

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday July 23, 2023 –16th 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 8:45 AM

St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday July 25th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Funeral Mass Ela Steinhoff

Wednesday July 26th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Marie Carr

Thursday July 27th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Albert Murray

Friday July 28th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Anne O'Hara

Saturday July 29th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Mass for the People

Sunday July 30th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Linda Sales (McAloon)

Sunday July 30th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Art Noseworthy

Upcoming Events

Parish Office will closed on Mondays until Fall.
To accommodate Holidays for Irene.



Summer Bronze Rush
Good Luck to all who choose to play
See Details on your Bulletin Board.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

July 16, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$ 5,355	Offertory	\$ 5,355
Capital Infrastructure	410	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	-	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 100
Other	140	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total	\$ 5,905	Offertory	\$ 149,695
		Budget Needs	150,100
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (405)

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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Office Numbers

Fr. Maria's 444-6070

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St. Theresa's Church

Dell Mitchell

Offered by Betty Flanagan

Faith Formation Registration is Open!

Online registration is open for Our Lady of Peace Parish Faith Formation programs. Families with children in kindergarten to grade 7 are invited to register for our Family Faith Formation program beginning in September. Children in grade 2 will receive Sacrament Preparation for 1st Eucharist throughout the year.

Do you have or know a youth entering grade 8 this coming September? Please help us spread the word. Youth in grade 8 & up, if not already Confirmed, are invited to register for Confirmation Preparation beginning this fall with the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated the spring of 2025.

To register online visit www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca. For more information, contact Patty Cameron at (506) 444-6018 or pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Ministry Schedule July 29th & 30th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Greg Forsythe	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson & Betty Flanagan
Eucharistic Minister	Cathy Bowlen	Betty MacNeil & Janet Matheson
Altar Servers	Bonnie Bowlen	Al Adimalor, Noah VanLeeuwen, Lucas Daigle Will Horsley
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Barry Miller
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick

Our Sacred Stories - The Reign of God Among us

Outside the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton NB is a striking piece of art. It creates conversation and questions. For some it is controversial, for others it is striking and full of meaning. From the remnants of automobile tires, artist, Gerald Beaulieu, constructed two gigantic crows (each about 2x1 meters in length and width). At the moment, there is only one crow present, the other is in Charlottetown PEI. The piece is titled: "When the Rubber Hits the Road". The crows died by the very cars that rode on the tires from which the pieces were constructed.

Often the crows have become objects on which small children, full of life and delight can be seen playing. What a wonderful image of the contrasts that are part of our world. The crows in a courtyard amid a beautiful park of trees and flowers with couples strolling, children playing and people relaxing in the summer sun. It is an image that helps us to look more deeply at the parables of the Reign of God presented in Matthew's Gospel (Matt.13:1-52).

At the core of Jesus's message lies the declaration that "the Reign of God is close at hand" (Matt.4:17; Mk.1:15). As he gathered disciples and embarked on his mission in Galilee, this was the message he taught to them and to the crowds that followed them. The parables that Jesus told were stories set in ordinary everyday life. They were intended to bring us beyond concepts and ideas, to see the many facets of what living in the Reign of God really is. The Reign is planted and grows in the midst of the world that we all share

One of the parables in this series tells the story of a landowner who, after planting his wheat was told that weeds were growing up along with his crop. What to do? Many options were presented. In the end, the landowner decided to let the weeds stay and ultimately harvest the crop, discarding the weeds (Matt.13:24-30).

Our world is mixed soil in which to plant the Reign. The planting is at the initiative of God. In our faith tradition, we see this hand of God expressed, in the beginning of it all. God's life-giving action planted life in all creation "and indeed, it was very good" (Gen.1:31). But God has called us as partners in this planting. Human freedom will influence how the seed that is planted will grow.

Jesus the Christ is the hand of God inviting us to take up this sowing and tending. Matthew's telling of the parable of field containing both wheat and weed is a signal to us of the task at hand. Jesus's proclamation that "the Reign of God is close at hand" draws us to the recognition of this Reign among us. The world is not our enemy, nor is it contrary to God's plan or dream. It is in fact the field in which God has planted life. Jesus comes among us to announce the good news that our human freedom can work with God for the harvest.

Are we aware of what we pray for so often, rather routinely? *Our Father.....thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* This is the work of human freedom tending the field God has given us, even with its weeds – the harvest to be a world marked by justice, love and peace – God's work and the work of humanity.

John Jennings 16th Sunday

Catholic Women's League 2023 National AMM Closing Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John Open to anyone who wishes to attend. Have you been to the Cathedral in Saint John or would like to visit again? Join us on Tuesday, August 15th for a bus trip to the Catholic Women's League 2023 National AMM Closing Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John. Bus leaves Holy Family Church (1500 Hanwell, Fredericton) at 2 pm and returns by 9 pm. Cost \$34.00 on first come first serve basis as seating is limited. \$34 due upon registration. Pick up also in Oromocto at Gateway (by Tim's). You could bring a brown bag/small cooler with snacks or supper items. Tim Hortons is within walking distance of Cathedral, for take-out only. Please invite your Spiritual Advisors...maybe they plan to attend already and would prefer joining us on the bus. If interested, please contact Marlita at St. Dunstan's office 444-6001 to register.

COME JOIN US FOR THE 100TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE SHRINE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, SKIFF LAKE, NB on AUGUST 13TH, 2023 (RAIN OR SHINE)

Celebration of outdoor Mass at 11 am Praying of Rosary at 1 pmHealing Service at 2 pm

Lunch follows the Mass. Canteen available with sandwiches, hotdogs, sweets, pop, water available to purchase or bring a Picnic Lunch.

Shrine Sunday at Skiff Lake has been a place of gathering, celebration and healing for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples for generations. If you have come before, please invite others. This could also be the beginning of a new tradition for you. For all, we will experience the symbols and languages in prayer and celebration of all of those who gather.

The Shrine is located at 413 Upper Skiff Lake Road, Route 122, Canterbury. Feel free to bring your own lawn chair.