

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday Sept 10th 2023 –23rd 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

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday Sept 16th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Joan Sherman

Sunday Sept 17th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Sr. Dora Bourgeois

Sunday Sept 17th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Mass for the people

There will be no weekday Masses while Fr. Maria is on Holidays.

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



Happy Birthday to
Everett O'Neill
Member of St. Anthony's
Elite 90's Club

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



Upcoming Events

This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns at St. Anthony's
In Memory of Deceased Members of the Simcock Family
Offered by Cathy & Kelly Bowlen

Twilight Retreat

Sponsored by the Saint Theresa's Catholic Women's League of Canada. Being held Monday September 11, 2023 at Saint Theresa's Church Hall

This will be a Pot Luck

Theme: Catholic and Living It.

Presenter: Graydon Nicholas

Topic: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Registration: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Everyone is Welcome
Sept 17th Sacrament Preparation Meeting after 11 am mass.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Sept 3, 2023		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	\$ 5,240	Offertory	\$ 5,240		
Capital Infrastructure	765	Budget Needs	(5,255)		
Special Collections	80	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (15)		
Other	450	Year-to-Date		Contributions	
Total	\$ 6,535	Offertory	\$ 184,316		
		Budget Needs	186,885		
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (2,569)		

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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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? 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

Sacrament Preparation Parent Meeting ~ Meeting for parents with children preparing for 1st Eucharist and youth starting Confirmation Preparation this year will be held on Sunday, September 17th after the 11:00 am Mass at St. Theresa's Church. Program information and expectations for both the 1st Eucharist and Confirmation Preparation will be discussed. To help us prepare materials please register for programs in advance of the meeting.

Ministry Schedule September 16th & 17th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Darren Richard & Ed Theriault
Eucharistic Minister	Merla Spires	Deborah Allen & Mary Fitzpatrick
Altar Servers	Bonnie Bowlen	Al Adimalor, Will Horsley, Noah VanLeeuwen, Samuel Alfaro
Lector	Sue Inkster	Kendra Van Leeuwen
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey

Our Sacred Stories - Our Christian Church: Who Are We?

Who am I? Who are we? These are good and fundamental questions. Often, this search for identity leads to focusing on how we differ from others. We seek to set borders between us and them. Is it possible that our identity could be found in openness? Rather than in seeking how we differ from others, might it be more life-affirming to discover and take on an identity that sees what we all hold in common. As much as this is the case for us as individuals, it is equally true of communities and as a church.

History has not been kind to us as Christians. For the past 1000 years, the Christian church has had to live through the realities of division. The Greek – Latin schism or split resulted in a Christian church of the East and of the West. Then, about 500 years ago a whole series of divides affected the West, as we now live with a host of denominations of western Christianity. These were not the only breaks that have affected our Christian church, but they were certainly among the most significant. One might say division has been our identity. Does this have to be? Is there more to our Christian church?

Discovering our identity by emphasizing the differences between us and others limits and restricts us. When our differences are made to loom large, they belie the fact that we share much in common. At our core, we share a common humanity and together inhabit the same earth. We might come to recognize our Christian church by directing our attention to our common roots.

God's dream for our common humanity is that we live in peace, based on compassion and love. John's Gospel expresses this dream as he relates Jesus' prayer for his disciples, his friends. He even broadens this prayer to include the whole world. God's dream, God's kingdom is extended to all humanity and all creation. John presents the prayer in this way: "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one.... That they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you love me. (John17:20, 23)"

This unity of God's vision expressed through Jesus the Christ is a key to our identity as the church or community of Christians. In all our diversity, like humanity, we remain one. Our unity and identity is founded not on doctrines and practices, but on the expression of love for all, that finds its source in God's love for all.

In Matthew's Gospel we again hear Jesus speaking to his disciples (Matt 18:15-20). At the end of the piece Jesus says to his friends: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Christian faith is a communal faith. It feeds our spirit, but it does so in the context or setting of a community of believer and doers, moved by the love that God pours out upon us. This is who we are.

Earlier this summer (August 1-6), Pope Francis joined with over 600,000 young people for World Youth Days in Lisbon Portugal. In his opening address to them, Francis referred to the coming Synod in our church and asserted its central theme, that we are to be **a Church without borders: *In the Church, there is room for everyone. Everyone. In the Church, no one is left out or left over. There is room for everyone. Just the way we are. Everyone.***

Our Christian Church: Who are we? This is who we aspire to be, who we can be. It is our identity.

John Jennings 23rd Sunday in Ord Time

Parish Community Outreach Food Drive ~ the rising price of food is very difficult for many in our community and our local foodbank is seeing an increase in demand. To help out we will be collecting the following most needed items as requested by the food bank.

Canned pasta sauce (please no bottles) or Canned met (Tuna, ham etc.)

These two food items can be dropped off at our parish churches until Sunday, September 10th. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Summer Bronze Rush 2023 The amount is growing and has still time to grow more. Cost for each number is \$5.00. You can buy as many spots as you like and play as often as you like.

Draw date has been extended until Fr. Maria is back from holidays. Lots of time to play again.

It is Knitting Time Again. St. Anthony's Shawl Ministry will be starting on October 10th. More details to follow.

Royal Road Construction Detour: Masses at St. Theresa's Church will continue as scheduled during construction on Royal Road. Please allow for extra time to arrive before Mass begins and follow detour signs which will bring you to the parking lot via Primrose Ave., left onto Lombardi Lane then left onto William St.