

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday Sept 24th 2023 –25th 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 8:45 AM

#### St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

#### Mass Times & Intentions

**Saturday Sept 30th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**  
*Elizabeth Quinn*

**Sunday October 1st 8:45 AM St. Patrick's**  
*Charles Doherty*

**Sunday October 1st 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**  
*Mass for the People*

**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.**

#### Upcoming Events

##### Truth and Reconciliation Week

Join us September 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> - 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 17, 2023		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$ 3,156	Offertory	\$ 3,156
Capital Infrastructure	295	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Special Collections	25	Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (2,099)</b>
Other	209	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,685</b>	Offertory	\$ 193,087
		Budget Needs	197,395
		Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (4,308)</b>

*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](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

**Keep up to date on all activities, news and weather cancelations!**



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## Ministry Schedule September 30th & October 1st

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Daren Richard & Ed Theriault
Eucharistic Minister	Theresa Donaher	Deborah Allen & Mary Fitzpatrick
Altar Servers	Kelly Bowlen	Joe Adimalor, Miranda, David & Samuel Alfaro
Lector	Greg Feener	Pam Shields
Sacristan		Debbie Heustis

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca). For more information, contact Patty Cameron at (506) 444-6018 or [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

**Confirmation Preparation Parent/Youth Meeting** ~ Meeting for parents and youth beginning Confirmation Preparation this fall will be held on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> after the 11:00 am Mass at St. Theresa's Church. Program information and expectations will be discussed.

**Family Faith Formation** ~ our first Family Faith Formation session will be on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Thank you, Fr. John Jennings

Our Lady of Peace parishioners would like to thank Fr. John for filling in for Fr. Maria while he was on vacation for the past few weeks. His kindness in taking on this task, giving Fr. Maria a much-needed break from his daily responsibilities here, to spend time with his family in India, is a blessing to all.

Fr. John, we wish you rest and relaxation after the busy schedule you have had during your time with us.

**St Theresa's CWL** wish to thank members of the Knights of Columbus who helped with the setup & cleanup for our "Twilight Retreat". The retreat was a wonderful success with attendees from St. Stephen to Stanley. The food was delicious, the fellowship delightful and the presentation on "Our Lady of Guadalupe" by Graydon Nicholas was excellent. Thank you Graydon & Beth for sharing your gifts with us.

## 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/tZ0gduuqqjsuG9Qyo-aMkxV521334\\_yGLNaY](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0gduuqqjsuG9Qyo-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.

**Parish Outreach Update and Thank you!** Thank you to all parishioners for their generosity in contributing food items for our food drive for the Fredericton and the Stanley Just Friends Foodbanks. The Fredericton Food bank was running low and requested canned pasta sauce and meat. Through your contributions we were able to help restock their shelves with 85 cans of pasta sauce, 109 cans of tuna and salmon and 82 cans of meat. The Stanley Just Friends Foodbank from their requested items received 9 cans of pasta sauce, 6 cans of meat, 7 boxes of pasta and 10 mac and cheese. Once again, thank you for your kindness and compassion to those in need in our community. Please watch the bulletin and our Facebook page for our next requested items for collection.



**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 October 2nd. Still Lots of time to play. 20 + spots left**



**It is Knitting Time Again.** St. Anthony's Shawl Ministry will be starting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 – Surprised by God: Wonder

What a wonder-filled gift is the capacity to be surprised. Our lives are filled with such occasions, some awesome, many quiet and simple. Our region faced the wonder of wind, rain and amazing natural power in the tropical storm we experienced last weekend. Sure, there was threat and damage, but there was also wonder in a natural phenomenon that none of us could control.

At the same time, there was the quiet wonder which may have blessed us in the midst of the storm. Shortly after, I talked to mother whose son was married in the midst of the wind and rain. As he walked his mother down the aisle in the midst of the storm, she noticed the tears that were welling up in his eyes, tears of happiness. For all the confusion that surrounded the moment, the occasion was a blessing for the couple and for their families. Wonder comes in power. It also comes in love and in some quiet moments. Both are moments of God's wonder among 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's 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. Truly, our God is an amazing God – a God of wonder.

John Jennings

25<sup>th</sup> Sun Ord Time



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.

**DIOCESAN NEWS** The annual Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be taken up in parishes on September 23-24, 2023. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this important collection.