

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

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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

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday March 18th 12 PM St. Theresa's

Barbara Houle

Wednesday March 19th 10 AM St. Anthony's

Tim Gallan

Thursday March 20th 12 PM St Theresa's

Ronnie Richard

Friday March 21st 7:00 PM St. Anthony's

Touched by Cancer Mass

Saturday March 22nd 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

David Emerson

Sunday March 23rd 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Jim Noble

Sunday March 23rd 1:30 PM St. Patrick's

Mass For The People

Upcoming Events

Office Hours Mon – Fri 9:am – 4:30 pm

Income Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are available in your church.

Lenten Reflection Booklets ~ Lent Reflection Books for adults and families are available at each of the churches. Please be sure to pick one up to enrich your Lent experience this year.

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

March 9, 2025		Weekly Contributions	
Offertory	\$6,022	Offertory	\$6,022
Capital Infrastructure	505	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Diocesan Collections	680	Excess (Shortfall)	767
Other	770	Year-to-Date Contributions	
Total Contributions	\$7,977	Offertory	\$52,436
		Budget Needs	(52,550)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (114)

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

Ministry Schedule March 22nd & March 23rd

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	George Fernandez Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson, Debbie Heustis, Tom & Nate VanLeeuwen
Eucharistic Minister	Leonard Cormier	Janet Matheson & Deborah Allen
Altar Servers		Kevin Fernandez, Isaiah Bonaventura, Pahati, Noah & Phil VanLeeuwen
Lector	Greg Feener	Kendra VanLeeuwen & Miguel Yamane
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey

Our Lady of Peace Parish Adoration Schedule

Thursdays at 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church before 12:00 pm Mass *

Fridays at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church before 10:00 am *

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church (1 hour) * If Mass is cancelled so is Adoration.

Our symbol for the Second Sunday of Lent is the White Garment

The use of a white garment at baptism dates back to the early days of Christianity. After those who had been baptized from the baptismal pool, each was clothed in a new white garment. The white garment symbolized their new life.

Season 4 of "The Chosen" ~ Threatened by the reality of Jesus' growing influence, religious leaders do the unthinkable – ally with their Roman oppressors. As the seeds of betrayal are planted the disciples struggle to keep up with Him. Join us Monday evenings beginning February 24th at 7:00 pm in the meeting rooms at St. Theresa's Church as we watch and discuss season 4 of The Chosen. Everyone is welcome!



Attention High School Students! Steubenville Atlantic Conference July 11th to 13th

The Lord tells us, "Be not afraid," and these words resonate with us today. Join Catholic teens at Steubenville Atlantic at Dalhousie University, Halifax, from July 11-13, 2025. This conference is designed to evangelize, equip, and empower those aged 14-18 (grades 9-12). **Registration fee:** \$350.00 (including transportation) with a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Other Opportunities:

- **Peer Leader for Young Adults (18-20):** Attend with a group and take on leadership roles at the discretion of group leaders.
- **Franciscan LEAD:** From July 7-11, 2025. A five-day Christ-centered immersion in leadership, evangelization, and discipleship inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. Teens first grow closer to Jesus, then learn servant leadership and evangelization.

Mark Your Calendars! ~ There be an online meeting for everyone interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference on Monday, March 31st at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference as a participant or a peer leader or attending Franciscan LEAD please contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018 to have your name added to the list and receive the link to the meeting.



Notice From Knights of Columbus

We will have our brunch on Sunday March 16th, we will give it a little St. Patrick's twist! See you then! As usual it is by Free Will offering.



UNITY The core purpose of The Catholic Women's League is to ignite the Catholic women to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the Church, Canada and the world. Did you know members celebrated the 100-year anniversary in 2020? We are a nation of unified women - one voice, one heart, one mission, and there is always room for you!

General Meeting: Sunday March 16th at 1:00 pm in the old Rectory Meeting Room Following the Knights Brunch

Please join St. Theresa's Catholic Women's League to

Pray - "Mary's Way of the Cross" during this Lenten Season.

This will take place following the Tuesday Noon Masses beginning March 11th.

The National Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering 2 Bursaries valued at \$1000.00 each. Applications must be made on the official form, which is available online at cwl.ca (www.cwl.ca)

Applications must be submitted to the National office and postmarked by May 15th.

Parish Living Lent Outreach ~ Each week this Lent we will be supporting a local organization. The list of organizations and their needs can be found in this week's bulletin insert, on our website and Facebook page. We will also post in the bulletin the collection for the following week. Donations will be collected only the weekends indicated and will be delivered to the organizations the following Monday. Together we can make a difference in our community!

3rd Sunday of Lent Parish Living Lent Outreach Collection ~ Next week's collection (March 23rd) is for **The John Howard Society of Fredericton Street Outreach Team**. The Street Outreach Team engages directly with people

who are living outside or accessing emergency shelters. Their work involves providing easy to carry high-quality snack foods and water to distribute to people living rough, so that they can maintain their health, especially under inclement weather conditions (extreme heat and extreme cold). Currently they are in need of high-quality protein bars, Nutri-Grain bars and apple sauce pouches.



Art and Environment St. Theresa's church is looking for a person to lead the Art and Environment ministry, this volunteer position is a valuable ministry, in following the liturgical calendar. This person would work with the guidance of Fr. Maria and training from an experienced past member if required. If you feel the opportunity to lead this fulfilling ministry is for you, please contact Irene at the office 506-444-6010.

This week (March 17th) we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick,

Patron Saint of our parish's St. Patrick Church, Stanley. Many believe that St. Patrick used the symbol of the shamrock – the three-leafed clover – as a means of evangelization; the three leaves represent the Holy Trinity of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



The Breastplate"

St. Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

St. Patrick pray for us.

Our Sacred Stories Transfiguration: Seeing with the Eyes of Faith

The Second Sunday of Lent each year takes us to an episode in the Gospels that is referred to as the *transfiguration*. Peter, James and John go up on a mountain (or a hill) with Jesus. There, Jesus is *transfigured* before them. This story appears in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. This year we hear Luke's version. (Luke 9:28-36) What is this all about?

The story of the *transfiguration* is one of those Gospel accounts that recognizes Jesus' relationship with the Father and the mission he has been given. It is an expression of how the disciples saw Jesus after the resurrection. The Gospel writers relate it at this point as a foreshadowing of the faith of the post-resurrection Christian communities. In short, it was seeing through the eyes of faith.

Christian faith calls us to see ourselves through the eyes of faith. At our baptism we are given the promise of eternal and risen life. At the same time we are called to be disciples of Jesus and to share the mission that Jesus had to build the Reign of God in the midst of our world.

As we listen to the Gospel story of the *transfiguration* we might note two elements of Luke's account. First, we can notice Peter's immediate response to the event. He wants to remain on that mountain. The experience is so satisfying that he does not want it to end. But, end it must, he and the other disciples have a mission. What the experience, what they see through the eyes of faith, is not just for them. They must share the Good News. This can only happen if they come down from the mountain, with Jesus to build the Reign of God in the world.

The second element focuses their eyes of faith on Jesus himself. They must recognize the special relationship that Jesus has with the Father. They must see him as the Son, the chosen one. As they do this they then must listen to him. In listening, truly listening in faith, they will grasp the message of the Good News. It is a message of love and hope for all humanity and it is in sharing this that they will be disciples of Jesus.

These eyes of faith are our own. They allow us to do as the disciples were called to on that mountain. Like them we have a call to discipleship. With our eyes of faith we begin to see that we have a special relationship with Jesus and through Jesus to the Father. We are truly God's People, the adopted daughters and sons of God, beloved and cherished by our God who is parent to us. Spiritual writer, Megan McKenna describes how this affects all disciples: "The transfiguration story is a way of life that we are called to imitate." (*Lent: The Sunday Readings* 81)

As God's beloved people, we have a call to our world and all humanity. The Good News that we recognize through the eyes of faith is the message we take to our world. All humanity is seen as God's holy people. All our world is God's sacred gift, and we are called to cherish and care for this creation we have been given. As Jesus was *transfigured* to reveal the glory of God present to the disciples, so we are to reflect this same glory of God in ourselves and to see it in all creation.

John Jennings 2nd Sunday of Lent

Development and Peace

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis calls on us to take part in the global Turn Debt into Hope campaign to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them." Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, we must act! Sign the global petition calling for: 1. Canceling unjust and unsustainable debts 2. Reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and the planet 3. Establishing a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations Please sign the petition in church or online at devp.org/debt.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP

Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!

Our Lady of Peace Parish, in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency, is pleased to announce that a tax preparation clinic will be provided (**Free of Charge**) to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation. The tax preparation service will commence **March, 2025**.

Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment, drop-off or virtual** to prepare your income tax and benefit returns. The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex situations** such as: returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business rental income or expenses.

Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton** for further information at 506-261-7600 or email lintons21@outlook.com.