

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday November 26th 2023 –33rd Christ the King

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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 Nov 28th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Suzie Wrynn

Wednesday Nov 29th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Jacque Mellor

Thursday Nov 30th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
John McAloon

Friday Dec 1st 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Joan Sherman

Saturday Dec 2nd 4:00 pm St. Anthony's
Mass for the People

Sunday Dec 3rd 1:30 PM St. Patrick's
Marthe Thibeault

Sunday Dec 3rd 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Jim Noble

Upcoming Events

The Disciple Maker Index Survey Sunday,
November 26th St. Theresa's Church
after the 11:00 am Mass
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Advent Family Event Dec 3rd St. Theresa's
12:00 pm. Everyone Welcome
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Please note change in time for December
Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Nov 19th 2023		Weekly	
Offertory	\$ 4,604	Offertory	\$ 4,604
Capital Infrastructure	340	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	90	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (651)
Other	47	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total	\$ 5,081	Offertory	\$ 241,436
		Budget Needs	244,690
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (3,254)

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

Patty Cameron 444-6018

Ministry Schedule December 2nd & December 3rd

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Betty MacNeil, Debbie Heustis
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Betty MacNeil & Janet Matheson
Altar Servers	Merla Spires	Joe Adimalor, Lucas Daigle, Kevin Fernandez, Miranda Alfaro
Lector	Ken Harris	Marc & Julie Daigle
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey



St. Theresa's Church
+ Russel & Roberta Delorey +
 Offered by Daughter Karen Burke

Help us meet our 275 completed survey goal!



The Disciple Maker Index Survey opened this week. Let's keep the completed surveys rolling in! Each completed survey will provide Fr. Maria and our various ministries with valuable information for future planning. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about our community as a whole.

Please help us by completing the 10 – 15 minute survey. You can complete the survey online at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/ba0x55>

Paper copies of the survey can be picked up at our three parish churches. Completed survey can be placed in the collection basket or returned to the parish office. Or you can join us after Mass on the following dates for coffee and to complete the survey:

- Sunday, November 26th St. Theresa's Church after the 11:00 am Mass
- Saturday, December 2nd St. Anthony's Church after the 4:00 pm Mass
- Sunday, December 10th St. Patrick's Church after the 8:45 am Mass

Survey closes Monday, December 18th.

Prayers for Peace in our World! On the first Monday of each Month at 7 pm – 7:45 pm in St. Dunstan's Church beginning November 6th. Everyone is welcome. (Blue Church doors at King Street entrance by Tim Hortons).

Celebrate Advent! Family Event ~ Join us on Sunday, December 3rd at 12:00 pm in St. Theresa's Church Hall as we celebrate the Advent season with a special parish family event, with lunch (pizza), a movie and a Christmas card craft for our parish community outreach project. All families are invited to attend. To help us plan for the event please rsvp to Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca by Friday, December 1st.

THE LITTLE WAY OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP – To know Jesus and make him known, to love Jesus and make him loved: this is the heart of being a disciple and a missionary. St Thérèse of Lisieux, the Doctor of the Science of Divine Love, shows us how. "In an age of indifference and self-absorption, Therese inspires us to be missionary disciples, captivated by the attractiveness of Jesus and the Gospel" (Pope Francis, *C'est la confiance*, 9, 52). The Little Way of Missionary Discipleship will learn from the Little Doctor of the Church with a prayerful study of the spirituality and missionary genius of St Thérèse. Wednesday evenings December 6 & 20, January 17 & 31, February 13 (Tuesday) & 28, 7:00 to 9:00 pm via Zoom. For more information or to register email janderson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org

YOUNG ADULT INITIATIVE – Rejoice in Hope! A Young Adult initiative in the Diocese of Saint John will be launched at the Diocesan World Youth Day celebration on November 26 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Following this event, young adults (ages 18-35 years) are invited to meet biweekly to share and discuss their desires, hopes, expectations, experiences and challenges as young people in the Church, reflecting on Pope Francis' Letter to Young People, *Christus Vivut*, as a springboard for conversation. Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on December 13, January 10 and 24, February 7 and 21 via Zoom. Where possible, young adults are encouraged to meet in person and begin with a simple meal in fellowship at 6:30 pm, then tune into Zoom as a group. To register or for more information, contact Jim Anderson at janderson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org.

Employment Opportunity- Our Lady of Peace Parish Custodian and Maintenance Position

Due to the retirement of our Custodian (St. Theresa's Church) this position will be available in the near future. The position responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- **Cleaning the church, church hall and meeting rooms.**
- **Maintain grounds, including lawn care and snow removal on stairs and walkways.**
- **Light maintenance and repair work as needed.**
- **Working with subcontractors as required.**

If interested and require more information contact Ken Harris at (506) 474-0332.

Our Lady of Peace Parish groups, CWL, Knights of Columbus, Religious Formation and Pastoral Council are joining forces to help those in need this Christmas Season.

With your help we can make this Christmas better for people who rely on the homeless shelters and youth in transition programs.

We have set up a gifting tree decorated with tags bearing items for the homeless and youth in transition as Christmas gifts and a donation box for warm winter clothing in each church. All purchased and donated items must be in the provided boxes in each church no later than December 17th, for sorting and distribution on December 18th.



Blue Donation Box

Please drop off new or gently used, warm winter clothing items such as gloves, hats, scarves, coats, and new socks.



Gifting Tree

Please help yourself to a tag, purchase the Christmas gift listed on the tag, put the tag on the item and return it to the church (unwrapped).

Prayers and Support

Prayers are requested for David McWade and Angela Graves who suffered the loss of their son on November 16th and just a few short days later their home was destroyed by fire, in which they lost everything. David's parents, Tim and Joanne McWade have been active members in our parish community for many years, our prayers go out to their family in this time of loss and sorrow.

Please help their family re-build their lives by making a monetary donation in one of the donation jars set up in our churches and keep their family in your prayers. We are only accepting **monetary donations** until December 3, 2023.

Our Sacred Stories - The Kingdom Near Us, With Us & Among Us:

Beginnings and endings are important. The first looks to the future, our goals, our aims our hopes and dreams. The second is about our arrivals, our fulfillment, our completions and results. In between, there is all the effort, the work, the challenges and struggles, the attempts and the failures, the twists and turns of the journey. Life is just such a journey, in fact, a host of journeys. What we may sometimes not be aware of in the picture is the way in which the Spirit journeys with us, from beginning to end.

Today we are at a time in our history that is filled with uncertainty. Perhaps this is always true of the human journey. But at the moment it seems more sharply defined. Two elements seem especially significant for us. The first element is a political one. War and division threaten millions of people around the world, even to the level of war. Most especially, we see this in both Ukraine and in the Middle East. The issues involved are complex and the impact on people around the world even beyond those directly involved is immense.

A second uncertainty is not a violent one, but it is for many, disturbing. The prospect of significant changes taking place within our Christian community or church causes confusion and anxiety for some. This is what we can experience as our Catholic community faces many issues and questions. In attempting to address these challenges, we find ourselves wrestling with how to handle the road ahead. For our church, the manner of doing this now, is by way of a synod that involves all of us who are part of the baptized People of God – lay people and clergy. The Synod on Synodality involves all of us, whether we want to be or not.

In the midst of our human journey, we need to know we are not alone. We journey with the Spirit of God among us, and in company with the whole human community. With this accompaniment comes hope and with hope, a measure of peace and certainly a sense of support from God and from those with whom we are journeying.

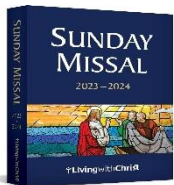
Our sacred stories in the Scriptures present us with the good news of the Kingdom of God, hopeful news, signs of God's love and constant presence among us. Matthew's Gospel begins with telling the story of the beginning – God has come among us, taking on our humanity in Jesus, an expression of God's love (Matt 1:18-23). This is the Incarnation.

Jesus begins his mission with the great challenge to all humanity: He announced: "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven has come near." (Matt 4:17). This was the message we heard ten months ago, in January. We were called to recognize we are not alone in our life journey. "Emmanuel", God is with us. This is the core message of Jesus, the Christ. His work among the poor and the suffering, the sick and the sinner was to heal and renew. This is Good News, the Gospel.

What is also Good News is that Jesus shared not only his message, but also shared his mission. The Reign of God has begun among us. We are Jesus present here and now. Like Jesus, in word and in action and gifted with his Spirit, we are to make God's Kingdom present and alive in our world.

Our faith is relational. It is built and expressed in how we live with one another, for we are disciples of Jesus, together called to bring the Kingdom to the world, to all humanity. In that fulfilled and completed Kingdom, Jesus the Christ will say: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." (Matt 25:31-40)

John Jennings



Sunday Missals are available at all Our Lady of Peace Churches. To help defray the increase in cost of the missals we are asking for a donation of \$7.00. You can also pick up your Missal at the Parish Office.



The 2024 Offertory Envelopes have arrived. As soon as they are labeled I will get them to the Churches for pick up. If you do not see an envelope with your name on it please contact the Parish Office and one will be made available for you. Parishioners who use the Auto Debit Program please take your envelopes as there are special envelopes within the box you may want to use.