

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

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Churches & Mass Times



St. Anthony's Church

603 Union St.

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Saturdays at 4:00 PM Mass Time Sundays at 1:30 PM

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday April 2nd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Henry & Barry Anderson

Wednesday April 3rd 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Vocations to Priesthood

Thursday April 4th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Kay Trevors

Friday April 5th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Anna & Frank Walsh & Michael Walsh

Saturday April 6th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

Douglas Hughes

Sunday April 7th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's

Fr. Monte Peters

Sunday April 7th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Mass For The People

St. Patrick's Church

31 Main St.

Stanley, NB

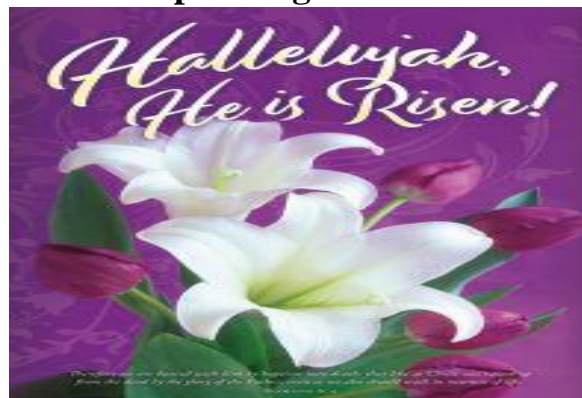
St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

Upcoming Events



HAPPY EASTER

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Mar 24, 2024		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	\$ 4,851	Offertory	\$ 4,851		
Capital Infrastructure	35	Budget Needs	(5,255)		
Special Collections	315	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (404)		
Other	300	Year-to-Date		Contributions	
Total Contributions	\$ 5,501	Offertory	\$ 62,987		
		Budget Needs	(63,060)		
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (73)		

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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Ministry Schedule April 6th & April 7th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, George Fernandez & Darren Richard
Eucharistic Minister	Theresa Donaher	Betty MacNeil & Mary Fitzpatrick
Altar Servers	Ken Harris	Reign & Isiah Bonaventura Samuel Alfaro, Will Horsley & Luke McDonald
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Terry Murphy & Pam Shields
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey

Our Lady of Peace Parish Adoration Schedule

Thursdays at 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church before 12:00 pm Mass *

Fridays at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church before 10:00 am *

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church (1 hour) * If Mass is cancelled so is Adoration.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP 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. The tax preparation service will commence **March, 2024**. Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton (unavailable from Mar 19 to Apr 3rd)** for further information at 506-261-7600 or email lintons21@outlook.com.

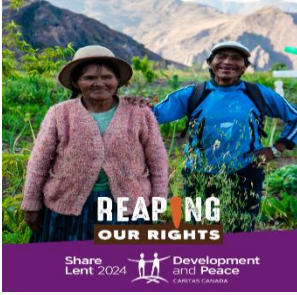


Divine Mercy Sunday – Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church. In the 1930's, Jesus asked St. Faustina Kowalska to establish a "Feast of Mercy" to be celebrated the 1st Sunday after Easter. To prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday it is suggested that parishioners pray the Divine Mercy Novena from Good Friday, March 29th to Saturday, April 6th. The novena can be accessed online at www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena

Meeting for Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference ~ Sunday, March 24th at 6:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church Hall. Are you a high school youth (entering grade 9 in fall of 2024 up to 2024 graduates) looking for a unique faith experience this summer? The Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference may be for you! At the conference teens experience three days of amazing speakers, have the opportunity for worship, get empowered to live on mission after the conference and enjoy the fellowship of hundreds of teens who share the same Catholic faith. The Conference takes place July 5th to 7th on the campus of St. Mary's University in Halifax. If you are interested in attending the conference please contact Patty at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.

Our Parish Children are a Blessing! ~ On Sunday, April 28th, 21 children will receive their 1st Eucharist at the 11:00 am Mass at St. Theresa's Church. We are planning a special celebration for the children and their families after the Mass, and we are looking for help from parishioners with providing sandwiches and helping with the reception. If you are able to make sandwiches for the celebration or help, please contact Debbie Heustis at djheustis@gmail.com. As the children complete their preparation for 1st Eucharist, please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024!



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *Reaping our Rights* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected [\$1,733.00]. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

A Heartfelt Thank You!

This Lenten season collections to support the good work of local organizations in our community have taken place weekly. Your support for these organizations has been overwhelming and the parish is grateful for your generosity. Together we have been able to make generous donations of goods and financial support to help those in need in our community.

Women in Transition

\$1,530.00 in gift cards

Women in Transition provides a safe and confidential shelter for up to 19 women and their children in our community fleeing abuse.

Fredericton Community Kitchen

99 cans of coffee

Each month the Fredericton Community Kitchen serves 16,000 meals to adults and children in our community through various programs.

The 12 Neighbours Community

\$3,000.00 cash donation

The 12 Neighbours Community provides safe, affordable and permanent housing in their tiny home community, offers personal development support and progressive employment opportunities that help people learn grow and succeed in re-entering the workforce.

Fredericton Food Bank

190 packages of pasta and 165 cans of pasta sauce

Each month the Fredericton Food Bank provides 1900 food hampers of essential groceries to families in need.

Social Work Department at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital

\$1,130.00 in gas gift cards (not final total)

Everyday social workers meet with families struggling with the cost of travel to and from the hospital.

Together we can make a difference in our community!

CWL Notices

CHARITY

Catholic Women's League councils provide an opportunity for others to contribute monetary aid through fundraising activities that create awareness and community building. Be part of this organization that gives to others.



CWL are preparing a Beautiful Mother's Day Basket to raffle off. Tickets will be available soon. \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. See next weeks bulletin for more details.

**Our Sacred Stories—Passion Sunday:
Easter: Season of New Life and Rebirth for Jesus....and for Us**

“[He] suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead.” (Apostles Creed)

Easter takes us through an entire season of rebirth and new life. Beginning with Good Friday and lasting until the Feast of Pentecost our Christian community celebrates the core of our faith, the Paschal Mystery. It is the feast expressing the passing of Jesus from death to new life. The words of our Apostles Creed express our faith in this part of the Christian story. What we might miss is that it is also the passing of ourselves from death to new life.

The resurrection stories in the Gospel present the disciples and friends of Jesus, the crucified one seeking him at the tomb, among the dead. They do not find him there. Nor would they find him in any place that represents domination, death, violence, greed, oppression and bondage. They would find him in the places of life and light, liberation and peace. This is where the risen one is to be found.

The resurrection sends Jesus back into the world. His resurrection proclaims that there is life after death, there is hope and promise. The power of evil, oppression and bondage is broken. The world and humanity are given new life.

What we may not realize is that like the risen Jesus, we too are sent back into the world, again and again. Despite all our many experiences of evil and failure in our own lives, our falling short in our calls to love and cherish one another – these “small deaths of our own do not define us. We are called to rise again, and again. As we do so, we bring the risen one with us. We carry Jesus into our world of families and friends, of commerce, economics and politics. We carry him into the places of oppression, bondage and poverty, of violence and suffering. As Jesus, we carry the resurrection and its hope. We bring what the risen one brings – PEACE. This is the Good News – we believe in the possibility of new life for all.

The spiritual writer, Carlo Carretto in “Blessed Are You Who Believed” describes the presence and power of the risen Jesus that we welcome into our lives and that we bear into our world. It is lived faith for us.

When you forgive your enemy, when you feed the hungry, when you defend the weak,
you believe in the resurrection.

When you have the courage to marry, when you welcome a new-born child,
when you make a home together,
you believe in the resurrection.

When you wake at peace in the morning. When you sing to the rising sun.
When you go to work with joy,
you believe in the resurrection.

The resurrection is for all. The promise of new life, of hope and healing, of peace and liberation is for all. The risen life of Jesus can take flesh and come alive in us.

John Jennings
Easter

St. Anthony's Shawl Ministry



Do you or someone you know need the comfort of a Beautiful Shawl? Our Prayer Shawl Ministry have been busy and have finished beautiful shawls and stocked the shelves at the Parish Office. There are many colors to choose from and all have been blessed at the Touched by Cancer Masses. Stop in during Office Hours and have a look.

Capital Region Mental Health & Addictions Annual Dinner and Auction ~ Friday, April 19th at 6:00 pm at Kingswood Lodge. Tickets \$75.00 are available at www.crmha.ca



Easter Message from Our Pastor

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

This ancient Paschal greeting is not only a way of Christians to greet one another with the joy of the risen Lord, but it also serves as a reminder to us that the resurrection is not a distant reality but indeed, is alive for us today. St. John Paul II once proclaimed “We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through His own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of His Paschal Mystery – the mystery of His Death and Resurrection. We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!” As we lit the Easter candle last night, we prayed: “May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.” In other words, may we remember that Christ has paid the price and won the ultimate victory, that nothing else can ever define us, and nothing else can ever have control over us.

Today's readings reveal that we view Easter in terms of personal conversion. They help us understand Easter as the transformation experience of Jesus, which is to become the transformation experience of Christians. The empty tomb is the invitation to a fuller life. Easter Sunday is not intended to be a quiet reflection on the emptiness of the tomb. Rather, it is the recalling of Jesus' transformation that calls for conversion in our lives. All of us are to become cornerstones. Those who labor for the transformation of the poor, the indigent, and the disenfranchised are the new stone of the empty tomb, announcing the defeat of death and the victory of the truly human life Jesus won for us on the cross.

Thank you everyone who made the Holy week Liturgies so amazing, thanks to those who contributed to it. Special thanks to our Church decorators, that made our Church and Altars look so beautiful, Altar servers, Ushers, Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, to our amazing choir for all their angelic voices this week. My special thanks to all the committee members and staff, every one of you. Thanks for your time, treasure, and talents.

And to you, my fellow parishioners, **MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS PRESENCE AND GENEROSITY** to our parish. Without your time, talent, support, and generosity, it would be difficult for us to accomplish all we do here in the parish. I appreciate all of you ~ continue to be the greatest gift to your parish! Thanks for your Lenten outreach this year. It was awesome. I pray that the Risen Christ who conquered death will remove any fear or doubt and bring you and your family great love, unity, and peace of mind. May the Risen Lord be a living experience to you, pervading every aspect of your life, blessing you, strengthening you, inspiring you, guiding you and supporting you in all you do!

Fr. Maria