

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

BULLETIN

Sunday, September 20th - 25th 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

Online Alpha

Thursday, October 1st at 7:00 pm

Wild Goose: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit

Monday, October 5th at 7:00 pm

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd 7:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

Mary Brennan

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd 7:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church

Leona Hayes

Thursday, Sept. 24th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church

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Friday, Sept. 25th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church

Aruldass Arputham

Saturday, Sept. 26th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

Arnold Gordon Polches

Sunday, Sept. 27th 8:45 am - St. Patrick's Church

Don MacDonald

Sunday, Sept. 27th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Jim Noble

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory – Sept. 13, 2020

Sunday Contributions: \$3,466.00

Auto Debit (average): \$2,029.00

Total: \$5,495.00

Weekly Budget Needs: \$5,860.00

Excess (Shortfall) (\$ 365.00)

Capital Infrastructure: \$ 205.00

Special Collections: \$

Other: \$ 100.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory: \$189,274.00

Budget Needs: \$216,820.00

Excess (Shortfall): (\$ 27,546.00)

Information inquires should be
directed to:

Frank O'Donnell 472-0145

(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener

472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Keep up to date on all activities,
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!***

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH Reconciliation Times

Fr. Maria is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the following times:

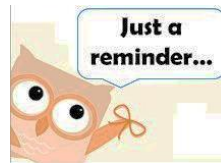
Saturdays at 3:30 pm at St. Anthony's Church
Sundays at 8:30 am at St. Patrick's Church
Sundays at 10:20 am at St. Theresa's Church

Or you may call the office to make an appointment.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 9:30 at St. Anthony's Church
Fridays 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church
Wednesdays 1:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church



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

Thank you for your continued cooperation!



Have you heard about Alpha?

When Bishop Christian visited us last month he talked about the Alpha program and how it can help revitalize parishes. Alpha is perfect for parents, people who have been away from the church, people who are exploring their faith and perfect for those wanting to renew or grow their relationship with Jesus. During the sessions we will be looking at some of the big questions in life – *Is there more to life than this? Why is there suffering? Why have faith?*

Alpha is an ecumenical program, so everyone is welcome! It is a safe place to express your thoughts and ask questions. **Our next course will start Thursday, October 1st online from 7:00 to 8:15 pm.**

Will you join us? and who will you invite?

To register please email:

pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

RELIGIOUS FORMATION UPDATE

**Sessions will begin Sunday, October 25th
with a Mass at 4:00 pm (Registered Families Only)**

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

Format for this year will be 3 online sessions from 9:30 to 10:30 am and the 4th session will be an in person dedicated Family Mass at 4:00 pm. Program materials will be distributed at the Mass.

Families from ALL three churches are invited to register and join! Please note that to receive 1st Eucharist and Confirmation children and youth 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**

FR. MARIA'S OFFICE HOURS

Fr. Maria is available Tuesdays and Fridays at the parish office from 9:30 am to Noon to meet with parishioners.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE WILD GOOSE

The Wild Goose: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit ~ Beginning Monday, October 5th. This faith formation study focusing on the Holy Spirit in our lives will meet online bi-weekly.

To register please email:

pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

PARISH GIVING

In addition to our parish envelope and auto debit program, parishioners are able to use E-Transfers for their parish giving.

E-Transfers can be done through on-line banking with your financial institution. Please send to **olpdonations@gmail.com**. If you need to add a secure question, please use:

- "What is this donation for?" and the answer "ourladyofpeace"

Envelopes can be dropped off at the pastoral center at 603 Union St. There is a mail slot in the door at the backdoor. Please do not leave envelopes in the mailbox at the front door.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office for assistance.

PARISH NURSING UPDATE

If you would like to return the activities at the Fredericton Indoor Pool you may continue to sign your name at the front desk to access the Parish Nursing Program.

This week's Gospel is Matthew 20:1-16

Owner of the Vineyard Matthew 20:1-16

Big Idea:
In the Upside-Down Kingdom of God,
Grace Not Fairness is the Standard.

MATTHEW

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- Select our parish by Our Lady of Peace Parish or entering our Postal Code – E3A 3N5
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Patty's Pick of the Week!

Full length feature film "*Freedom*". Two men separated by 100 years are united in their search for freedom. In 1856, slave Samuel Woodward and his family escape a plantation assisted on their journey north to Canada by the underground railroad. In 1748, John Newton, the captain of a slave trader, sails from Africa with a cargo of slave bound the America. One board is Samuel's great grandfather, whose survival is tied to the fate of Captain Newton. The voyage changes Newton's life forever and he creates a legacy that will inspire Samuel and the lives of millions for generations to come.

Have you tried FORMED yet? It is our GIFT to YOU!
Let us know what you have enjoyed on FORMED!

Book Launch ~ Father John Fraser will be coming to Fredericton (St. Dunstan's) on Monday, October 5th at 11:30 am to sell his book 'THE BIBLE THE HOLY LAND AND ME'. Books are \$20 each and can be pre-ordered by emailing Fr. Fraser at fraserjohn082@gmail.com or by calling the parish office 444-6001. The 212-page book tells of early encounters through school and college. The journey then takes you through the Holy Land and many experiences there. Many bible references are included.



The New Freeman is Online!

You can access the New Freeman at <https://www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org/news>

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22ND TO SEPTEMBER 27TH

St. Anthony's – Tuesday @ 7:00 pm		St. Theresa's – Wednesday @ 7:00 pm
Screeners/Ushers	Denyse Smart Elizabeth Walsh Marilyn Brennan	
Lector	John Walsh	Allison Wrynn
St. Anthony's – Thursday @ 10:00 am		St. Theresa's – Friday @ 12:00 pm
Screeners/Ushers	Merla Spires Ken Harris Sue Inkster	Mary Billings
Lector	Ken Harris	Betty MacNeil
St. Anthony's – Saturday at 4:00 pm		St. Theresa's – Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener Vicky Knight Bonnie Bowlen	Michelle McCann Janet Matheson Tracy Horsley
Lector	Greg Forsythe	Jeannette Cunningham

Our God: A Generous Loving Parent

Visiting a new mom as she cradles her new-born in the maternity ward. Watching the eyes of new parents as they gaze on their new child. On the street, hearing a mom speak to her 10-month old in a stroller. Seeing parents in a park as they see their 3-year old running in a circle. Observing a dad as he listens to the many “what is...; why are... and how does...” questions from his 5-year old. Later, experiencing the patience of a parent as they watch what their 13-year old does. Parents at their daughter's wedding. Grandparents as they first hold their grandchild. Wonderful images of real love, in life-changing ways. Reflections of God's generous love for us.

God is hard to describe in human language. The efforts we make to do so always fall short. About the best we can do is to describe God with the human qualities we have, just more of them. None of this, however, is satisfying. God is not us, not human. God does not judge, like we do. God does not demand our attention, like we do. God does not wait until we ask, like we do. God does not limit love, like we do, and so on, and so on.

God does, however, speak to us. The language of God is often best seen in what we experience, in the images that are all around us. The wonder of the universe, the amazing harmony that we sometimes see in Creation these are expressions of God's loving presence among us. The same we can notice in something so close to us as our own humanity. The evolution of humanity and the other creatures that surround us speak to us of the life-giving love of our God.

As well, God has spoken to us in the person of Jesus. This is one of the principal lessons from what we call the Incarnation. Our Scriptures repeatedly point out the significance of this wondrous act of God, as a sign of generous love. The Gospel of John has Jesus expressing this to Nicodemus, a leader of the community: “God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

At the center of Jesus message is the image of our God whose love is abundant, who gives generously. Take a careful look at the parable of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. (Matt.20:1-16) Jesus relates the story of a landowner who goes out at various times throughout the day in order to hire workers. At the end of the day, no matter what time they started work, all of them receive the same daily wage. It comes as a surprise to all and those who worked from the very start of the day complain that it was unjust. The response of the landowner is to point out his generosity.

This is a parable about the Kingdom of God. There is no limit or demand that God sets to enter the reign of God. It is all generosity and gift. This is our God. Any Christian community is called to reflect this reign of God. All are invited, all are to be welcomed with the same warmth into the Kingdom and into the community, even those who have drifted or turned away. Such a reign of God is a revelation of God's unconditional love.

There is no limit or restriction on God's love. There are no locked gates for the Kingdom of God. It is always a gift, given out of love. A Christian community is called to reflect and express this open and inclusive love. As communities of Christians, this is who we are – reflections of our God, a loving parent.

As a member of this Christian community do I express open and inclusive love to all?

John Jennings