

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday Feb 12th 2023 – 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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 1:30 PM



St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

Upcoming Events

Sunday Feb 12th CWL General Meeting

Following 11:00 AM Mass.

All Ladies are Welcome

Friday Feb 17th

Touched By Cancer Mass 7:00 PM

St. Anthony's Church

Sunday Feb 19th Sunday Brunch

St. Theresa's Church Hall

Following 11:00 AM Mass, Everyone Welcome

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Feb 14th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Shawna Matheson

Wednesday Feb 15th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Marriage Wishes David & Mylene

Thursday Feb 16th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Hazel Currie

Friday Feb 17th 7:00 PM St. Anthony's

Touched by Cancer Mass

Saturday Feb 18th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

Mass for the People

Sunday Feb 19th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Maria Vietingoff

Sunday Feb 19th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's

Michael McAloon

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office. 444-6010

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Feb 5, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$4,876	Offertory	\$4,876
Capital Infrastructure	470	Budget Needs	(5,000)
Special Collections	215	Excess (Shortfall)	\$(124)
Other	65	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total	\$5,626	Offertory	\$27,378
		Budget Needs	(30,000)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$(2,622)

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 Catholic Women's League will be leading *"Mary's Way of the Cross"*

every Tuesday, after the noon Mass at Saint Theresa's church.

The CWL will hold their General Meeting on February 12, 2023 in the Church Hall following the 11:00 AM Mass. All ladies are invited to attend and new members are always welcome.



**Ash Wednesday Services
February 22nd**

12:00 PM at St. Anthony's Church
5:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church
7:00 PM at St. Theresa's Church
February 19th following 11:00 AM Mass

Attention: A Visa Card was found in the Parking Lot of St. Anthony's Church on Saturday Feb 4th. If you are missing a Visa Card call the office.



Sanctuary Lamp burns this week at

St. Anthony's for Anne Wrynn

Offered by Allison Wrynn

And

St. Theresa's Church for

Joe McGuire offered by Mary Billings

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.*

Experience "The Chosen" (season 1) ~ Join us Tuesday evenings (February 28th to April 4th) during Lent from 7:00 - 8:30 PM as we watch and discuss season 1 of "The Chosen". We are excited to be able to offer parishioners two ways to participate, either in person at St. Theresa's Church or online via Zoom. **To register for in-person sessions or via Zoom please contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or 444-6018 by February 21st.** So that we can properly prepare we ask that you choose only one option for participation for the 6 week period.

"The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Christ. A charismatic fisherman struggling with debt. A troubled woman wrestling with demons. A gifted accountant ostracised from his family and people. In the ground breaking first season of "The Chosen" see how Jesus reaches each of these and more as He works His first miracles and embarks on His ministry to change the world. See Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.

Knights of Columbus 8654



Please Join Us

St. Theresa's Church Hall

Feb 19, 2023 (After Mass)

Cost: Free Will Offering

Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Hash Browns

Toast, Juice, Tea, Coffee

(Gluten Free Available)

Sit Down or Take Out.



Happy Birthday to Dolly Kerr

Member of St. Anthony's Elite 90's Club

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.

Our next session is on Sunday, February 26th. To register for Family Faith Formation please visit www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to7 or contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or by phone at **444-6018**.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer Service Video for 2023 is available to watch online. The 55 minute service video, produced by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, can be watched at home any time and can be downloaded at wick.org for free. March 3, 2023 is the official date chosen as the World Day of Prayer.

The women who wrote the World Day of Prayer Service this year are from Taiwan. Theme is "I have heard about your Faith" based on Ephesians 1:15-19

There will be a World Day of Prayer Service on Friday March 3, 2023 at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street at 2:00 PM with a Reception. Wheelchair accessible.

There will be a World Day of Prayer service on Sunday March 12, 2023 at St. Paul's United Church, 224 York Street at 10:30 AM with a reception. Any questions please contact Debbie Heustis at 472-2916

Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts

Thank you for your co-operation in picking up your assigned envelopes. All parishioners including those who use the Auto-Debit have been issued a box of envelopes. Tax receipts will remain in in the churches for two more weeks, then will be available at the Parish Center.

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.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Feb. 21st, 4 - 6 PM Menu: Sausages, Pancakes, Ham, Potato Scallop, baked beans, homemade brown bread and dessert. Tickets \$15/adult. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets!

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP

Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!

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. Due to **COVID** concerns, all sessions will be performed **non-contact means**.

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**.

Ministry Schedule Feb 18th & 19th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Debbie Heustis, & Daren Richard
Eucharistic Ministers	Merla Spires	Deborah Allen & Mary Fitzpatrick
Alter Servers	Ken Harris	Samuel, David & Miranda Gutierrez, & Julia Paier
Lector	Greg Feener	A Adimi-ulor
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick

Our Sacred Stories Blessing: AN OPEN DOOR: EXPRESSING GOD'S MERCY, COMPASSION AND OPENNESS

I have to confess that I have long had a resistance to canon lawyers, canon law and ritual, thinking of them as restrictive and limiting for the church and for individuals. A number of years ago a single statement by a friend of mine helped me to overcome this view and to see the lawyers, law and ritual in a different light. Commenting on my view of the law, he remarked: *Canon lawyers are not about restricting anyone. Their role is to help us find the exceptions to the law and to offer a pastoral and open way of living in a community of faith.* The person was a canon lawyer himself and was just completing his doctorate in the law. He was also a pastor and familiar with the dangers of interpreting it and our rituals in a literal and restrictive fashion.

Our faith tradition is intended to be a path to liberation and new life. It is not a narrow path by which our personal salvation is guaranteed. Rather, it is an outreach to the whole of life and human existence, aimed at bringing all of creation together in a manner by which we become the creation of God's dream. We find it expressed in the very early poetic words of the Old Testament Book of Genesis: *God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good (1:31).*

The gospel writer Matthew, saw this as the direction in which Jesus was leading his disciples. He captured this core teaching in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:5-7). After introducing this core with the Beatitudes and using the images of salt and light for the role of the disciples, Matthew honours the Law. But he warns that if we do not go further than the scribes and Pharisees who honoured the Law literally and strictly, we have fallen short. More is called for (Matt 5:17-37).

Jesus, and his teachings are the new Law for his disciples. This new law is not mere rules and rituals, it is a way of life. This life is in imitation of the Master. It is a way of living that brings compassion and love, healing and peace. One can say that at the center of Christianity is not the law or the rituals or even the scriptures, but a person and that this person is Jesus the Christ. He it is who, in word and action, reveals the everlasting love of God. This is our center.

In 2016, when Pope Francis proclaimed a Jubilee Holy Year, he took as its theme and focus, Jesus as the face of God's mercy. As a community of Jesus, our Church, both globally and locally is to be "The Face of Mercy" in our world. With this mercy there is a call for openness to one and all. Pope Francis' hope was that our church would "become a *Door of Mercy* through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instills hope."

Globally and locally, the challenge is to discover that we can reveal mercy and welcome to all, especially the outcasts and marginalized in our midst. We face this challenge as church, as a community of faith. There are many areas of our relationships with one another and with our world where mercy and love to all is a difficult path. Is our compassion sufficient and open enough to welcome all? How open are we to all who have for so long been outcasts? To the poor and homeless, to gay persons and the divorced in our churches, to all the lost and ones who come to our door.

When Pope Francis proclaimed the jubilee year in 2016, he stated: *The church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love* ("The Face of Mercy" 10). Our very identity lies not in meticulous observance of law and ritual, but in our love, our compassion, our mercy and openness to all.

John Jennings

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time