

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday Dec 04th 2022 – 2nd 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

Sunday December 11th St. Dunstan's Church

Regional Reconciliation Service

Time 3 PM to 6 PM

Wednesday, December 14th

Parish Advent Movie Night

7:00 PM St. Theresa's Church

Sunday, December 18th

Celebrate Advent! Family Event

12:00 PM St. Theresa's Church Hall

Christmas Mass Times

Dec 24th 4 PM St. Anthony's 5:30 PM St. Theresa's
8 PM St. Patrick's

Dec 25th 10 AM St. Theresa's

Dec 31st 4 PM St. Anthony's

Jan 1st 2023 11 AM St. Theresa's 1:30 PM St. Patrick's

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Dec 6th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Connie Sueyras

Wednesday Dec 7th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Ronald Moore

Thursday Dec 8th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Gary Casey

Friday Dec 9th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Irma Tucker

Saturday Dec 10th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

Wayne McDonnell

Sunday Dec 11th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Mass for the People

Sunday Dec 11th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's

Patsy McAloon

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Nov 27, 2022

Sunday Contributions: \$ 4,125.00

Auto Debit (average): \$ 2,044.00

Sub total \$ 6,169.00

Weekly Budget Needs: \$ 5,000.00

Excess (Shortfall) \$ 1,169.00

Capital Infrastructure: \$ 170.00

Special Collections: 388.00

Other: \$ 90.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory: \$ 229,353.00

Budget Needs: \$ 240,000.00

Excess (Shortfall): (\$ 10,647.00)

Information inquires should be directed to:

Frank O'Donnell 472-0145

(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg

Feener 472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca).

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

Christmas Outreach:



Our parish will be helping local food banks and homeless shelters make Christmas a little brighter for those in need this year. Requested items will be displayed as decorations at each church. We encourage everyone

to take a decoration or two. Items will be collected until Sunday, December 18th. Only new items will be accepted. All donations will be distributed the week before Christmas.

Gifts and Talents ~ Our parish is rich in people with amazing gifts and talents, we are asking all to share these gifts with our faith community, one way to do this would be to be on a Wellness leadership team. This team's focus will be to develop, coordinate and implement various programs or events that will enhance the wellness of health and spirit for the people in our diverse parish community. If you are feeling called to this ministry or would like more information, please reach out to a pastoral council member, or leave your contact information with Irene at the parish office and someone will call you.

Sunday Missals are available at each of the Churches. Cost per missal is \$5.00.



Ministers of Holy Eucharist

Do you have a family member, a neighbour, or a friend who is in the hospital or nursing home that would like to receive Holy Communion? We can help. We have Ministers of Eucharist that are willing, able and ready to visit and distribute Holy Communion. For further information and to make arrangements, please call Allison Wrynn at 506-470-9390.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all parishioners who contributed as this was truly a combined Parish effort.



The winter clothing items will be sorted and distributed throughout the community to local clothing banks and shelters as a major donation from Our Lady of Peace Parish

Development and Peace

We hope you had a pleasant summer and are getting ready to mobilize with us! Since its launch in Sept 2021, our People and Planet First campaign has achieved many milestones: meetings with 36 MPs across the country, over 17,000 parliamentary petition signatures received, and your message demanding mandatory due diligence legislation for companies operating abroad presented in the House of Commons. There is much to celebrate! As we prepare for the fall, we would like to share news about some exciting changes we hope you'll support. To strengthen the effectiveness of our campaigns, we will be transitioning to a new campaign cycle where the themes will be launched in January, for Lent. What does this mean? When we start a new campaign in January, we will introduce Canadians to the new theme by highlighting some of our partners' projects in the Global South. During Share Lent, we will invite the Canadian public to support our mission financially. Then, we will take action by bringing the education and action campaign to life throughout the year. What will we do this fall? We will continue to mobilize around due diligence with our People and Planet First campaign, using the resources available since Sept 2021. We will also continue gathering signatures for our due diligence petition (devp.org/act) to keep the pressure on the federal govt. and build real political will to effect change. As our partners have repeatedly told us: to change the structural causes of poverty in the Global South, we also need to change things at home.

Allison Wrynn



thank you



Irene J. & Friends wish to thank Our Lady of Peace Parish Parishioners for their support in the recent Christmas music event held at Marysville Heritage Center in support of Liberty Lane. Your contributions of baked goods, silent auction items, cash donations and audience attendance made it possible for us to raise a total of \$2,630.00 for three families to have a beautiful Christmas. Special Thank You to those who volunteered. Your help was indeed appreciated.

Irene Jewett

See your bulletin boards for the Grace Memorial Baptist Church Christmas Concert "Ring Christmas Bells" poster featuring the Harding Smith Memorial Handbell Choir. Dec 18th 3:00 PM. Christmas Sweets & Refreshments to follow the Concert. For more info contact Grace Memorial at 458-8527

Faith Formation Update



YOUTH CHOIR: Our Lady of Peace Parish Youth Choir will be practicing each Sunday following the 11:00 Mass 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM at St. Theresa's. All youth from kindergarten age and up are welcome to join at any time.

Advent Activities

Advent Reflection Books ~ Advent Reflection Books for adults, seniors and families are available at each of the churches. Please be sure to pick one up to enrich your Advent experience this year.

"The Great Commission" Virtual Advent Mission ~ a three night mission led by Bishop Reisbeck and livestreamed from St. Mary's Church, Miriamichi. December 5th to 7th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. To receive the link to join please email nmazerolle@dioceseofsaintjohn.org to register.

Regional Advent Reconciliation Service ~ Sunday, December 11th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at St. Dunstan's Church.

Parish Advent Movie Night ~ Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 PM at St. Theresa's Church. Movie "Joseph and Mary". Ages 12 and up. Donation of food items for the Fredericton Food Bank will be accepted at this event.

Celebrate Advent! Family Event ~ Join us on Sunday, December 18th 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 ("The Star") and a family keepsake craft. All families are invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to grandparents of the parish to attend with their grandchildren. To help us plan for the event please rsvp to Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca by Tuesday, December 13th. Cost is by donation.

Advent on FORMED ~ Resources for adults, families, and children. Be sure to check out "FORMED In the Word Advent" a review of the Sunday Mass readings throughout Advent and Brother Francis "The Days of Advent", plus so much more!

Events Happening Around our Community



Are you interested in making a real difference in the world? How about right here in your own community? Meals on wheels volunteers deliver a freshly prepared meal, a warm smile, and the reassurance that someone cares at a time in our neighbors' lives when they need it the most. Our clients include individuals who are elderly, disabled, or recovering from illness or surgery – people who otherwise would not be able to access the nutrition they need to live healthy, independent lives. For a small investment of your time, as often or as infrequently as you like, you can help make their lives a little easier. We deliver seven days a week, 365 days a year, so any time you can give – during the week or on the weekend will be gratefully received. The demand for our service is growing and so is the need for volunteers. We need drivers who can take on a regular route once a week, and we also need substitute drivers to fill in on an occasional basis. From start to finish, an hour and a half is about all the time it takes.

Won't you please consider helping out? For more info, call 458-9482, or check out our web page: <http://frederictonmealsonwheels.ca>

Ministry Schedule Dec 10th & 11th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann(Front), Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Daren Richard, Ed Theriault, Andre Paier
Eucharistic Ministers		Betty MacNeil & Janet Matheson
Alter Servers	Ken Harris	Lucas Daigle, Al & Joe Adimalor,
Lector	Sue Inkster	Pam Shields
Sacristan		Bud Trevors

Our Sacred Stories Advent: Transition to a New World

Advent – a season of prophets, those heralds of change and renewal. It is filled with the voices and figures of Isaiah, Baruch, Zephaniah and Jeremiah from the Jewish Testament. We encounter the great figures of a new world calling us to transformation and change, a world in which the Kingdom of God has come near.

The season is also marked by surprising and unlikely figures of the New Testament. We encounter a hermit coming out of the desert wilderness, booming out a call for a change of heart. We meet a young Jewish woman, with her yet to be married husband, together facing the challenge of a new birth.

The Old Testament prophets and the New Testament figures were ordinary people who found themselves called to extraordinary and surprising deeds of change and transformation. They might have been ordinary persons like ourselves and those around us, but they came serving as the voice and finger of God among us, announcing God's loving outreach to us all. This outreach was to mark the world made new that has been God's dream for all creation and all peoples.

The prophetic voice of Isaiah captures the character of this new world. It will be a world that reflects the face of God. Filled with spirit of God, it will be a world of wisdom and justice. It will treat all with equity and have special for the weak and the vulnerable, none shall be left out or cast aside. The result will be a sense of awe in the remarkable gift of God's life-giving presence among them. From all of this comes the greatest of our heart's desire – peace and harmony (Is.11:1-10).

In John the Baptist, we see a New Testament prophet, one who announces that the Kingdom of God is near and we play a part in nurturing it (Matt.3:1-12). For John, the fundamental step is clear: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." The work of preparing for this kingdom, nurturing it among us is not about future. It is now, nurturing what God has already been planted among us and nurturing is done in the many ordinary ways of bringing the face of God to one another with compassion and love, justice, equity and ultimately, peace for all.

John, that hermit coming forth from the desert eventually encountered the face of God in Jesus as they met at the Jordan and Jesus accepted to be baptized by John with the waters of repentance. Such repentance is not about saying "sorry". It is much more than this that nurtures the Kingdom of heaven among us. The truer, deeper word is "metanoia," a Greek word for a "change of heart," a conversion and turning around of life, leaving behind the old and taking on the new.

It does begin as a personal conversion, but does not end there. We are called to a conversion as family, as community, as church and in this way revealing the face of Jesus the Christ in real terms and action to one another and to all peoples.

Such conversion or "metanoia" was John's call for repentance. The whole message and mission of Jesus the Christ, was this call to us all, to all humanity – to bring the reality of the God's reign to all peoples. It means turning around a world that is called to be the place of God and marked by justice, equity and peace, and built on compassion and love – the face of God among us.

Only when our world, our church, our communities and families accept this metanoia, will the reign of God be complete. It is a task, but also a great hope.

John Jennings 2nd Sunday of Advent