

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday Sept 17th 2023 –24th 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 23rd 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Elizabeth Quinn

Sunday Sept 24th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Mass for the People

Sunday Sept 24th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Joan Daley

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.

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

Sept 17th St. Theresa's
Sacrament Preparation Parent Meeting
After 11 am Mass
October 1st St. Theresa's
1st Family Faith Formation Session

Truth and Reconciliation Week

Join us September 25th to 29th - 2:30 to 3:20pm in St. Theresa's meeting room. to participate in daily webinars featuring a range of speakers and topics, facilitated by the National Center for Truth and Reconciliation

See page 3 for details

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Sept 10, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$ 5,615	Offertory	\$ 5,615
Capital Infrastructure	180	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	50	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 360
Other	220	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total	\$ 6,065	Offertory	\$ 189,931
		Budget Needs	192,140
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (2,209)

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 September 23rd & 24th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil & Janet Matheson
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Betty MacNeil & Marg Anderson
Altar Servers	Merla Spires	Miguel & Isiah Bonaventura, Kevin Fernandez, Lucas Daigle
Lector	Allison Wrynn	The Daigle Family
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick

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.

Family Faith Formation ~ our first Family Faith Formation session will be on Sunday, October 1st at 9:30 am at St. Theresa's Church Hall. All families with children in kindergarten to grade 7 are invited to attend. To help us plan please register online at <https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to-7>.

Prayers for our Sacrament Preparation Children and Youth ~ As our Sacrament Preparation programs begin, we ask parishioners to keep the 11 children preparing for 1st Eucharist and 7 youth starting Confirmation Preparation in your prayers.

Prayer for Sacrament Preparation

Loving God,
Pour out your blessing upon our beloved children,
that during this time of Sacramental preparation
they may grow closer to you,
and come to know your special love for them.
May this time of preparation be a time of blessing for them,
their families and our community,
and unite us all in your great love.
Amen.

Development and Peace

The Saint John Diocesan Council for Development and Peace--Caritas Canada will be holding a meeting on Saturday, Sept. 30, at St. Dunstan's Church, 120 Regent Street, Fredericton, (Mary Sullivan Room), beginning at 10 am to 2 pm. The Fall Campaign "Stand For the Land" will be presented by our animator Adah Ogbe. This meeting is open to all interested members and new comers. Plans for parish activities and distribution of some printed materials will be available. If you cannot attend in person, you can join the meeting via Zoom by pre-registering at the link below. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you with information and link to join the meeting on the 30th. Please take the opportunity to join us, in person or virtually, and find out about our plans for the Fall Action Campaign. Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qduuqqjsuG9Qyo-aMkxV521334_yGLNaY

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. As September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, please wear something orange if you can, either in person or if you are attending via Zoom.



On occasion a specific date is not available for a requested Mass Intention. Please consider having the Sanctuary Lamp burn in memory of your intention for seven days at Our Lady of Peace Parish. The cost is the same as a Mass Intention (\$10.00) and cards are available same as Mass Intention Cards.



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.

Do you know of someone who is sick and needs comfort? The Parish office has a great variety of Prayer Shawls available. Stop by during office hours and have a peek.

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Day 1: Indigenous peoples and the History of Residential Schools

Day 2: Unconscious bias and debunking stereotypes

Day 3: Intergenerational impacts and ongoing systemic discrimination

Day 4: Indigenous peoples' rights and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Day 5: Taking action toward Reconciliation.

Not able to join our parish community in viewing you can register on your own to participate in any of the webinars by visiting the National Center for Truth and Reconciliation website. <https://nctr.ca>

Our Sacred Stories – The Cross: Symbol of Love & Hope

One of the great symbols that we have in most of our churches and in many other spaces including our homes is the crucifix. This is an image that has the suffering Christ on the Cross. It represents the great sacrifice that Jesus made and the pain of that sacrifice. It says a lot about the Jesus of our faith. But it does not say it all. More importantly it may blind us to an even more important aspect of Jesus the Christ and of what he reveals about our God.

The crucifix only became a significant symbol for Christians quite late in Christian history. The early Christians and for more than the first 1000 years of our history had a different cross as symbol of their faith. It was a glorious cross, representing the resurrection and Jesus' victory over even death. Often it had no figure on it, frequently it was richly decorated and a stunning sign of the wonder of what God has shown through the risen Christ. This symbol expresses the full story of our salvation. That is, through the life, death **and** resurrection of Jesus. This is what we mean by the Paschal Mystery.

In the Gospels, Jesus reveals the unconditional, total love of God for us. In Jesus's words and actions, we repeatedly witness this love in real terms. Matthew expresses this (Matt 18:21-35). Peter asks how many times he should forgive a sister or a brother. Would 7 be enough? (In biblical language the number 7 was used to mean totality or completeness.)

Jesus' response is astounding. "Not seven time, but I tell you seventy-seven times." We must forgive and reconcile without limit. Our God loves us without limit, the model given us by Jesus is a love that is unceasing and as his disciples, that is our mission. In the name of the unceasing love we receive, we are to express it to others, all others. We are to be the face of God's love and mercy to our world.

But do we really believe this? Is this really how we see the God of our Christian faith. So often we still think and speak of a God who is primarily a judge, one who stands ever ready to measure and close the gates of heaven to us. To accept that all of us, every single human being is held in the palm of God's hand and that God will never let go of us, seems so difficult for us.

What our faith is really all about is expressed in two core beliefs, the Incarnation – that in Jesus, God has come and lives among us and the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection – where Jesus expresses how our God is saving and life-giving. Our faith holds to a God of steadfast love.

It may be difficult for us to understand this. It may be hard to accept it in our hearts and lives. It may be a struggle to let go of some of our ingrained images of God. But what the whole life and message of Jesus proclaimed is that God loves all of us unconditionally.

Perhaps we have to take this more seriously. God loves us with our goodness and our badness. God loves us as saints and God loves us as sinners. God loves us long before we commit any sin, and loves us long after we have sinned.

The medieval mystic Julian of Norwich (c.1343-1416) once described heaven like a banquet to which God has invited everyone. God is there in their midst, welcoming everyone, meeting and speaking with everyone and smiling at and with everyone. This is the God of unconditional love – no judging, no condemning. And if there is a big book with many names, it is not the book of judgement. It is the invitation list and it is infinite in its length, for it includes all. Can I live such a faith? Is my God that big?

John Jennings 24th Sun Ord Time

Bishop Dollard Council 1942, Knights of Columbus Antisemitism Presentation: Larry Finkelman will give a presentation on Antisemitism in New Brunswick and How to Stop it, on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 PM, at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no admission fee; however, donations to organizations fighting antisemitism will be accepted. Light refreshments will be provided.