

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

BULLETIN

Sunday, August 2nd - 18th Sunday of 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 8:45 am



St. Theresa's Church

1 William St.
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Online Mass

Sunday at 11:00 via Facebook Live

Distribution of Holy Communion

For those who can't attend Mass

Sunday from 12:00 to 12:15 pm St. Theresa's

August 25th

CWL Bursary Application Deadline

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

No week day Masses until

Tuesday, August 11th

Saturday, August 8th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

Lydia and Jude Melanson

Sunday, August 9th 8:45 am - St. Patrick's Church

Jo-Anne Colford

Sunday, August 9th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Hazel Munn

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory – July 26th, 2020

Sunday Contributions:	\$2,436.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,907.00</u>
Total:	\$4,343.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,860.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$1,517.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 225.00
Special Collections:	\$
Other:	\$ 150.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$152,949.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$175,800.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 22,857.00)

Information inquires should be directed to:

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WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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news and weather cancelations!



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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Fr. Maria Arokiam

The parishioners of Our Lady of Peace are pleased to welcome you as our paths meet on this journey of faith and discipleship. Our parish is a diverse community with a large variety of formation programs initiatives and activities. We are still in the early stages of discovering the gifts that each of the three churches of St. Anthony's, St. Patrick's and St. Theresa's have to offer each other. We are looking forward to having you join us and sharing your gifts on our journey of creating a vibrant faith filled community that is inclusive to all.

Pastoral Council

On behalf of the parishioners of Our Lady of Peace

A Little About Fr. Maria...

I'm Fr. Maria Arokiam, was born in a small village called Thennur, in the state of Tamilnadu, India. I have four brothers, three sisters and my father. I'm the youngest of all in my family. My mother died three years ago while I was serving in the parishes of Sts. John and Paul and St. Francis of Assisi. My home parish was Annai Lourdu (St. Lourdes) which is the soil of many vocations to religious along my neighbouring Parish in the diocese of Kumbakonam. I attended Mamari Thuvakka Palli (St. Mary's) elementary school. I went to Don Bosco high school then to the Seminary in Andhra Pradesh where I studied one year of English training and a year of spiritual orientation course and three year of Philosophy. After which I was sent to pastoral training. By the request of my provincial in 2019 I was sent to Tanzania to study theology at St. Augustine's seminary, Peramiho. I was ordained on June 30, 2013, spent 3 years as the parish priest of St. Columba, Ifakara (Tanzania) and director of Divine Mercy Home for orphans and seniors and then traveled to Canada. I was assigned as administrator of Sts. John and Paul and St. Francis of Assisi, Lincoln, during my time Sts. John and Paul was merged to St. Mary Magdalene Parish which includes the churches of St. Dunstan and St. Columba.

I have some experience with Fr. Bill with whom I worked two years as Pastors in Solidum. Hopefully I can learn from you all to correct my mistakes in Our Lady of Peace. I know you would accept me as your pastor and work together on our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. Please pray for one another to work as one parish of Our Lady of Peace.

Fr. Maria Arokiam

Parish Visit by Bishop Reisbeck

Bishop Reisbeck is scheduled to visit Our Lady of Peace Parish the weekend of August 15th at 16th to celebrate Mass at each of our three parish churches and install Fr. Maria as our new pastor.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION UPDATE

Online registration for Kindergarten to Grade 8 Religious Formation and Confirmation Preparation (Grade 9) is now open.

After receiving parent feedback, the parish has decided to proceed with a combination online/in person program this fall. Details can be found on our website.

Families from ALL three churches are invited to register and join! Please note that to receive 1st Eucharist children must be registered and attending sessions beginning in the fall. Feel free to pass this information on to any families that may be interested.

**To register go to
www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca**

Early registration will help us prepare materials and volunteers.



You are asked to wear a mask as you approach the church buildings. Once Mass has started you may remove your mask while you are seated.

6-foot distance is required while sitting in pews if you are not seated with family.

Thank you for your continued cooperation!



Online Mass Times Sunday at 11:00 am Facebook Live

Recording of Mass will be posted on our website for those who can't access Facebook.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen*

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION IN CHURCH PARKING LOTS

To provide Communion to those parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person we will have distribution of Holy Communion this Sunday at:

St. Theresa's Church after Mass to 12:15 pm

We encourage our parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person to watch Mass at home online at 11:00 am and then make their way to one of the church sites if they wish to receive Communion.

Attention High School Graduates ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish, St. Theresa's CWL, is offering a \$700.00 bursary to any high school graduate continuing their education. Applications are available on the parish website www.ourladyofpeacefredericton. Application deadline is August 25th.

This week Our Lady of Peace Parish Sanctuary Lamps are lit for:

St. Anthony's Church
Joey Patrick Searson
St. Theresa's Church
Sherwood Billings



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Beginning Monday, July 6th to August 31st the parish office will be closed on Mondays. Irene and Patty will be available during office hours (9:00 am to 4:00 pm) Tuesdays to Friday.



The parish is excited to offer to parishioners a valuable resource to explore the Catholic faith!

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What does the Horsley Family say about FORMED?

"We've had a family subscription to FORMED for the past couple of years and couldn't be more thrilled that Our Lady of Peace Parish is now offering this incredible resource to all parishioners!"

"With no shortage in content of "all things Catholic", there is truly something to entertain and stimulate growth in understanding and practice of faith regardless of your age or the state of your faith journey."

The Horsley's recommends ~ Tracy recommends downloading an audio "Talk" or audio drama and listening while you go out for a walk. Steve is currently watching *"Into the Breach"*, and Will enjoys *"Ryan Defrates: Secret Agent"*.

Have you tried FORMED yet? We received this email from a parishioner this week... *"Thanks for organizing Formed. I can't stop watching it; I am thoroughly enjoying it."*

Let us know if you have watch and enjoyed a show on FORMED!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF AUGUST 4TH TO AUGUST 9TH

St. Anthony's – Tuesday @ 7:00 pm		St. Theresa's – Wednesday @ 7:00 pm
Screeners/Ushers	No Mass	No Mass
Lector		
St. Anthony's – Thursday @ 10:00 am		St. Theresa's – Friday @ 12:00 pm
Screeners/Ushers	No Mass	No Mass
Lector		
St. Anthony's – Saturday at 4:00 pm		St. Theresa's – Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners/Ushers	Allie Hicks Mary Feener Bonnie Bowlen	Mary Fitzpatrick Richard Butts Martin Colford
Lector	Cathy Bowlen	Allison Wrynn

Jesus and the Wonder of the Kingdom

The corona virus has impacted us in many ways – the need to isolate, to physically distance, to wear a mask at times, the importance of washing our hands frequently, the anxiety of not knowing when it will end, to name only a few. It is not easy for us, but we are in this together.

Perhaps though it is also important for us to consider how the virus may have lasting benefits for us as a society. One of the benefits may be that we are discovering how much our communities and relationships mean for us and the need we all have to value and pay attention to each other. All those demands are not just to protect ourselves. They are to protect others. The separations of our current life and the kindness we express for others, these are all small recognitions of how much we mean to each other. Indeed, we are in this together.

This recognition that others mean a lot to us may well enrich us after the threat of the virus has eased. The new normal may be more caring, compassionate and close communities. We may come out of it realizing we are still together to the benefit all. Throughout this time, we may well be living a better image of God's reign among us – reign of love and peace, compassion and care among all. What a miracle, what a wonder for humanity!

Looking at the stories of Jesus in the gospels, did you ever notice how often Jesus is presented speaking to crowds? Sometimes they are hostile (Pharisees), sometimes, friendly (disciples), often they are in need, searching for something. The gospel story this Sunday (Matt.14:13-21) is a story of Jesus' encounter with a crowd in need... and his response.

As the story unfolds, we see that as so often happened, Jesus sought to find a quiet place, but a large crowd of people followed him. As always, he had compassion for their needs and cured many. When evening came, his disciples advised him to send the crowd to the surrounding towns for food. Jesus responded to this advice by saying: "You give them something to eat." This confused his friends and they exclaimed that they had nothing to give.

What did Jesus do? In a wonder-filled way Jesus showed them how to respond to this need. He gathered the crowd and proceeded to bless the food that was available and then had his disciples distribute it among the people. As it turned out, there was more than enough to feed all and with some left over. What is the miracle here? Perhaps there are various ways to identify the wonder in the story.

Of course, there is the way that might first come to mind. Jesus performed a "miraculous" act of producing food where there had been none. It was a truly divine act of creation from nothing, a suspension of the laws of nature.

Perhaps, however, what took place was an even greater wonder or miracle and one which did not suspend the laws of nature. Could it be that the true miracle was one of God touching the hearts and hands of the crowd? As Jesus pursued his mission and message of the Kingdom of God, the people were so moved that they began to share food with one another so that all were fed. There was in fact more than enough to feed everyone. Such a vision of love, care and sharing is a taste of God's reign.

In the midst of the virus, perhaps we can find reign of God among us. Transformed, we become the humanity God intends us to be. In such a miracle, God can touch the hearts and hands of all our world. The reign of God comes alive. What a kingdom! What a miracle! What a wonder

Question ~ What can I do to bring God's Kingdom into my own place in the world?

John Jennings