

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin

Sunday, December 19th, 2021 – 4th Sunday of Advent

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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

Parish Nursing Basket Draw

Monday Dec 20, 2021

**Saturday December 25th 10:00 am St. Theresa's
Marie Shields**

**Sunday December 26th 11:00 am St. Theresa's
Lost Souls of Tornados in the USA**

**Sunday December 26th 1:30 pm St. Patrick's
Elsie & Boyd Cleveland**

Mass Times & Intentions

**Tuesday, December 21st 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church
Dell Mitchell**

**Wednesday December 22nd 10:00am - St. Anthony's
Patricia Gyuk**

**Thursday, December 23rd 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's
Patricia Gyuk**

**Friday December 24th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church
Alice Giovannetti**

**Friday December 24th 5:30 pm - St. Theresa's Church
Sherwood Billings**

**Friday December 24th 7:00pm St. Anthony's Church
Maude Blakney, Catherine McGrath & Glen**

**Friday December 24th - 8:00 pm St. Patrick's Church
Patsy & Roy McAloon**

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory – Dec 12, 2021

Sunday Contributions:	\$3,187.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$2,162.00</u>
Total:	\$5,349.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,400.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (51.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 541.00
Special Collections:	\$ 50.00
Other:	\$ 2105.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 249,120.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 270,000.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 20,880.00)

Information inquires should be
directed to:

Frank O'Donnell 472-0145
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener
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*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

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



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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

Parish Announcements

COVID Protocol Update

Effective this weekend the Province of New Brunswick is requiring all places of worship in New Brunswick to put the following COVID-19 measures in place. Please note that you will not be asked to show proof of vaccination to attend Mass.

- Masks are required at all times in church buildings.
- Each of our churches will operate at 50% or less capacity.
- Maintain two metres of physical distancing between different households. The only exception to the 2m between households are for those who have arrived together in the same vehicle.
- No congregational singing. A cantor is permitted during Mass.
- No physical sign of peace is to be exchanged during Mass.
- Record names of all attendees and contact information by row or have a consistent assigned seating plan for contact tracing.
- Parishioners will be screened at the door for COVID-19 symptoms and asked if you have been instructed to self-isolate.

Other activities using parish facilities, including Parish Nursing activities, meetings, presentations, workshops and Religious Formation for children, youth and adults will require proof of vaccination or provincially approved proof of exemption to attend for people over 12 years of age.

We encourage parishioners to continue to monitor their health before attending Mass and choose to attend/not attend accordingly. Your cooperation and understanding as we navigate these new 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.*



On October 10, 2021, Pope Francis inaugurated "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission", a 2- year-long Synod for the universal Church. The Synod is asking the Church to reflect on how we journey together as Church, listen and respond to the working of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the world, and how decisions are reached at all levels: who is involved, who is excluded and how can our processes be improved.

What is a Synod?

A Synod is a formal process, used by the Church, in which a large number of people are consulted on a specific topic for discussion. Though it usually leads to a formal gathering from which a formal document is produced, Synods can involve countless discussion groups that precede the formal gathering, assuring the greatest amount of participation possible.

How Can I Be Involved in the Latest Synod?

Everyone is invited to add their voice. A series of questions have been provided to parishes to gather input. Our Lady of Peace Pastoral Council invites everyone to participate in the discussion, either on their own or as part of a discussion group.

Three Ways to Participate:.

- 1) Join Our Lady of Peace Parish Discussion Groups on Sunday, January 23rd from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church. Registration will be open early January to join a discussion group.
- 2) Fill out the insert in the bulletin, individually or as a group, and submit to the parish office by Friday, January 21st. Please feel free to share to anyone you feel would like to have a voice in this process.
- 3) The Diocese of Saint John has a link to the questions on their website at <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/synod-2021-2023>. The last 6 questions will be the focus of our parish discussions.

Development and Peace

Over the last few weeks our Committee has been presenting true stories of People on our Planet that have been mistreated by International companies, some of which are Canadian. Our Committee initiated the Petition that so many of who have agreed to sign; and for that I wish to sincerely Thank You. Our Petition will end this weekend, and please remember the People on our Planet that will continue this noble and honorable struggle.

On behalf of our Development and Peace Committee, I wish all of you a safe and happy Christmas!!

Parish Nursing Ministry Christmas Basket Fundraiser

Please note change in Draw Date

Tickets and Envelopes will be made available at each Church for you to fill out. Use the envelope to put your money in, tickets are **\$2.00** each or **3 for \$5.00**. Envelopes can be returned to the office or deposited into the offertory basket. Tickets must be returned no later than 9:00 am on Monday December 20th.



Second Draw Homemade Christmas Baking Dec 20.

Wondering what is happening in the parish? ~ Check out the parish monthly activity calendar available at each of our parish churches and online. www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca



From the Parish Office

Your 2022 Offertory Envelopes are now available at your Church. If you can't find yours please call the office for assistance. Please do not use your 2022 envelopes until 2022.

Missals are now available at all three churches. To help with the cost of purchasing a \$5.00 donation is appreciated. There are containers by the missals to place your money. Missals are also available at the Parish Office.

St. Theresa's Heat Pump Installation

This project has cost over **\$50,000.00**. Building funds accumulated have helped pay for one third of this expense. The finance committee would like to retire this debt as soon as possible. Therefore we are inviting parishioners to assist in this effort by asking for a special donation. Envelopes can be found at the entrance area for anyone who would like to contribute. Donations at this time would be appreciated and added to your current year tax receipt. Our sincere thanks.



Special Thank you to the CWL for their very generous donation towards the Heat Pumps.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Attendance at Christmas Mass will be by **reservation only**. Please call the parish office 444-6010 or email parishoffice@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca When registering please provide main contact, phone number, email address and number of people arriving with you.

Reservations must be made by December 22nd at noon

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00pm - St. Anthony's Church

5:30pm - St. Theresa's Church

7:00pm - St. Anthony's Church

8:00pm - St. Patrick's Church

Christmas Day

10:00am – St. Theresa's Church

Boxing Day

Sunday December 26th

11:00am - St. Theresa's Church

1:30pm - St. Patrick's Church

New Years Eve

4:00pm – St. Anthony's Church

New Years Day

10:00am – St. Patrick's Church

Sunday January 2nd

11:00am – St. Theresa's Church

1:30pm – St. Patrick's Church

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.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office for assistance.

Ministry Schedule Week of DECEMBER 24TH & 25th

	St. Anthony's – Friday 4:00 & 7:00	St. Theresa's - Fri 5:30 –Saturday 10 am
Screeners/Ushers	4:00 Mary Feener, Merla Spires, Bonnie Bowlen Maureen O'Donnell 7:00 Cathy Bowlen, Mona & Ray McCarthy	5:30 Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick Tracy Horsley, A.J. Horsley, Darren Richard 10:00 am Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick Marilyn Brennan, Allison Wrynn, Ed Theriault Betty MacNeil
Lector	Ken Harris (4:00) Kelly Bowlen (7:00)	(5:30) Leonce Savoie (10:00) Aloysia Adimaulor

Our Sacred Stories

Advent – Christmas: Anticipation and Hope

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan .Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.

Snow had fallen, snow on snow on snow.

In the bleak midwinter, long, long ago Angels and Arc Angels, may have traveled there.

Cherubim and Seraphim, thronged the air

But only his mother, in her maiden bliss Worshiped the beloved, with a kiss

This is an old Christmas carol by Gustav Holst (1874-1934) which in some ways captures the character of this time. We are about to enter our winter time, our darkest, coldest season. In the northern hemisphere the shortest day of the year occurs on December 21. This is the day on which we have the least time of sunshine, our darkest day.

It is also the time when we find ourselves in a season of great anticipation and hope. Into this darkest of seasons, comes this mother, Mary. Through her the gift of the Incarnation takes place and God reaches out to touch our humanity. The wonder of the Incarnation rests in the way God comes, divinity and humanity come together in the person of Jesus the Christ. The Gospel of Luke captures the joy and the sense of expectation as Mary visits her relative, Elizabeth (Lk.1:39-45).

This scene in Luke reflects something of the promise and hope offered by the Old Testament prophet Isaiah: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shone* (Isaiah 9:2). This is God's plan, God's dream for all of creation.

Advent & Christmas bring light, promise and hope to the darkness of our world. There are times when we and our world are *the people who walked in darkness* and we certainly seek and hope for a world on which *light has shone*. This is the promise of Christmas and the Feast of the Incarnation. For it is this feast which speaks to us of *Emmanuel*, that is, *God-is-with-us*. Do we really believe this dream?

God has always been with us. The People of God, Israel was firm in their faith that God was always with them. The great act of God for them was in the liberation of the People from slavery through the Exodus. But God was with them even before this, even in slavery and captivity, in threat and in exile. The prophets, like Isaiah proclaimed this presence of the living God for them again and again. Quite beyond the People of Israel, God's presence has been witnessed and acknowledged among the many peoples of the earth – in the challenges and the wonders of life and creation. But now, in the *Incarnation*, we see a new hope and promise, a new way of knowing God-is-with-us.

So what? What does all this mean for me? What difference does it make for our world? God continues to be a light for the darkness, the hope and the promise for all humanity and creation. Once having entered our world by sharing our humanity, God continues to be present in the Body of Christ, in all of us. God has shared our humanness in Jesus the Christ. We are God's touch, God's presence in our world. We continue to be the flesh and blood through whom God enters our world now.

We see the presence of God, in every single person, in the smallest, the weakest, the most vulnerable, the most dependent like the child of Mary. We can also see God's presence in the great and the powerful for they too share our humanity. May God continue to guide and bless each of us.

Q/ Where do I see God and God's love in those who surround me in this Advent-Christmas?

John Jennings

4th Sun Advent & Christmas

