Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin Sunday Aug 6, 2023 – Transfiguration of The Lord

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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 45 Royal Road Fredericton, NB Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Aug 8th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's John McAloon

Wednesday Aug 9th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's Joan Sherman

Thursday Aug 10th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's *****NO MASS*****

Friday Aug 11th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's Sandra "Weatherhead" MacLean Saturday Aug 12th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's Mass for the People

Sunday Aug 13th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's Fr. Jack Dolan

Sunday Aug 13th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's Andy Chaisson

Upcoming Events



Happy Birthday Alice Hamilton Member of Elite 90's Club

Parish Office will closed on Mondays until Fall. To accommodate Holidays for Irene.



Summer Bronze Rush Good Luck to all who choose to play See Details on your Bulletin Board.

The Bronze Rush runs continuous from July till September. One Month left to play.... **\$\$\$\$** adding up.. You can play more than once.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update Contributions July 23, 2023 Weekly 5,342 Offertory 5,342 Capital Infrastructure 80 **Budget Needs** (5,255)**Special Collections** 25 Excess (Shortfall) 87 Year-to-Date Contributions 380 5,827 Offertory 160,187 **Budget Needs** 160,610

Excess (Shortfall)

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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Faith Formation Registration is Open!

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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? Please help us spread the word. 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



Offertory

Other

Total

St. Anthony's Church Deceased Members of the Underhill & Hennessy Families

Offered by the Families

St. Theresa's Church Knapic & Baird Families Offered by Kaja

Ministry Schedule August 12th & 13th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson
Eucharistic Minister	Theresa Donaher	Janet Matheson & Marg Anderson
Altar Servers	Kelly Bowlen	Miguel & Isiahl Bonaventura, Vlad Gabe, Keven Fernandez
Lector	Mary A. van Oostwaard	Daren Richard
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey

Our Sacred Stories . Discipleship and Discovery

A number of years ago a couple of my friends embarked on a hike. This was not your everyday stroll. They set out on a trek that covered some 600km from southern France, over the Pyrenees, to Santiago de Compostela on the north western corner of Spain. They walked along a route that had been traveled by Christian pilgrims for more than 1000 years.

Over the course of several weeks, like the thousands of pilgrims before them, they saw places, met people and had experiences that they would never have had without this journey. Along the way, one of my friends wrote a continuous blog. Writing this blog was a way of sharing the journey with others. What became evident over the days was a movement of focus from the landscapes and people they encounter to what was happening within themselves. It was more than a simple hike, it was a pilgrimage, filled with insights and spiritual growth in many ways.

Those disciples who met and began to follow Jesus gradually discovered that this was not just meeting a person who was quite remarkable. They had met a master and teacher who would change their lives. Following him would effect change in their lives. This was no ordinary teacher or master, but one who would call for life-changes and would, in the end call them to share in his mission.

Matthew's Gospel points out the discovery the disciples had in the experience of what we call the *transfiguration* (Matt.17:1-9). Jesus took Peter, James and John and "led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,..." In the scriptures, mountains were often places of a close experience of God with us. In the Old Testament, the mountain of Sinai was where Moses experienced the presence of God (Exod.24:12-18). Through that experience at Sinai, Israel began to discover they were to be one people treasured by God.

The experience of the disciples was akin to what Moses experienced at Sinai during the Exodus. It was a moment discovery for the disciples. So great was the experience for Peter that he wanted to stay there. This was not possible. The wonder passed, while they came down from the mountain to continue and ultimately accept the mission of sharing Good News.

The story of the *transfiguration* may seem like the story of Jesus's connection with God who as a loving parent speaks from the bright cloud over shadowing them: "This is my Son, the Beloved;... Listen to Him." With this, the disciples who had wanted to build a shrine there, and keep the moment, were now filled with awe and fear, covering their faces. "But Jesus came up and touched them.... 'Stand up', he said, 'do not be afraid'". A touch of compassion in a moment of fear. Perhaps the *transfiguration* is more about the growing faith of the disciples than about Jesus the "Beloved Son". It is a story of transformation for the disciples.

Our own relationship with Jesus the Christ, is much like the disciples on that high mountain. This is the aim of spirituality and for disciples, it is the key to our relationship of faith with Jesus. Spiritual writers such as Ron Rolheiser, Joan Chittister and Richard Rohr express this key to a transforming discipleship. The spirituality they present is one that is marked by balance. It is founded on compassion and on openness. It is marked by prayer as a conversation with God in the midst of action in and for our world. Spirituality has us standing in awe of a God who loves us deeply like a parent and calls us to express the same for one another. The Spirit brings us out of the clouds and into action for humanity.

John Jennings

COME JOIN US FOR THE 100TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE SHRINE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, SKIFF LAKE, NB on AUGUST 13TH, 2023 (RAIN OR SHINE)

Celebration of outdoor Mass at 11 am Praying of Rosary at 1 pmHealing Service at 2 pm

Lunch follows Mass. Canteen available with sandwiches, hotdogs, sweets, pop, water available to purchase or bring a Picnic Lunch. For all, we will experience the symbols and languages in prayer and celebration of all of those who gather. Located at 413 Upper Skiff Lake Road, Route 122, Canterbury. Feel free to bring your own lawn chair.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast. Sunday, August 13th, 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 8.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 25.00. Everyone welcome.

Royal Road Construction Detour: Masses at St. Theresa's church will continue as scheduled during construction on Royal Road. Please allow for extra time to arrive before Mass begins and follow detour signs which will bring you to the parking lot via Primrose Ave., left onto Lombardi Lane then left onto William St.



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