

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 Jan 7th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
John Joseph LaPointe

Wednesday Jan 8th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Crystal Polches

Thursday Jan 9th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Mary Catherine O'Leary

Friday Jan 10th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Ronnie Richard

Saturday Jan 11th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Mass For the People

Sunday Jan 12th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Jim Noble

Sunday Jan 12th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's
Faye Gilmore

Upcoming Events

Office Hours Mon – Fri 9:am – 4:30 pm



Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

December 24- 25- 29 2024

Offertory	5,667
Capital Infrastructure	45
Diocesan Collections	225
Christmas	6,950
Other	53
Total Contributions	\$ 12,940

Weekly

Offertory	\$ 5,667
Budget Needs	(5,255)
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 412

Year-to-Date

Offertory	\$ 278,797
Budget Needs	(273,260)
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 5,537

Website & Social Media

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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Ministry Schedule January 11th & January 12th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Darren Richard, George Fernandez, Marilyn Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Janet Matheson & Mary Billings
Altar Servers		Will Horsley, Kevin Fernandez, Lucas Daigle Noah VanLeeuwen
Lector	Juanita Rose	Julie Daigle & 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 Sacred Stories Feast of the Epiphany: A Revelation of God's Gift

O. Henry (1862-1910) was a famous American writer of several hundred short stories. Among his most notable was one entitled *The Gift of the Magi*. Della and Jim were a young couple, very much in love. Each admired the other for many things. Della was moved by the way Jim valued his gold watch on an old leather strap. It was gift from his family, first his grandfather and then his father. For Della it revealed Jim's love of family. Jim was always admiring Della's long, golden hair. For Jim, Della's hair represented the shining spirit and heart that was the center of his love for her.

Christmas came and they had little they could spend on gifts for one another. Each pondered their dilemma – how to find a suitable gift for the other. They looked everywhere a gift for the other, with few resources to spend on it.

Desperate, Della decided to cut her hair and sell it to a wigmaker. It was long and beautiful. The sale gave her enough for the gift she wanted to buy for Jim. Jim, on his search for just the right gift for his beloved Della, decided that he needed to pawn the gold pocket watch.

On Christmas morning, the two sat in front of the tree and in turn, they opened the gifts they had managed to buy for each other. Della carefully opened her gift from Jim – a beautiful gold comb and brush for Della's long, golden hair. Then, Jim rapidly opened his gift from Della – a shining brass chain to replace the old, tattered leather strap on his watch. Both sat in silence for what seemed a long time, then both broke out in laughter and embraced. They had an "epiphany", a discovery. In love, both Della and Jim had sacrificed for the other.

Epiphany, what do we mean? Literally, the word *epiphany* means a manifestation, a showing forth. The Feast of the Epiphany, which is part of the Christmas season, calls us to see the birth of Jesus as a manifestation of God to us. Put another way, it calls us to see God's gift to humanity and to all creation shown in a very small package, the gift of this special child in a humble setting. The Incarnation expresses the way in which God's love for humanity has taken flesh in Jesus.

One aspect of our Christmas season is the tradition of gift-giving. Such a tradition has value. To give a gift can be the expression of an inner sentiment. It is not the material value or size of the gift that makes it special. It is special for what it says about the relationship that you have with the other person.

Gift-giving is not about the material thing. It is a relational action. It allows us to bring what is invisible into the visible world. The gift, when best understood, and this is when it is most effective and real is an expression of the heart. As Jesus is an epiphany of God's love, so our gift-giving tradition can be an epiphany of human love for one another.

The gospel of this Feast of the Epiphany is drawn from the Gospel of Matthew (2:1-12). It highlights the story of the Magi, the wise persons who came to visit the child Jesus. We see the visitors bringing gifts to the child. It is not the value of the gifts that is important in this story. Rather it is the pilgrimage made by these visitors from afar and the way in which they see the child Jesus as special for them. More than the gift itself, it is the act of giving that is significant. In doing so, the Magi express what is in their hearts.

May our Epiphany recognize, the deep love of God for all humanity. May we live this gift for each other. Peace be with you, throughout this new year!

John Jennings

Feast of the Epiphany