

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday January 19, 2025 – 2nd 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 1:30 PM

St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday January 21st 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Wilma Johnson

Wednesday January 22nd 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Gratitude for Guardian Angels

Thursday January 23rd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Edward Holleran

Friday January 24th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Vocations to Priesthood

Saturday January 25th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

Mass For The People

Sunday January 27th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Arnetta Crowley

Sunday January 28th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's

Greg Kirby

Upcoming Events

Office Hours Mon – Fri 9:am – 4:30 pm

Please Note: If Schools are closed due to inclement weather, weekday Masses will be cancelled.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

January 12, 2025		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$4,569	Offertory	\$4,569
Capital Infrastructure	190	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Diocesan Collections	20	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (686)
Other	275	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total Contributions	\$5,054	Offertory	\$10,117
		Budget Needs	10,510)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (393)

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 January 25th & January 26th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Darren Richard , George Fernandez, & Marilyn Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Ken Harris	Mary Fitzpatrick & Marg Anderson
Altar Servers		Joe Adimalor, Phil VanLeeuwen, Will Horsley & Isaiah Bonaventura
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Barry Miller & Christopher Duriev
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.

Faith Formation Update

Sacrament Preparation ~ Please keep the children and youth of our parish preparing for Sacraments in your prayers. Currently we have a group of children finishing preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, youth starting Confirmation Preparation and youth in final preparation for Confirmation in June.

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 blessing. For our families and our community
And untie us all in your great love. Amen

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



Dear Friends: You're warmly invited to the Knights of Columbus Brunch on Sunday, January 19th at St. Theresa's Hall. We'll start at 11:45 AM, so come hungry and ready for good food and great company! The price is a free will offering, with a suggested donation of \$10 per person.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your support during our 2024 brunches. Your generosity and participation mean the world to us. Supporting the Knights of Columbus means directly helping our parish and ensuring we can continue our good works.

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!

SERVICE – Baptism calls us witness God's love – especially for the outcast and the vulnerable in this world – be they human or other. Catholic Women's League members witness this service in many ways. Come be a part of this compassionate service.



ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE is hosting a

BRIDGE LUNCHEON

LOCATION: St. Theresa's Church Hall

DATE: February 20, 2025 TIME: 12-3 pm

January 14, 2025



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The important work of healing and reconciliation continues! The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund was established to accept donations from 73 Catholic Dioceses across the country, and to advance healing and reconciliation initiatives, fulfilling the \$30 million financial commitment made by Canada's Bishops in September 2021. As of January 1, 2025, the Board has approved 216 projects from across Canada, including nine from our diocese. I am very grateful for the work of our dedicated local IRF committee, whose report is included with this letter to provide information about the exciting projects that have been funded in our diocese.

To assist in this important work, the Diocese of Saint John takes up a special collection for the IRF annually at the Lord's Day Masses on the last weekend of January. Your generous financial support of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund will be part of our action plan moving forward to support various initiatives for healing and reconciliation involving our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

You may contribute to this fundraising appeal using the special collection envelopes in your boxed sets at Masses for the weekend of January 25-26. You may also contribute at anytime on our website via cheque or email money transfer (<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>). Additional resources including a link to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund are available on our diocesan website, <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/indigenous-relations>.

I am counting on your continued prayer and collaboration as we advance the cause of healing and reconciliation for our Indigenous sisters and brothers. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

United in prayer and solidarity,

✠ Christian Riesbeck, CC Bishop of Saint John

Bishop of Saint John

Special Collection, Indigenous Reconciliation Fund – On the last weekend of January, the diocese will be taking up a special collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Monies collected will contribute towards the CCCB's five-year \$30-million National Campaign to support regional and local Indigenous healing and reconciliation initiatives. Special Collection should be included in your parish boxed sets to be used at Masses for the weekend of DATE. You may also contribute to this fundraising appeal at anytime on our website via cheque or email money transfer (<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>). You can read more about the IRF's activities, including nine projects funded in our diocese, on their website, <https://irfund.ca/en/welcome/>. Please consult our website for additional resources, <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/indigenous-reconciliation-fund>.

Our Sacred Stories

A Wedding, Wine and God's Compassion: Vision with Faith

"They have no wine." This is the simple comment of the mother of Jesus at a wedding they were attending. In the story as John tells it becomes much more than a simple observation by the mother of Jesus. (John 2:1-11) It is a revelation of the divine presence expressed in Jesus. At first we might think that this revelation takes place through a wondrous act. Jesus changes water into wine for the wedding feast. This is reading the story on the surface. We might call it the physical meaning of the action. But for John, and for us, there is a much deeper meaning. The Gospel writer comments that this action was "the first of his signs."

John relates many such stories in his Gospel. Each of the stories can be read superficially and it describes an action of Jesus that is remarkable. If we stop there, we will miss the deeper meaning to which the Gospel writer is really leading us with these stories. We are called to read more deeply and see the sign in the story.

In the Gospel of John, these stories present us with signs, signs that reveal. Through the eyes of faith, we discover who Jesus is, the incarnation of God, present among us. To see this reality in the stories means reading with faith. Faith allows a deeper, spiritual meaning, beyond surface. Through faith, we discover the sign and the sign takes us beyond the action itself, wondrous or miraculous as it might be.

At the wedding in Cana, Jesus, his mother and his disciples attended. His mother saw a need, a lack, at the feast – "They have no wine." It was this need or lack that allowed Jesus to enter the story. It was this entrance into an occasion of need or lack that reveals the meaning of God's presence with us.

Throughout John's Gospel we find many such occasions when in the face of a need or lack, the compassionate love of God is revealed. This story is one of them. We see it again when a royal official appealed for Jesus' help for his sick child. (John 4:48) It appears again when Jesus was asked for help by a blind beggar (John 9:25). Again it is revealed as Jesus responds to the Martha and Mary whose brother Lazarus is dying. (John 11:3)

All these stories hit us first as wondrous actions. But the fuller, more significant meaning lies deeper. They are signs for us of a loving and compassionate God. This is what the incarnation is all about. It reveals that God has come among us in a divine-human connection, Jesus the Christ. And, God has done this out of God's boundless and unconditional love – for all humanity.

John is explicit in expressing this: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17)

John's story of a wedding and wine reaches far beyond a social embarrassment and even beyond a wondrous action. The presence of Jesus at the wedding as well as in John's other stories, forms revealing vision that God's compassionate love is present in all the lacks and needs of our humanity. This is God's compassion and mercy come among us.

Can our personal, life stories reveal our faith in this loving God of compassion and mercy?

John Jennings 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Note From The Office: If you are new to our Parish, please find a registration form at the church and once completed you can put it in the offertory basket and your information will be added in our data base. We encourage you to ask for a box of offertory envelopes so your donations can be recorded and a tax receipt issued at year end. Any questions or to register over the phone please call the office during working hours and we can get you all set up. Thank you in advance. *Jrene*

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!