

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday Sept 01, 2024 – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 8:45 AM

#### St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

### Mass Times & Intentions

*Tuesday Sept 3rd 12:00 pm St. Theresa's  
Cecilia Corbett*

*Wednesday Sept 4th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's  
Alfonso Simeon*

*Thursday Sept 5th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's  
Vocations to Priesthood*

*Friday Sept 6th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's  
Alice Giovannetti*

*Saturday Sept 7th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's  
Mass for the People*

*Sunday Sept 8th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's  
Wilfred McAloon*

*Sunday Sept 8th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's  
Ron Conley*

### Upcoming Events

Parish Office will be closed on Mondays starting  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> until Sept 17<sup>th</sup>

**Please check your Church Bulletin Boards  
For Posters of Upcoming Community  
Events.**

*This week the  
Sanctuary  
Candle  
burns in memory of ...*

St. Theresa's  
**+Sherwood Billings +**  
Offered by

Mary Billings

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Aug 25, 2024		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	4,488	Offertory		\$	4,488
Capital Infrastructure	240	Budget Needs			(5,255)
Diocesan Collections	-	Excess (Shortfall)		<b>\$</b>	<b>(767)</b>
Other	40	<b>Year-to-Date</b>		<b>Contributions</b>	
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 4,768</b>	Offertory		\$	178,876
		Budget Needs			(178,670)
		Excess (Shortfall)		<b>\$</b>	<b>206</b>

*Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time,  
talent and treasure. For all you do, THANK YOU!*

### Website & Social Media

[www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

**Keep up to date on all activities,  
news and weather cancelations!**



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Office Numbers

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## Ministry Schedule September 7th & September 8th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, George Fernandez & Darren Richard
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Altar Servers	Merla Spires	Isaiah Bonaventura, Kevin Fernandez, Lucas Daigle & Noah VanLeeuwen
Lector	Sue Inkster	Frederick & Barry Miller
Sacristan		Mary Fitzpatrick

### 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 \*

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

## Faith Formation Program Registration



**Join us for Family Faith Formation (Catechism – Sunday School) as we explore and learn about the Mass together** ~ All families with children ages 5 to 12 (kindergarten to grade 7) are encouraged to participate in Family Faith Formation. Come and learn and share faith as a family at monthly sessions that are family-focused, inviting and accessible. Children in grade 2 will receive preparation to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist in the spring of 2025. To register to please visit <https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to-7>  
Families attending St. Patrick's Church are invited to contact Patty Cameron for Family Faith Formation and 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Preparation options.

**Confirmation Preparation** ~ Youth in grade 8 and up, if not already Confirmed, are invited to begin Confirmation Preparation beginning this fall with the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated the spring of 2026. To register please visit <https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/confirmation-preparation>

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Cameron at (506) 444-6018 or [pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

**REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**Please note that late registrations for Sacrament Preparation may result in children and youth not receiving Sacraments as scheduled by the parish.**

**Stanley Community Member in need of help.** Agnes Hayes has been off work for one year and has been diagnosed with Terminal Cancer. Her self employed daughter has been unable to work as she has been taking care of her mom. The community of Stanley have recognized the extreme financial burden on this family and have reached out to the community for help. If you are able to help this family a jar has been provided at the back of the church for any cash donations. Please keep Agnes and her family in your prayers.

HAPPY  
**LABOUR**  
DAY  
LONG WEEKEND



**St. Theresa's Music Ministry** If you or someone you know would be interested in helping with the direction and planning for the music ministry at St. Theresa's Church, please contact Rochelle Ivey at [olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com](mailto:olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com) or (506) 451-7221.

**Special Capital Fund Collection Appeal** Envelopes are available to the back of the Churches for those who wish to donate to this fund. All donations will be included in your 2024 Tax Receipt. We thank you for your continued support.

### **"WHAT DO YOU SEEK?" - Adult Faith Formation coming this Fall!**

We are all searching for answers to the most fundamental questions about life. Our Lady of Peace and St. Mary Magdalene parishes are uniting this fall to offer a weekly Adult Faith Formation program from September 25th to November 27th. Participants will explore the meaning of life as revealed through the lens of the Catholic Faith in an open, welcoming small-group atmosphere. For more information and to register, please contact Tracy Horsley at [horsleysix@gmail.com](mailto:horsleysix@gmail.com) (or call (506) 261-0713). Register early, as space is limited!

## **Humanity**



Love one another. Catholic Women's League members go beyond charitable acts with compassion, love, sympathy and tolerance, seeking out issues of injustice. Come and share the love.

### **St. Theresa's CWL Twilight Retreat**

**St. Theresa's CWL** invite all to their Twilight Retreat at St. Theresa's Church Hall on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 8:00pm. Come and take part in a Pot Luck Supper then enjoy our Facilitator Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation for the Diocese of Saint John. Everyone is welcome.

**Dr. Michael W. Higgins** is coming to Fredericton to launch his new Book, The Jesuit Disruptor: A Personal Portrait of Pope Francis, published by House of Anansi, and give a presentation on The Synod on Synodality. On Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> he will be at **Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton** from 10:30 am till 1:00 pm. This gathering will begin with a presentation on the Synod and Synodality (and Q and A) followed by the book launch and a social time with food and refreshments and book signing. Westminster Books will be present with books available.

Dr. Michael Higgins is well known to us as an author, English and Religious Studies Professor, former President and Vice Chancellor of St. Thomas University, journalist, documentarian, columnist with many prominent newspapers, commentator and analyst with CBC and CTV, and biographer of Henri J. M. Nouwen and Thomas Merton. He will be attending the next Synod gathering in Rome in October, as he did the first synod gathering as a credentialed journalist on behalf of Paulist Press. No registration or fee to attend! All are welcome

## Our Sacred Stories – Living as *Church*: Context, Customs and Change

For the past few weeks, in our liturgies, we have focused on the theme of Jesus as “the bread of life” as presented in John’s Gospel, chapter 6. Now we return to Mark’s Gospel and reflect on what it means to be disciples of Jesus. In doing so, we become more aware of what it means to call ourselves a Christian *community* of disciples. Often, we speak of this as *being church*. The Synod, which will resume in Rome this Fall is intended to be an opportunity for our global Church to reflect on what all this can and does mean for our world-wide community. Discovering who we are, in whatever the context in which we live, is important. And the readiness to respond to the needs for new vision in response to our changing context is significant for our Church.

Local churches are urged to spend time in reflection on how they can grow awareness of what is taking place at the Synod in Rome. An example of this will take place in our own diocese on September 14 when Dr. Michael Higgins launches his new book: [The Jesuit Disruptor: A Personal Portrait of Pope Francis](#), in Fredericton. The launch takes place at a presentation by Dr. Higgins on “The Synod on Synodality”.

The synod is an expression of the role Pope Francis is playing in the growing awareness by our church of the need to listen to all the baptized - laity and clergy, female and male. It is founded on our shared baptismal call. This presents all of us with the challenge of change, which is part of all life, in a host of settings. Mark’s Gospel reveals this challenge facing Jesus and his disciples as they shared the Good News. It is not a new challenge, nor does it ever go away.

In some cities across Canada, until very recently there were city by-laws which demanded that hotels and inns provide stabling facilities for the horses of their guests. In its time, this was a response to the needs of the time, a way of offering hospitality to guests. The by-law remained on the books even though virtually no guest came to the hotel on a horse. No one bothered to change the by-law.

It is a very human trait to resist change or at the very least, be uncomfortable with it. Humanly speaking, change is a constant challenge for us. The world develops, circumstances change and at times we do not keep up with the change. This is something of what we see Jesus working against with the Pharisees in Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

The fundamental call of Jewish faith was quite simple, to love God and to love neighbour. This is the basic tradition of Judaism. As time passed and life evolved, the people of the Old Testament developed other traditions, customs and practices which adapted this basic or fundamental tradition to particular circumstances of life. In this way the many ritual laws and practices of Judaism were developed – e.g. the washing of hands, cups, pots, and bronze kettles as well as many other ritual laws.

As these laws developed, they made sense. They had a connection with the core tradition as a way of expressing honour to God and respect for neighbour. But as life and circumstances changed the ritual laws continued even though the connection with the basic or core tradition was not longer evident. The ritual laws took on a life of their own and even obscured the core tradition. Meticulously saying the right words and performing the correct actions appeared as more important than the loving, communal action of the People of God.

This was the challenge faced by Jesus when he encountered the Pharisees – “You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” The Pharisees were not bad folk. In fact, they were zealous and committed followers of the Law. But in their zeal, they forgot the core tradition, or at the very least obscured it. Jesus’ words and actions were a call to return to the core tradition of loving God and neighbour. The ritual laws got in the way of seeing this fundamental call. Lip service to the Law got in the way of living God’s call from the heart.

Living the core of God’s plan with the heart is what discipleship to Jesus is all about. This is who we are as *Church*. Being *Church*, living as disciples is a matter of the heart and the simple double commandment of love God and love neighbour. Here is the challenge - how we love evolves and changes over time as our world and our circumstances change. The laws, rules and rituals are simple ways of responding in particular times and are subject to change. The heart is the constant in discipleship and in being *Church*.

The present experience of the Synod on Synodality offers an opportunity to look at the heart of who we are as Church. Are we ready to accept change, in order to speak to the world in which we live at our time in history?

Speaking at the opening of the First Session of the Synod on October 9 2021, Pope Francis uttered a prayer calling on the Holy Spirit. He began the prayer with these words:

*Come, Holy Spirit! You inspire new tongues and place words of life on our lips:*

*Keep us from becoming a “museum Church”, beautiful but mute, with much*

*Past and little future....*

*John Jennings 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*