

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin

Sunday, January 30th, 2022 – Fourth 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 1:30 pm



St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus

Parish January Food Drive Jan 1-Jan 31

Drop off donations to Pastoral Center

Parish Nursing Ministry

St. Patrick's Day Draw on

Quilt "Stars on the Stars"

Tickets Available mid February

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, February 1st 12:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Frank Petrie

Wednesday February 2nd 10:00am - St. Anthony's

Patricia Gyuk

Thursday, February 3rd 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's

Special Intentions

Friday February 4th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church

Sheila Collwell

Saturday, February 5th, 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

Marie Smith

Sunday February 6th 1:30 pm - St. Patrick's Church

Henry & Sadie Bourque

Sunday, February 6th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Mass For the People

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Jan 16 & 23, 2022

Sunday Contributions: \$2,136.00

Auto Debit (average): \$3,956.00

Total: \$6,092.00

Weekly Budget Needs: \$10,000.00

Excess (Shortfall) (\$3,908.00)

Capital Infrastructure: \$ 57.00

Special Collections: \$

Other: \$ 205.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory: \$ 14,680.00

Budget Needs: \$ 20,000.00

Excess (Shortfall): (\$ 5,320.00)

Information inquires should be directed to:

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(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener

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

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

Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. For all that you do, THANK YOU!

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



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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.

Thank you to all parishioners who took time to respond to the Synod questions provided by the diocese either by returning the paper questionnaire or participating in our discussion group this past Sunday. The discussions were thought provoking, and some very good insights regarding our faith, our parish, and the Catholic Church, were brought forward. The discussions that were held along with the questions sheets and online submissions will be summarized and sent to the diocese for incorporation into the overall Synod response. It is our hope that these questions will spark more conversations and discussions in our parish.

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Religious Formation Update

Covid has continued to challenge us this year, but we have not given up! Our Family Style Faith Formation program has been up and running since the fall and 38 families are journeying together using our new program that includes monthly family gatherings, when permitted, and guided home sessions. Families are supported through a dedicated Family Faith Formation Facebook page and supplemental resources through FORMED.

We are blessed to have 12 children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist using a guided family program. Fifteen youth are preparing for Confirmation and have been committed to regular online sessions that will transition to in person meetings as permitted.

Please keep all our Faith Formation families and those preparing for their Sacraments in your prayers.

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.*

From the Parish Office

Please ensure that all bulletin notices are submitted to the Parish office Thursday at noon at the latest.

Your co-operation is very much appreciated in this matter.

The Parish Office will remain open during the Level 3 Restrictions. However no entry will be permitted. I will be available by phone or email during office hours which are 9 am – 4 pm.

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



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.

Parish Nursing

Book Club Members – the February Book you have chosen to read is available at the Parish Center. Please stop by and sign it out.

Book Club ZOOM Feb 8th

Pastoral Council Notes:

- Pastoral Council meeting February 9th.
- New: you can reach out to Pastoral Council by e-mail at olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com
- Pastoral Council will be leading a book study during lent. Book and sign up will be announced soon.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP

Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!

Our Lady of Peace Parish, in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency, is pleased to announce that a tax preparation clinic will be provided (**Free of Charge**) to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation. Due to **COVID** concerns, all sessions will be performed **non-contact means**.

The tax preparation service will commence **March, 2022**.

Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment** to prepare your income tax and benefit returns.

The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex situations** such as: returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business rental income or expenses.

Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton** for further information at 506-261-7600 or linton21@outlook.com.

Mass Intentions

This is a Catholic practice that provides parishioners with **one of the greatest acts of charity** that you may request. Mass intentions are encouraged throughout the year, which may be offered for: a deceased loved one; a living person who is sick or suffering; a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life.

A Mass Card will be provided to send to comfort relatives, friends and loved ones. The Mass intention is supported by a **donation** of \$10 and arrangements for the date, time and church may be scheduled in person at the Parish Office, through the Parish email, or by calling 444-6010

Ministry Schedule Week of February 5th & 6th

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener, Bonnie Bowlen, Vicky Knight	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford, Tracy Horsley, Marilyn Brennan, Darren Richard
Lector	Mary Anne vanOostwaard	Betty McNeil

Our Sacred Stories

Trying to Figure It Out: Our Life-long Quest for God Among Us

In 2007, Sister Elizabeth A. Johnson published a wonderful book entitled *Quest for the Living God: Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God*. Its title might in some ways be intimidating. But its aim and what Sr. Johnson presents is really quite timely and very readable. It speaks to everyone's shared need to figure out who we are and how we relate to all that is around us.

Many years ago, I dropped in on a soccer game in which one of my nephews was playing. After trying to spot Andrew, I finally found him with some of his team mates. They were off the field, crouched on the opposite sidelines examining an anthill. These 6 year-olds were intrigued by what they had discovered. At every stage in our lives, from the smallest child to the wise elderly, we find ourselves trying to "figure it out". We are "seekers" by nature.

For the person of faith, whether we are firm or struggling in that faith – and let's be honest, we are all a little bit of both, our search to find God among us is part of our life journey. The Gospels are replete with stories of such seekers, trying to "figure it out".

As Luke describes Jesus beginning his mission, he tells the story of Jesus going to his hometown of Nazareth and entering the synagogue (Luke 4:21-30). The people listen as he reads from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Is. 61:1-2). As he speaks about the passage, they find what he says difficult and get upset. Jesus especially challenges them with his comment that what Isaiah proclaimed is in fact now being fulfilled. Finding God among them is a challenge. As much as they honoured the prophets like Isaiah, they often struggled with what the prophets proclaimed. They could not handle seeing God so closely among them. It is no easy task to recognize how God relates to us and how we relate to God.

In our current world the great tendency is to see God at the peak of a triangle, the authority, the judge, the all-powerful one who is far from our humanity and our circumstances. This is a concept of God that developed in the 17th & 18th century and gave what is termed "modern theism". Such a God is above us and beyond us in the created universe. This is a God who is far from us. Our quest is to find the God who is close and relatable and lives among us.

This relatable God lies at the core of our Christian faith. The writer of the first letter of John captures this: *Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.... So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.* (1 John 4:7, 16)

In our Catholic tradition we often begin our communal and our personal prayer with a blessing: *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*. This is not just an empty expression or a meaningless rote ritual. In fact, it is an expression of our relationship with our God who is love. Out of love God gave and gives us life. Out of love God reached out and came among us in the person of Jesus the Christ. And out of love God continues to be among us in the power of the Spirit.

This is the Good News that Jesus preached in his mission. It is the mission that he has passed on to every disciple and it is the center of our scriptures, our creeds and our life of prayer and action. Paul, writing to the Christian community in Corinth expresses the aim of our quest, who we really are, around the world: *Now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love* (1 Cor.13:13).

How am I doing with my quest for the living God in my life?

John Jennings

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time