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

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Sanctuary Lamp
at St. Theresa's Church
Burns this week for Healing for
Shannon Thibault
Offered by Karen Burke

Ministry Schedule Oct 17th & Oct 18th

St. Anthony's		St. Theresa's
Hospitality	The McCarthy's	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson & Debbie Heustis
Eucharistic Ministers	Theresa Donaher	Mary Billings & Betty MacNeil
Altar Servers		Noah and Phil VanLeeuwen & Fergus Deane
Lectors	Paul Ryan	Andrea & Miguel Yamane
Sacristans	Mary Feener	Mary Fitzpatrick

Family Faith Formation

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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.

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, which will take place throughout the year, beginning with preparing and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To register for Family Faith Formation please visit <https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to-7> or contact Laura Horsley at faithformation@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Families attending St. Patrick's Church are invited to contact Laura Horsley for Family Faith Formation and 1st Eucharist Preparation options.

Confirmation Preparation

Youth in grades 8 and up who are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to join Confirmation Preparation. Our Confirmation Preparation program takes place over two years.

To Register for Confirmation Preparation please visit

<https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/confirmation-preparation> or contact Laura Horsley at faithformation@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

An Invitation

As our parish pilot's family catechesis, we ask for your prayers, encouragement, and support.

Change can be challenging, but it also presents wonderful opportunities for renewal.

Together, let us help children and families encounter Jesus, deepen their faith, and grow as disciples. "**Families Encounter Jesus**" is not simply a program. It is an invitation for the entire parish to walk together in faith, helping families discover that Christ is present in everyday life and that faith flourishes when it is lived at home and celebrated in the parish community.

High School Youth Event: We're excited to welcome the **NET Canada Team** to our parish! NET (National Evangelization Teams) is made up of young Catholic adults who travel across Canada sharing the joy of the Gospel with youth. Through engaging presentations, music, games, small-group discussions, and prayer, they help young people deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. We encourage all high school youth to take part in this inspiring opportunity for faith, fun, and fellowship. **Join us from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Monsignor Boyd Family Centre - [120 Regent St. Fredericton](#) - Thursday, October 15.**

Join Us for Adoration: Come and spend quiet time with the Lord. Eucharistic Adoration is held every Thursday at 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church, immediately followed by Mass at Noon and every Friday at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church, immediately followed by Mass at 10:00 am.

The 3rd Thursday of every month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by contemporary praise and worship music. Whether you stay for ten minutes or the whole hour, all are welcome to encounter Christ's peace. Our next Thursday Adoration will be October 15th we hope to see you there!

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process that guides adults in their faith journey. We will be holding an information session Q/A at ST Theresa's in the old rectory on Sunday Evening October 4th, at 7:00PM and will start sessions on October 18. Please reach out to the parish office or speak to someone from the RCIA team if you have any questions or would like to register.

Annual Service of Remembrance ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish Annual Service of Remembrance to pray for relatives and friends of our parish who have died in the past year will be held at St. Theresa's Church on Friday, November 6th at 7:00 pm. Invitation letters will be sent to families who had funerals for loved ones performed in the parish. These letters are addressed to the family contact provided by the funeral home. If you wish to add the name of a loved one you have lost during the past year, whose funeral was outside of Our Lady of Peace Parish, please contact the parish office at 444-6010 no later than **Monday, October 26**.

Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning Committee would like to thank everyone for their time and attention during our presentations last weekend. We were pleased to have the opportunity to share with our parish community the strategies and priorities we will be exploring more closely in the future.

Our first step is to develop a clear and accurate picture of the demographics of our parish. The brochure distributed last weekend included a short form requesting names, addresses, dates of birth, and the church each individual attends most regularly.

If you missed our presentation, you will find Strategic Planning Committee brochures at each of the churches. Please fill out the form and place it in the collection basket.

This information will be valuable as we plan for future resources, programs, and services that will best support our parish community. Please be assured that the information collected is for parish use only and is not intended for ministry recruitment.

Thank you for your continued participation and support as we work together to plan for the future of our parish. We look forward to keeping you updated regularly as the planning process continues.

Join Life Groups at Our Lady of Peace Parish!

"Life Groups" are small groups of Catholic adults who meet once a week to love and support one another as we strive to grow in faith, virtue and holiness. Group members grow deep in friendship and help one another discern and live out God's plan for their lives. This relatively new ministry began in our parish in 2021 and has been growing steadily ever since. If you are interested in joining or need more information, please contact Tracy Horsley at OLPlifegroups@gmail.com

Our Sacred Stories Sacred Places: Our Spiritual Center
Thanksgiving & Eucharist: Sharing Gratitude for Each Other

Thanksgiving – An opportunity to be thankful for one another. In an earlier, more agriculture-centred age, this was the time to offer thanks to God for all the gifts of the earth. We may not be so centred now, but perhaps it remains an occasion to be thankful for all those who assist us in life, in any way. Often, we take them for granted. Today, we acknowledge that we do not, cannot exist alone. We need each other. As we gather in a Eucharistic community, our time at the Table brings us together in shared faith and love.

The Old Testament prophet, Isaiah uses the image of a rich and abundant banquet to describe the fullness of God's goodness poured out for all the peoples of the earth (Is.25:6-10). Looking to the Age of the Messiah, the prophet sees it as a blessing for all peoples, not just some or a few. The great banquet welcomes all peoples around the table. How to respond to such an invitation? Most appropriate will be the gratitude we express not only to God who invites us, but also to all those around this Eucharistic table with us, as well as those at like tables around the world. God's reign is among us. We share a common journey and respond with shared gratitude for God's love for all creation.

Matthew's Gospel uses the same image for the same reign of God, with a twist. He shares one of Jesus' stories, a parable of the Kingdom about a wedding feast, another banquet (Matt.22:1-10). The parable focuses on the invitation. The key here is that when the first invited guests refused the invitation, the servants took the invitation more broadly – "into the streets and gathered all whom they found." Both Isaiah and Matthew proclaim the fullness of God's goodness for all creation. The Table is full and the Table is large.

We proclaim the same message every time we gather around our Table for Eucharist. Theologian Eugene LaVerdiere focuses on the Eucharist as it is presented in the Gospel of Luke. The title of his book is *Dining in the Kingdom of God*. It seems far-fetched for us to speak like this. But that is in fact what we do when we gather around our Eucharistic table. We dine in the Kingdom of God, and all are invited. Matthew's account of Jesus's parable of the wedding banquet to which all are invited expresses the openness of the Kingdom to all.

This universal view and open invitation to all is what characterizes the Church envisioned in the Second Vatican Council (1962-65). The Council was an invitation to all to recognize that we are full and active members of the Christian community. To be in the community of Christians means much more than merely being present, as consumers and receivers. We are Church. We are what Vatican II expresses – the People of God, living in our world.

Using the words of Scripture, Vatican II directed this People of God to reveal who we are through active holiness. The Council put it this way: *Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your understanding, with all your strength. Love one another as Christ loves you. These commands in Scripture are really an invitation to be holy. By our holy love, we nurture in the world a way of life that is more gentle, more beautiful, more human* (Vatican II. "Constitution on the Church" 39).

Recently, as Church in the Synod on Synodality, we revisited what Vatican II expressed. Preparations began around the globe in local dioceses, with the first meeting in Rome taking place in 2021 followed by a second session in 2024. The two sessions had representation from clergy and laity. Local church communities around the world helped provide input guiding the sessions.

The hope for the Synod has been that we might grow a dynamic openness in the entire church, willing to listen as the People of God that we are called to be. Early in the process, the guidelines for this open and listening Church were laid out in a preparatory document: *At the root of this process is the acceptance, both personal and communal, of something that is both a gift and a challenge: to be a Church of sisters and brothers in Christ who listen to one another and who, in doing so, are gradually transformed by the Spirit (Instrumentum laboris. 18).*

The foundation of what we might call a "synodal church" is our common shared baptism. It has made us equally sisters and brothers of Jesus the Christ, all children of God filled with the one Spirit and called to the same mission of Good News in our world (cf. 1 Cor. 12:13). Are we able to embark on this call to be a "Listening Church" in which everyone - laity and clergy, women and men actively embark on this mission in the world that we share?

John Jennings 28th Sun Ord Time