

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin

Sunday, January 16th, 2022 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Office

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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

Knights of Columbus

Parish January Food Drive Jan 1-Jan 31

Drop off donations to Pastoral Center

CWL Meeting Scheduled for the 16th is Cancelled

Touched by Cancer Mass Cancelled

Parish Synod Discussion Group

January 23rd 1pm – 3pm

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, January 18th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church

No Mass

Wednesday January 19th 10:00am–St. Anthony's

No Mass

Thursday, January 20th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's

No Mass

Friday January 21st 7:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

No Mass

Saturday, January 22nd, 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

No Mass

Sunday January 23rd 1:30 pm - St. Patrick's Church

No Mass

Sunday, January 23rd 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

On Line Mass Only Patricia Scott

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory – Jan 9, 2022

Sunday Contributions: \$2,476.00

Auto Debit (average): \$1,978.00

Total: \$4,454.00

Weekly Budget Needs: \$5,000.00

Excess (Shortfall) (\$ 546.00)

Capital Infrastructure: \$ 290.00

Special Collections: \$

Other: \$ 575.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory: \$ 8,589.00

Budget Needs: \$ 10,000.00

Excess (Shortfall): (\$ 1,411.00)

Information inquires should be directed to:

Frank O'Donnell 472-0145

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

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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!

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

Parish Announcements

COVID Protocol Update

As the province moves into the Level 3 COVID-19 Winter plan at 11:56 pm on January 14th, no in-person Masses are permitted. Our Lady of Peace Parish will continue to offer parishioners the opportunity to participate in Mass Sunday mornings at 11:00 am live on our parish Facebook page (Our Lady of Peace Parish Fredericton). A recording of the Mass will be posted on our website after Mass has been completed. Due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant we will not be offering parking lot parking Communion at this time.

The parish office will be closed to visitors during Level 3. You will still be able to contact Irene and Fr. Maria by phone or email during regular office hours. We appreciate your patience during this time as we continue to find ways to support our parishioners.

A letter from Bishop Riesbeck to the Diocesan Faithful can be found on the parish website.

To attend all other activities using parish facilities, including Parish Nursing activities, meetings, presentations, workshops and Religious Formation, proof of vaccination or provincially approved proof of exemption is required in addition to wearing a mask and physical distancing

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.*



St. Anthony's Church
Sanctuary Lamp
Burns this week in memory of
Mary Bowlen

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.

To register for Our Lady of Peace Religious Formation programs please contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Knights of Columbus

Week 3: January 15/16 Food Drive



The response has been wonderful! Please keep the food Donations coming. Thanks to all parishioners for their generous contributions.

Now that the churches are closed, you can drop off your donations to the Pastoral Centre which will remain open from 9 am to 4 pm each weekday
Thanks very much.



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

From the Parish Office

Please ensure that all bulletin notices are submitted to the Parish office Thursday at noon at the latest. Your co-operation is very much appreciated in this matter.

The Parish Office will remain open during the Level 3 Restrictions. However no entry will be permitted. I will be available by phone or email during office hours which are 9 am – 4 pm.

Your 2022 Offertory Envelopes are now available at your Church. If you can't find yours please call the office for assistance. .

Missals are now available at all three churches. To help with the cost of purchasing a \$5.00 donation is appreciated. There are containers by the missals to place your money. Missals are also available at the Parish Office.

2021 Christmas Offering. The total of your contributions for Christmas 2021 is \$12,782.00. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Church Doors If you are the last person leaving any of the churches please make sure the doors are **locked**.

Blessing Bag Project a huge success!

Our family faith formation program would like to thank all those who made donations to our Blessing Bag Project for vulnerable youth in our community. Because of your generosity, we were able to exceed our goal and provide items towards other outreach programs for the vulnerable in our community. Thank you!



On October 10, 2021, Pope Francis inaugurated "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission", a 2- year-long Synod for the universal Church. The Synod is asking the Church to reflect on how we journey together as Church, listen and respond to the working of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the world, and how decisions are reached at all levels: who is involved, who is excluded and how can our processes be improved.

What is a Synod? A Synod is a formal process, used by the Church, in which a large number of people are consulted on a specific topic for discussion. Though it usually leads to a formal gathering from which a formal document is produced, Synods can involve countless discussion groups that precede the formal gathering, assuring the greatest amount of participation possible.

How Can I Be Involved in the Latest Synod? Everyone is invited to add their voice. A series of questions have been provided to parishes to gather input. Our Lady of Peace Pastoral Council invites everyone to participate in the discussion, either on their own or as part of a discussion group.

Three Ways to Participate:

- 1) Join Our Lady of Peace Parish Discussion Groups on Sunday, January 23rd.
- 2) The Synod discussion questions are available on the Our Lady of Peace Website and as an insert in the bulletin. Fill out the questions, individually or as a group, put it in an envelope labeled Synod Questionnaire and submit it to the Parish Office, drop it in the collection basket or e-mail to olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com by, January 23rd. **Please feel free to share with anyone you feel would like to have a voice in this process.**
- 3) The Diocese of Saint John has a link to the questions on their website at <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/synod-2021-2023> The last 6 questions will be the focus of our parish discussions.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Synod Discussion Groups ~ January 23rd 1:00pm – 2:30pm will be held via Zoom please call 444-6010 or email olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com to register. A confirmation email with a link to the Zoom group will be sent to you upon registration.

Following the discussion group and submissions of the completed questionnaires your Pastoral Council will submit a summary of the responses to the Diocese for inclusion in the Synod process.

Ministry Schedule Week of January 22nd & 23rd

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners/Ushers		
Lector		

Our Sacred Stories

They have no wine – God's Great Sign

In the Gospel of John (2:1-11) we hear the story of what John calls the first of Jesus' signs. It takes place at a wedding in Cana. The first part of John's Gospel, (chapters 1-12) is often referred to as the Book of Signs. Through the wonders and miracles that John describes in this section we are given a whole series of signs which show forth the action of God amongst on the part of Jesus. They express God's care and love through the touch of Jesus, divine and human.

Cana presents Jesus in action for the first time. He is launching his mission to make the Reign of God present and active in the world. The Good News is announced in the great sign – Jesus himself, but also, for John in a series of signs that reveal the divine presence amongst us in a saving and life-giving way. Is it possible that perhaps such signs are ever present in our lives? To recognize such signs around us is important.

The story begins with Mary at the wedding turning to her son and calling on him for help. She says something to Jesus that might seem a mere observation an expression of concern. Mary remarks: *They have no wine*. What a sensitive and caring appeal on Mary's part. In John's telling of the story, it is the Good News unfolding and it takes on much more significant meaning.

They have no wine expresses something is missing. The couple, the wedding, lacks something. Mary, in the account, speaks for all humanity. In this first of Jesus' signs, she declares a fundamental reality of human existence – we lack. We are not, in the end, self-sufficient. Our fulfillment will only come when we allow God to act in our life and in our world.

This sign at Cana becomes an expression of the God's great sign – God's touch of humanity in Jesus. At the wedding, Jesus' action fills the lack in the occasion. The story of Cana in this Gospel takes us to something deep within us. As much as we desire fulfillment, as much as we want to understand what life means for us, as much as we seek happiness and contentment – we cannot gain this on our own. *They have no wine* speaks to us of our human insufficiency.

We have many lacks. The lack of peace and harmony in our world and in our own relationships, our inability to communicate fully with one another, our incapacity to respect and care abundantly for each other, these are all expressions of our human insufficiency. Our great human lack lies in our loss of union with God and with one another.

The story at Cana is the first indication in the Gospel, that Jesus comes to fulfill God's dream for humanity and all creation. His presence, active among us bring the dream to life among us. In fact the image in the action of Jesus is beyond what Mary could ever have imagined.

The abundance that Jesus brings in response to Mary's comment is revealed in the marvelous volume of wine that Jesus provides. What a sign of God's love poured out on all. This is God's reign among us. With this Reign comes the transformation of our world into a communion both with God and with one another. By ourselves we lack the means to be what God dreams for us. But then, it is not beyond God. The beginning for any of us is to recognize that the glory of God in Jesus and in one another is always present among us.

John Jennings

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time