

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

Saturday March 1st 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Anne Wrynn

Sunday March 2nd 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Sandra Weatherhead MacLean

Sunday March 2nd 1:30 PM St. Patrick's
Mass For The People

Upcoming Events

Office Hours Mon – Fri 9:am – 4:30 pm

All weekday Masses and Adoration at St. Anthony's Church and St. Theresa's Church are cancelled until Tuesday, March 4th.

Income Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are available in your church.

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 5th
12:00 pm St. Anthony's Church
5:00 pm St. Patrick's Church
7:00 pm St. Theresa's Church



Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

February 16, 2025		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$4,216	Offertory	\$4,216
Capital Infrastructure	35	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Diocesan Collections	-	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (1,039)
Other	314	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total Contributions	\$4,565	Offertory	\$35,186
		Budget Needs	(36,785)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (1,599)

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 1st & March 2nd

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford George Fernandez, Darren Richard & Marilyn Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Leonard Cormier	Lawrence & Mary Ellen Holleran
Altar Servers		Noah & Phil VanLeeuwen, Isaiah Bon aventura & Caitlyn Salazar
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Terry Murphy & Marilyn Brennan
Sacristan		Debbie Heustis

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.

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!

Our Lady of Peace Parish Council 2025-2026 is as follows:

Father Maria Arokiam Chinnappan

Co-Chairs: Marilyn Brennan & Rochelle Ivey

Secretary: Darren Richard

Members: Ken Harris - Julie Gallant Daigle - Ricarda Bradley - Ryan Joy



Last Year's Palms ~ starting next weekend, there will be baskets at each church to collect last year's palms. Collected palms will be used to make ashes for our Ash Wednesday Masses. The last date to drop of your palms is Sunday, March 2nd.



SPIRITUALITY We are called to live in relationship with God, others and creation. Spirituality nourishes us on our faith journey enriching us as we grow. The Catholic Women's League calls us to be witnesses to the love of God through ministry and service. Connect and grow with us



We are excited to announce that the Knights of Columbus Council 8654 will be hosting the Shrove Tuesday Dinner once again! We've taken your feedback to heart and made improvements from last year's event. Stay tuned for more details to come. Looking forward to seeing you there!

On behalf of our Knights, would anyone in the parish have a good used refrigerator they would consider donating to St. Theresa's kitchen? A little extra refrigerator space when we have a variety of kitchen events would sometimes make our work easier. Note: we would want to plug the refrigerator in for only the duration of the event then unplug and clean it when the event is finished. This would minimize electricity use and help to keep the area sterile. If yes, contact David Hayes (452-7061) or Gary Moore (470-1929) for pickup and delivery.

Liturgical Volunteers Needed ~ We at Our Lady of Peace parish are so thankful for our parishioners who participate in one or more of our Liturgical Ministries. However, we have a variety of opportunities for you to be come part of our Liturgical Ministries - Hospitality, Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans and Music Ministry. We are asking you to volunteer your time and energy to help in these important ministries. Please contact the parish office at (506) 444-6010 to volunteer. If you want to volunteer but are a little nervous because you are not sure how, don't worry we will have you up to speed in no time!

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.

A Special **Thank You** To Fr. Murphy, Fr. Peter Osborne, Fr. John Jennings and Fr. Shawn Daley for filling in for Fr. Maria while he took holidays.

World Day of Prayer

An invitation is extended to all Women and Men to attend the Services in the Fredericton area.

The World Day of Prayer for 2025 was prepared by the Women of the Cook Islands.

The theme is "I Made You Wonderful" (Psalm 139: 1-18.)

Northside: The World Day of Prayer Service will be held at St. Mary's and All Saints Anglican Church, 780 McEvoy Street, Fredericton on Friday, March 7, 2025 at 2:00 PM. Storm Date: Sunday, March 9 at 3:00 PM.

Southside: The World Day of Prayer Service will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian and St. Paul's United Church, 512 Charlotte St. Fredericton on Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 2:00 PM. Storm Date: March 16 at 2:00 PM. Wheelchair accessible. Refreshment after the service.

St. Anthony's Shawl Ministry Do you or someone you know need the comfort of a Beautiful Shawl? Our Prayer Shawl Ministry have been busy and have finished beautiful shawls and stocked the shelves at the Parish Office. There are many colors to choose from and all have been blessed at the Touched by Cancer Masses. Stop in during Office Hours and have a look.

Parish Giving In addition to our parish envelope and auto debit program, parishioners are able to use ETransfers 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"

Our Sacred Stories - Be Merciful, Just As Your God Is Merciful

Jesus does not always seem to make sense, at least so it seems. In chapter 6 of Luke's Gospel, the story begins with Jesus preaching a series of blessing and woes as crowds gather around him. (Luke 6:17-26) This is Luke's version of what we hear in Matthew's Gospel as the Beatitudes. (Matt 5:1-12)

What follows is a series of statements on living these blessing (beatitudes). What is said seems so opposite to what normal human behavior might expect. "But I say to you that listen. Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you....." Does this seem to be what we normally do? Is this normal human behavior?

Perhaps not, perhaps the beatitudes, the blessings, are a challenge to us all, to move beyond what we have come to see as "normal" human behavior. Perhaps Jesus, in the beatitudes is calling us to a different space. He is planting the seed of a new reality, a reality that is God's dream, God's reign in our world.

When we were kids if someone hit us, we would normally hit back. This seemed so normal. Behaving in this way was a form of reaction, rather than a response to the event. It came so quickly, without any real thought. As we grow up we discover that such reaction is not always appropriate. How many relationships and friendships have been broken by reaction to what another has done or said? A response calls for more thought and more awareness of all the circumstances involved.

What is true of us as individuals is unfortunately true as well of communities, even of countries. An affront or a threat or an insult brings on a reaction. Throughout history many a war has broken out based on reacting to another's action. In many, if not most of such situations, not much thought is given to the ultimate effects of such reaction. The results are catastrophic for countries, communities, relationships and even individuals.

As Luke tells us, Jesus speaks on a higher plane. Aware of God's unconditional love for all, Jesus calls us to reflect such love in all our circumstances. These beatitudes have the practical result of bringing God's love into our everyday. In particular, they challenge us to listen and respond, rather than react and strike out when tensions build. Building and maintaining bridges in all our relationships, personal and global, is far more life-giving than building walls and reacting with violence.

Whether we are looking at our relationships and friendships or at international affairs, our world is better for the thoughtful, loving, compassionate responses we make as true disciples of Jesus. Starting with ourselves, we are called to build God's dream of a world that reflects the unconditional love of God for all.

This is not an easy call. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.... **Be merciful just as your God is merciful.**" Difficult, yes, but what a blessing, a beatitude for our world and each one of us!

John Jennings
7th Sun Ord Time

A Little Humor

A man asks a Dominican priest, "Father, will you pray a novena for me? I want to be able to buy a Lamborghini...."

The Dominican asks, *my son, what in the world is a Lamborghini?*

"A fancy sports car, Father."

Get out of here, that's an unworthy intention.

So the man goes and asks a Jesuit, "Father, will you pray a novena for me? I want to be able to buy a Lamborghini...."

And the Jesuit asks, *my son, what in the world is a novena?*

