

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin Sunday Feb 5th 2023 – 5th 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



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 Feb 10th Nerf Family Fun Night
See page three for details

Sunday Feb 12th CWL General Meeting
Following 11:00 Mass.
All Ladies are Welcome

Sunday Feb 19th Sunday Brunch
St. Theresa's Church Hall
Following 11:00 Mass, Everyone Welcome

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Feb 7th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Mary Catherine Savoie

Wednesday Feb 8th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Irene & Rheal Desroches

Thursday Feb 9th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Pat & Anna McGrath

Friday Feb 10th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Annette Maillet

Saturday Feb 11th 4:00 pm St. Anthony's
Lydia & Jude Melanson

Sunday Feb 12th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Mass for the People

Sunday Feb 12th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's
Deceased Members of Burke Family

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Jan 22, 2023

Sunday Contributions:	\$3,232.00
Auto Debit (average):	\$2,003.00
Total:	\$5,235.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 235.00
Capital Infrastructure	100.00
Special Collections	1,013.00
Other	170.00
Sub Total	1,238.00
Total	\$ 6,518.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 22,502.00
Budget Needs:	\$ 25,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$ 2,498.00)
Information inquires should be directed to:	
Frank O'Donnell 472-0145	
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg	
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Website & Social Media

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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news and weather cancelations!



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Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time,
talent and treasure. For all that you do, THANK YOU!

If you have a passion for wellness or just want to serve, we need your help!

As many of you know, our wonderful Parish Nurse retired last year, and many on that committee also left. We now need volunteers to help determine how to move forward and support those initiatives. We will be having short meetings on February 4th and 5th after each mass to solicit support and talk about next steps. Please consider helping to support this valuable initiative with a small commitment of your time.

Without dedicated volunteers, the parish will not be able to support new or legacy programs.



CWL NOTICE

During Lent, the Catholic Women's League will be leading "*Mary's Way of the Cross*"

every Tuesday, after the noon Mass at Saint Theresa's church.

The CWL will hold their General Meeting on February 12, 2023 in the Church Hall following the 11:00 Mass. All ladies are invited to attend and new members are always welcome.



Ash Wednesday Services

February 22nd

12:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church

5:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church

7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church



Eucharistic Adoration

. Adoration is a silent time for you to have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving or reparation, or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before the Lord. You can just sit quietly and say nothing, just keep Him company like you would a dear friend.

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

First Wednesday of the month 1:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church

** If a Friday Mass is not scheduled or cancelled, Adoration is also cancelled.*

Experience "The Chosen" (season 1) ~ Join us Tuesday evenings

(February 28th to April 4th) during Lent from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm as we watch and discuss season 1 of "The Chosen". We are excited to be able to offer parishioners two ways to participate, either in person at St. Theresa's Church or online via Zoom. **To register for in-person sessions**

or via Zoom please contact Patty Cameron at

pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or 444-6018 by February 21st. So that we can properly prepare we ask that you choose only one option for participation for the 6 week period.

"The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Christ. A charismatic fisherman struggling with debt. A troubled woman wrestling with demons. A gifted accountant ostracised from his family and people. In the ground breaking first season of "The Chosen" see how Jesus reaches each of these and more as He works His first miracles and embarks on His ministry to change the world. See Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.

Blessing of the Throats - Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of the Throats will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish after each Mass the weekend **Feb 4th and 5th**.

Who was St. Blaise and why do we bless throats?

Saint Blaise was a bishop and martyr that lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution.

On his feast (February 3rd) the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone.

The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. The candles are crossed against the throat, and the following prayer is said:

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Family Faith Formation ~ Because faith grows with those who are closest to us, Our Lady of Peace Parish offers "Family Style" Faith Formation for families with children in Kindergarten to Grade 7. Combining eight engaging in person family sessions with nine simple and practical at home sessions and family events that will focus on fellowship and community service, families will explore their faith in our parish community and most importantly at home.

Children in Grade 2 (and up) wanting to receive 1st Eucharist this year, families are asked to participate in Family Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation will take place throughout the year, beginning with preparing and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Throughout the year family events are scheduled for families to come together for fun and fellowship. Please watch the bulletin for event information.

Our next session is on Sunday, February 26th. To register for Family Faith Formation please visit www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to7 or contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or by phone at 444-6018.

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace ~ This weekend our parish children will gather for their final preparation and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will learn about the meaning of conversion and how a return to God's love is celebrated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parishioners are encouraged to reflect on their own experience with Reconciliation. Please pray for the children as they celebrate their 1st Reconciliation.

Nerf Family Fun Night! ~ Beat the winter blahs with a fun night of Nerf activities, Friday, February 10th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church Hall. Bring your own Nerf blasters. Darts and safety glasses will be supplied. Suitable for children from K to grade 7. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 8654.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer Service in on Friday March 3rd at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street at 2:00 pm. More info to follow in next weeks bulletin.

Weekday Masses

Please note that if Schools are closed due to a storm there will be no weekday Mass at either St. Anthony's or at St. Theresa's. This is for everyone's safety. The Mass intention scheduled will be said on another date.

Offertory Envelopes

Thank you for your co-operation in picking up your assigned envelopes. All parishioners including those who use the Auto-Debit have been issued a box of envelopes.

Are you new to our Parish and would like to be registered with us? Family Registration Forms are available at the entrance of the Churches. Please feel free to fill one out and drop it in the offertory basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Feb. 21st, 4 - 6 p.m. Menu: Sausages, Pancakes, Ham, Potato Scallop, baked beans, homemade brown bread and dessert. Tickets \$15/adult. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets!

Ministry Schedule Feb 11th& 12th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Janet Matheson & Betty MacNeil
Eucharistic Ministers	Theresa Donaher	Betty MacNeil & Janet Matheson
Alter Servers	Merla Spires	Kevin Fernandez, Vlad Gabe, Al & Joe Adimalor,
Lector	Ken Harris	The Daigle Family
Sacristan		Debbie Heustis

Our Sacred Stories Blessing: What Face Do We Show?

Our faces are remarkably the same. Every face has eyes, a nose and a mouth. But at the same time, they are remarkably different, different shapes, colourings and sizes. Most especially remarkable is the capacity for our face sometimes, to express what we are thinking and feeling. We do not always appreciate that the face we show can greatly affect others. It makes a difference and bring life to those around us and can even plant a seed that goes well beyond us.

On 11 April 2015 Pope Francis made a proclamation calling the whole Catholic community and indeed the whole of humanity to a Jubilee Year focusing on **mercy**. The title of his proclamation was *Misericordiae Vultus* [The Face of Mercy]. He began by stating the reason for this call: *Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.... Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father* (cf. Jn 14:9). *Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God* (MV 1).

What face do we show as a church and as a community? As individual Christians and as a community of Christian faith, what face do we reveal? St. Paul, writing to the Corinthian Christians issued a challenge (1Cor.2:1-5) telling them that what he revealed to them was not in "lofty words", but "with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power". In other words, by what he did more than by what he said.

The prophet, Isaiah expressed that same kind of declaration to Israel, calling for a faith that was real, lived and capable of effecting great change in God's People and the world. The action that Isaiah called for was justice and liberation, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, and reconciling and healing relationships. With such action comes light, to all, a peaceful healing light (Is.58:6-10).

In Matthews Gospel, the "Sermon on the Mount", chapters 5-7, offers the core of Jesus's teaching. It presents how Jesus modeled a way of life to the disciples. It is one thing to describe what we do as followers of Jesus. We are called to reach out and "do good" in our world. Such an expression of goodness is wonderful but is there more to it than "doing"? **The "more" is to recognize this is who we are.** It is not just service to others or kindness in the moment. It is our very identity, and how we want the world to be.

The images of salt and light proclaim that we bring who we are, our identity to our world and all we meet. We re-create the world we encounter, building God's plan, God's dream. Like salt and light, walking with other, experiencing life with them, we can be the face of Jesus, the face of the Beatitudes for others. As individual Christians and as a Christian community our face builds God's reign, a reign of justice and peace, of healing and reconciliation, marked by mercy, compassion and love for all. This is who we are. It is our face.

John Jennings
5th Sun Ord Time