

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin

Happy Mothers Day
Woli Wikuwossit Kiskum
joyeuse fete des meres



Sunday, May 8th 2022 – 4th Sunday of Easter

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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

Upcoming Events

Sunday May 8th

Draw for the CWL Mothers Day Basket

Friday May 20th

Touched by Cancer Mass 7:00 pm

Monday May 23rd

Parish Office Closed “Victoria Day”

May 29th

Family Faith Formation “Brunch & Fun”

Mass Times & Intentions

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

**Saturday May 14th 4:00 pm St. Anthony's
Mass for the People**

**Sunday May 15th 8:45 am St. Patrick's
Elizabeth Quinn**

**Sunday May 15th 11:00 am St. Theresa's
Marie Shields**

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory May 1st, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$ 4,062.00
Auto Debit (average):	\$ <u>1,978.00</u>
Total:	\$6,040.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 1,040.00
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 815.00
Special Collections:	\$ 140.00
Other:	\$ 260.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 86,589.00
Budget Needs:	\$ <u>90,000.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 3,411.00)

Information inquires should be directed to:

Frank O'Donnell 472-0145
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener
472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca).

*Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. **For all that 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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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

Wondering what is happening in the parish?



Check out the parish monthly activity calendar available at each of our parish churches and online.

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

**Parish Announcements
For Everyone's Safety and Protection**

Now that COVID restrictions have ended we would like to acknowledge that parishioners will have different comfort levels and we ask for everyone's patience and kindness as parishioners assess their own level of risk and comfort.

Although no longer mandated, we encourage the continued use of masks in our church buildings for your protection and the protection of our vulnerable parishioners, those too young to be vaccinated and those with underlying health conditions. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available and you are asked to use it as you enter the church and before receiving communion.

Please continue to monitor your health and make the decision to attend/not attend Mass accordingly. Your cooperation and understanding as we return to pre-COVID restrictions is very much appreciated.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

** if there is no weekday Mass on Thursday or Friday, Adoration is also cancelled.*

Eucharistic Ministers ~ Now that COVID restrictions are lifted we would like to begin to use Eucharistic Ministers at Mass. If you were a Eucharistic Minister prior to COVID and would like to continue this ministry or if you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the parish office and leave your name and your preferred Mass/Church. We would like to have Eucharistic Ministers in place for Easter.

Puzzle Mania Full NO MORE Puzzles needed. Puzzles are available to sign out at St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's Church. All you do is look for a puzzle or two you would like to make, sign it out on the sheet, take it home and put it together. When you are finished and are able to, take a picture of your finished puzzle and send it to the Parish office and we will make a puzzle gallery to beautify our bulletin boards.

Free Event "Improve the Lives of Older Adults"

Showcase of Research & Community Resources. Wednesday May 11th at Delta Fredericton in person or on line. To register to attend in person call Julia at (506) 260-5016 or on line at the CFN-NCE.ca website. First come first serve.... Door prizes include IPADS, Gift Cards and more... In person exhibits are at 8 am, which include Breakfast, exhibits and demonstrations. For those not attending the full day, exhibits and demonstrations are at 5-6:30 pm See full size poster on the bulletin board for more information.

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.



**Washrooms and Other Renovations
At St. Theresa's Church.**

The first round of renovations have been completed which includes two gender neutral washrooms (one fully accessible,) flooring in the main entrance and the stairs to the church hall. More repairs are scheduled to fix a major leak in the roof and level the steps and sidewalk by the old rectory.

Although there are funds available in the capital reserve fund for St. Theresa's there is not nearly enough to cover the cost of the upgrades completed or ones yet to be done. Fr. Maria and the Finance Council approved a special fund raising campaign. There are specially marked envelopes at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to contribute to these renovations. All donations would qualify for income tax purposes. This campaign will go until the end of June.

We thank you in advance for any contribution you wish to make.



Happy Mother's Day

"Motherhood is a million little moments that God weaves together with grace, redemption, laughter, tears, and most of all, love." Our Lady of Peace parish wishes all mothers a very special Mother's Day.

Support for Ukraine

Pastoral Council is currently looking at different opportunities for our parish to help the people of Ukraine. Please join pastoral council in prayer for Ukraine.

Prayer For Ukraine

Loving God,

***We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.***

***We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide
their choices.***

***We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.***

***May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.***

Amen.

If you would like to make a personal donation to support Ukraine we suggest the following websites as trustworthy.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress & Canada Ukraine Foundation:

<https://www.cufoundation.ca>

Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.ca>

Are you interested in hosting a refugee family from Ukraine in your home?

<https://www.ukrainetakeshelter.com> is an independent platform helping to connect Ukrainian refugees with potential hosts and housing. Please go to their website to register.

You can reach out to Pastoral Council at any time by e-mailing

olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com

Family Faith Formation Closing Brunch & Fun!

All families registered in Family Faith Formation (in person or home program) are invited to join us for brunch after Mass on Sunday, May 29th and to stay awhile and enjoy some social time and fun. Come dressed to play! Please rsvp by May 20th pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.

Praying the Rosary in May

During this month of May, Mary's Month, we have occasion to Pray the Rosary together. At Saint Theresa it will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursday at noon; and at Saint Anthony's it will be offered on Fridays at 10:00 AM.

Hope as many of you as possible will be able to participate in this special and traditional Communal Prayer time.

The Rosary Committee



St. Theresa's CWL

Mother's Day Basket Raffle Tickets
Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00
Last chance to get your tickets on this
Beautiful Basket

Draw date is May 8th

We thank you for your continued support, all proceeds from ticket sales goes to support Community Outreach.

CWL General Meeting

There will be a general meeting on Sunday May 15th at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall at St. Theresa's. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend. We always welcome new members.

CWL Bursary

Attention High School Graduates. St. Theresa's CWL is offering a \$1,000.bursary to any high school graduate continuing their education. Applications are available on the bulletin board at the back of each Church or thru the link on the parish website at Our Lady of Peace. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2022

Concert For Ukraine - Saturday, May 14th @ 2:30 PM, join us as we raise funds in support of the Ukraine. The Grace Memorial String Ensemble & Friends will be performing at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, located at 536 Northumberland Street. Freewill love offering will be collected. Questions, please email office@gracememorial.ca. Thank you for your support.

Ministry Schedule May 14th & May 15th

	St. Anthony's	St. Theresa's
Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Mary Fitzgerald, Martin Colford Andre Paier, Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson
Eucharistic Ministers		Betty MacNeil & Janet Matheson
Alter Server	Bonnie Bowlen	
Lector	Greg Feener	The Daigle Family

Our Sacred Stories.Easter:

Easter People – Celebrating Resurrection

Our Easter season began almost a month ago with the three days of the Triduum. On Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper our faith community gathered to recall Jesus and his circle of disciples coming together for the Passover meal. This Jewish festival meal is an important piece of Jewish faith tradition.

On Passover, Jewish families come together and recall the meal shared by the Israelites as they began their exodus journey. This trek through the desert was a movement out of slavery in Egypt to liberation in their own land. During that Exodus journey, with all its challenges, the Israelites not only came to their promised land, they became formed as a people of God. It was a passage from bondage to freedom, from darkness to new light.

It is no small thing that we Catholic Christians mark this same journey, from the bondage of death to the liberation of new life. Easter is central to who we are. We are Easter People. Now here we are in the midst of the Easter season. In John's Gospel there is a wonderful passage that parallels the Old Testament Book of Exodus as it describes the community of Israelites journeying from bondage to new life.

John 10:27-30 presents the disciples of Jesus as now formed into a community of friends and ready to follow him. He leads them, filled with trust and faith to new and eternal life. Our Feast of Easter acknowledges and calls us to celebrate together this Good News of God's life-giving love, for us and for all humanity.

For all Christians this season celebrates the central element of our faith, the Paschal Mystery. Not a common phrase for most of us, the Paschal Mystery refers to the whole life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a reminder to us that our key belief as Catholic Christians is our belief that Jesus was raised from the dead. We are not about the Cross but about the resurrection to new life.

From the very beginning of the Christian church, the time of the apostles, the resurrection was the core belief. All else, as the apostle Paul expressed it, is dependent on our belief that Jesus was raised from the dead. Paul put it this way as he wrote to the Christian community in Corinth: *If there is no resurrection from the dead, Christ himself cannot have been raised, and if Christ has not been raised then our preaching is in vain and your believing it is useless.* (1 Cor.15:14-15)

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the foundation of our faith. Our ancestors in the faith expressed this belief that Jesus is risen from the dead in many ways. The earliest symbols and images used by Christians were those that presented the resurrection of Jesus. Only much later, more than 1000 years later, did the cross portraying the suffering Jesus find its way into the Christian church's images.

We are a people of the Paschal Mystery. The central part of our Eucharist is what is called the Eucharistic prayer. It is a prayer of thanksgiving for the wonder of God's promise of life for all. The various versions of this prayer all celebrate our faith in the resurrection and its promise for all humanity. We hear words such as this: "O God, as we celebrate the remembrance of the saving passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming..." (Eucharistic Prayer III)

John Jennings

4th Sunday of Easter

