

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*"Three Churches One Faith Community"*

## Bulletin

**Sunday, March 13th, 2022 – Second Sunday of Lent**

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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

**Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm**  
**Touched by Cancer Mass**

**Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> 9:45 am**  
**Family Faith Formation -**

**Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon**  
**St. Theresa's CWL – Meeting**

**Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Parish Nursing Quilt Fundraising Draw**

### Mass Times & Intentions

**Tuesday, March 15th 12:00 am - St. Theresa's Church**  
**Donald Keoughan**

**Wednesday March 16th 10:00 am St. Anthony's**  
**Mary McEvoy**

**Thursday, March 17th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's**  
**Jack Weatherhead**

**Friday March 18th 7:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church**  
**Touched by Cancer Mass**

**Saturday, March 19th, 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church**  
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**Sunday March 20th 1:30 pm - St. Patrick's Church**  
**Patrick & Mary Gallagher**

**Sunday, March 20th 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 Mar 6th, 2022	
Sunday Contributions:	\$2,944.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,978.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,922.00</b>
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,000.00
<b>Excess (Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ (78.00)</b>
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 795.00
Special Collections:	\$ 2350.00
Other:	\$ 103.00

Year-to-Date	
Offertory:	\$ 43,458.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
<b>Excess (Shortfall):</b>	<b>(\$ 6542.00)</b>
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](http://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

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

On Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> the province of New Brunswick will remove all remaining COVID restrictions, including use of masks, physical distancing and reduced capacity in our church buildings. As COVID restrictions are removed we would like to acknowledge that parishioners will have different comfort levels as we return to celebrating Mass as we did prior to COVID and we ask for everyone's patience and kindness as parishioners assess their own level of risk and comfort.

Although no longer mandated, we encourage the continued use of masks in our church buildings for your protection and the protection of our vulnerable parishioners, those too young to be vaccinated and those with underlying health conditions. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available and you are asked to use it as you enter the church and before receiving communion.

Please continue to monitor your health and make the decision to attend/not attend Mass accordingly. Your cooperation and understanding as we return to pre-COVID restrictions is very much appreciated.

Bishop Christian Riesbeck has issued a letter to the Diocese regarding the removal of COVID restrictions. Copies of letter are included in this week's bulletin and on our parish website.

### 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.*

### 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. 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](mailto:linton21@outlook.com).

There will be a regular meeting of the CWL on Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in St. Theresa's Church Hall. All ladies of Our Lady of Peace are welcome to attend.

**CWL Bursary!** Attention High School Graduates. St. Theresa's CWL is offering a \$700.00 bursary to any high school graduate continuing their education. Applications are available on the bulletin board at the back of each Church or thru the link on the parish website at Our Lady of Peace. Deadline for applications is Aug 25, 2022

**(Late entry) CWL Executive** are requesting members to answer Roll Call with donations of canned meat or Fish on March 20th for Greener Village Food Bank.

### Development & Peace

#### Madagascar: an ecological village to cope with climate change



Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign celebrates what solidarity can achieve, even against seemingly impossible odds.

In Madagascar, for instance, Development and Peace's partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), empowers people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods.

In the capital region, which is afflicted by flooding and poor waste management, CDA has helped the residents of one vulnerable area to turn their environs into a thriving ecological village. Today, each of the 50 households involved in the project has a vegetable garden, a stove and solar panels. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion.

Watch the video at [devp.org/lent/act](http://devp.org/lent/act).



## Pastoral Council Notes

### Support for Ukraine

Pastoral Council is currently looking at different opportunities for our parish to help the people of Ukraine. Please join pastoral council in prayer for Ukraine.

#### **Prayer For Ukraine**

**Loving God,**

***We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.***

***We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide  
their choices.***

***We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.***

***May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.***

**Amen.**

If you would like to make a personal donation to support Ukraine we suggest the following websites as trustworthy.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress & Canada Ukraine Foundation: <https://www.cufoundation.ca>

Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.ca>

#### **Remember**

You can reach out to Pastoral Council at any time by e-mailing

[olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com](mailto:olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com)

#### **Ukraine Emergency Appeal**

Development and Peace has initiated an Emergency Appeal to assist the crises in Ukraine. Parishioners who wish to assist financially can go on the D&P webpage, [devp.org](http://devp.org), or call Toll Free : 1-888-664-3387. There is also detailed information available at the following location: <https://www.devp.org/en/blog/our-ukraine-emergence-fundraising-ga/>. The people of Ukraine certainly need our assistance; and D&P sincerely Thank You for any assistance you can provide. For further information and/or clarification, please call Allison Wrynn at 506-470-9390.

# Lent



**Lenten Reflection Books** are available at each church. *"Come to the Light"* and *"Growing in Grace"* are perfect to accompany adults on their Lenten journey and *"Abundant Mercy"* provides family devotions and activities that will open hearts to receive God's overflowing kindness and forgiveness. Due to shipping delays and limited supplies we did not receive all our ordered books. **To ensure everyone can have a book, please choose only one of the adult books to take home. If we receive more books, we will put them out.**

**Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service** ~ Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church.

**Lenten Retreat with Sr. Karen** ~ Save the date! Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

**Stations of the Cross** ~ resources will be available at each church for individuals and families to pray the stations of the cross after each mass Tuesday at St. Theresa's Church; Wednesday at St. Anthony's Church and after regular weekend Mass times.

Please feel free to use the booklets and return them when done.

***Please watch the bulletin for more  
Parish Lent activities.***

#### **Touched by Cancer Mass**

**Our Lady of Peace "Touched by Cancer Mass" celebrated at St. Anthony's Church is for all those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer. All are welcome to attend on Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH:** All are invited to a special Mass for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 9:00 am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. For those unable to attend in person this Mass will be livestreamed via our diocesan Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofSaintJohn>. Come join us as we honour the Patron Saint of the Universal Church and of Canada and mark the 8-year anniversary of Bishop Riesbeck's ordination to the episcopate. Saint Joseph – pray for us!

**Parish Nursing Ministry** Do any of you have puzzles you have put together and taken apart and stored?? Well we are having a PUZZLE MANIA and are looking for donations of puzzles. A box will be put in each church for you to donate some puzzles. Thank you in advance.

## Ministry Schedule Week of March 19th & 20th

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford, Tracy Horsley, Darren Richard
Lector	Greg Feener	Aloysia Adimaulor

### Our Sacred Stories

#### Transfiguration: Seeing with the Eyes of Faith

The Second Sunday of Lent each year takes us to an episode in the Gospels that is referred to as the *transfiguration*. Peter, James and John go up on a mountain (or a hill) with Jesus. There, Jesus is *transfigured* before them. This story appears in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. This year we hear Luke's version. (Luke 9:28-36) What is this all about?

The story of the *transfiguration* is one of those Gospel accounts that recognizes Jesus' relationship with the Father and the mission he has been given. It is an expression of how the disciples saw Jesus after the resurrection. The Gospel writers tell it at this point as a foreshadowing of the faith of the post-resurrection Christian communities. In short, it was seeing through the eyes of faith.

Christian faith calls us to see ourselves through the eyes of faith. At our baptism we are given the promise of eternal and risen life. At the same time we are called to be disciples of Jesus and to share the mission that Jesus had to build the Reign of God in the midst of our world.

As we listen to the Gospel story of the *transfiguration* we might note two elements of Luke's account. First of all, we can notice Peter's immediate response to the event. He wants to remain on that mountain. The experience is so satisfying that he does not want it to end. But it must, he and the other disciples have a mission. What the experience, what they see through the eyes of faith, is not just for them. They must share the Good News. This can only happen if they come down from the mountain with Jesus in order to build the Reign of God in the world.

The second element focuses their eyes of faith on Jesus himself. They must recognize the special relationship that Jesus has with the Father. They must see him as the Son, the chosen one. As they do this they then must listen to him. In listening, truly listening in faith, they will grasp the message of the Good News. It is a message of love and hope for all humanity and it is in sharing this that they will be disciples of Jesus.

These eyes of faith are our own. They allow us to do as the disciples were called to on that mountain. Like them we have a call to discipleship. With our eyes of faith we begin to see that we have a special relationship with Jesus and through Jesus to the Father. We are truly God's People, the adopted daughters and sons of God, beloved and cherished by our God who is parent to us.

As God's beloved people, we have a call to our world and all humanity. The Good News that we recognize through the eyes of faith is the message we take to our world. All humanity is seen as God's holy people. All of our world is God's sacred gift and we are called to cherish and care for this creation we have been given. As Jesus was *transfigured* to reveal the glory of God present to the disciples, so we are to reflect this same glory of God in ourselves and to see it in all creation.

John Jennings

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent