

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday Jan 22nd 2023 – 3rd 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

### Upcoming Events

See insert from Bishop Riesbeck's for January 28<sup>th</sup>  
Special Collection for Indigenous Reconciliation

### Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

*Joseph McGuire*

Wednesday Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

*Frank Underhill*

Thursday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

*Kay Trevors*

Friday Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

*Frank Donaher*

Saturday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm St. Anthony's

*Sabastian Moore*

Sunday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

*Mass for the People*

Sunday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM St. Patrick's

*Kathleen Kohler*

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

#### Weekly Offertory Jan 15, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$ 2,823.00
Auto Debit (average):	\$ 2,003.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,826.00</b>
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$ 174.00)
Capital Infrastructure	165.00
Special Collections	-
Other	325.00
Sub Total	490.00
Total	\$ 5,316.00

#### Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 12,745.00
Budget Needs:	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Excess (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$ 2,255.00)</b>

Information inquires should be  
directed to:

Frank O'Donnell 472-0145  
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg  
Feener 472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca).

### Website & Social Media

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

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



@Ourladyofpeaceparishfredericton..

Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

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

## From the Parish Office

Your **2023** Offertory Envelopes have been labeled and delivered to each Parish Church and available to pick up.

**PLEASE** take (only) envelopes with your name; which also include parishioners using the auto-debit option.

Some will have a new envelope number, assigned for 2023 in our Computer program. I ask you to please include your name and address on the first few used. If there is no box of envelopes assigned with your name please contact the office and a box will be prepared for you. I thank you in advance..... Irene.

## **PARISH WELLNESS**

February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

If you have a passion for wellness or just want to serve, we need your help!

As many of you know, our wonderful Parish Nurse retired last year, and many on that committee also left. We now need volunteers to help determine how to move forward and support those initiatives. We will be having short meetings on February 4th and 5th after each mass to solicit support and talk about next steps. Please consider helping to support this valuable initiative with a small commitment of your time.

Without dedicated volunteers, the parish will not be able to support new or legacy programs.

## **I KNOW MY SHEEP**

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the “I Know My Sheep” census currently underway in the diocese. We’re asking every family to fill out a card. If you haven’t done so already, please complete one as soon as you are able. This information-gathering exercise is underway so the diocese can update records with current demographic changes and contact information. This will help ensure that the diocese can reach as many people as possible early next year in conducting a planning study for a potential capital campaign. Having updated information will also give parishes a better idea of their membership and hopefully improve communication with their parishioners. It only takes a few minutes to complete a card. These can be returned by placing them in the offertory basket or dropped off at the parish office or sent by mail. Thank you for your cooperation in this important effort.



## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Adoration is a silent time for you to have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving or reparation, or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before the Lord. You can just sit quietly and say nothing, just keep Him company like you would a dear friend.

**Fridays 9:30 am at St. Anthony’s Church \***

**First Wednesday of the month 1:00 pm at St. Patrick’s Church**

*\* If a Friday Mass is not scheduled or cancelled, Adoration is also cancelled.*

## **CWL NOTICE**

CWL Reminder registrations and dues are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

## **Faith Formation Update**

**Prayers for Children and Youth Preparing for Sacraments** ~ Please keep the 28 children and youth in our parish currently participating in Sacrament Preparation programs for Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist and Confirmation in your prayers. May God continue to bless, protect and guide them to increase their knowledge of God, so that they may grow in love for God and live out that love in their daily lives.

## Events Happening Around our Community



Are you interested in making a real difference in the world? How about right here in your own community? Meals on wheels volunteers deliver a freshly prepared meal, a warm smile, and the reassurance that someone cares at a time in our neighbors' lives when they need it the most. Our clients include individuals who are elderly, disabled, or recovering from illness or surgery – people who otherwise would not be able to access the nutrition they need to live healthy, independent lives. For a small investment of your time, as often or as infrequently as you like, you can help make their lives a little easier. We deliver seven days a week, 365 days a year, so any time you can give – during the week or on the weekend will be gratefully received. The demand for our service is growing and so is the need for volunteers. We need drivers who can take on a regular route once a week, and we also need substitute drivers to fill in on an occasional basis. From start to finish, an hour and a half is about all the time it takes.

Won't you please consider helping out? For more info, call **458-9482**, or check out our web page: <http://frederictonmealsonwheels.ca>

Spring time: a time to renew, rekindle and revitalize your marriage! Participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience and re-discover the person you are married to and fall in love all over again. The next weekend will be held on March 17th to 19th, 2023 at Villa Madonna in Rothesay NB. Consider applying today! Deadline for applications is February 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call Ron or Joanne Arsenault at (506) 451-8489 or email [ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org](mailto:ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org)

### Universal Portrait Studio

If you have not picked up your photos yet please do so at the Parish Office. The Photo Directories are not finished but when they become available you will be notified in the bulletin. Any one who did not participate in getting your photo taken can still get a directory at the cost of \$25.00. For those who did get your pictures taken your directory will be free.

### Mass Intentions

This is a Catholic practice that provides parishioners with **one of the greatest acts of charity** that you may request. Mass intentions are encouraged throughout the year, which may be offered for: a deceased loved one; a living person who is sick or suffering; a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life.

A Mass Card will be provided to send to comfort relatives, friends and loved ones. The Mass intention is supported by a **donation** of \$10 and arrangements for the date, time and church may be scheduled in person at the Parish Office, through the Parish email, or by calling 444-6010.

### Weekday Masses

Please note that if Schools are closed due to a storm there will be no weekday Mass at either St. Anthony's or at St. Theresa's. This is for everyone's safety. The Mass intention scheduled will be said on another date.

# Ministry Schedule Jan 28th & 29th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Martin Colford, Mary Fitzpatrick, Betty MacNeil, Debbie Heustis
Eucharistic Ministers		Deborah Allen, Mary Fitzpatrick
Alter Servers	Bonnie Bowlen	Al & Joe Adimalor, Samuel & David Gutierrez,
Lector	Sue Inkster	Deborah Allen
Sacristan		Debbie Heustis

## Our Sacred Stories THE REIGN OF GOD: WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

### *Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*

This very familiar phrase greets us as we say the *Our Father*, the most common and characteristic of Christian prayers. What is this *kingdom* that we speak of? How do we fit into it? What are we praying about when we speak of the *kingdom*? Normally when we use the word *kingdom* or *reign* it refers to a political unit or a place somewhere. It will have boundaries, limits to who belongs, qualifications or citizenship requirements. In other words, it will include some, but not all people. This is not what we mean when we speak of the *kingdom of God*, the *kingdom of heaven* or the *reign of God*. Listening to what Jesus proclaims takes us into a very different *kingdom* or *reign*.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus begins his mission with a very simple and direct proclamation: *Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near* (Matt. 4:12-23). Whether we speak of it as the *kingdom of heaven*, the *kingdom of God*, or the *reign of God* we are dealing with the same thing. It is what Jesus revealed in what he said and in what he did. And, it was about something that does not fit into our usual image of a *kingdom* or a *reign*. In other words, it does not have boundaries, limits or citizenship requirements. It is open and inclusive, totally.

The *reign of God* is not a place, but a presence. It is not somewhere, but everywhere. It does not include some people, but all people. In both word and action, Jesus lived this *reign*. He offered the Good News of the *kingdom* to all peoples of every age and every nation or place. And he called on every nation and person to be with him as he proclaimed and built this *reign of God* in his own time,... and through his Spirit in every time and place.

Everything that Jesus said and did points to this *reign of God*. In his care and compassion, he reached out to women and men, to adults and children, to poor and rich, to Jews, Samaritans, Romans in short to every person he encountered. No one was beyond the boundaries. He offered the healing and reconciling love of God to all. When Matthew presents Jesus saying: *Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near*, he is declaring that in Jesus, we encounter this *reign* or *kingdom*, and this changes everything starting with ourselves.

Through Jesus and through all who live with the Spirit, this *reign of God* pours into our world, into the secular society of which we are a part and into the events and experiences that we live with each other. In everything we do, the Spirit gives us the power and the call to reveal God's presence, God's healing and reconciling love through all that we do.

We have the power to affect our world and bring the *reign* into our midst. The foundation of this power rests on our ongoing conversation with our God. It rests on our willingness to spend both time and energy on prayer, in word and deed, for this is where we listen and converse and act with the God who invites us.

John Jennings

3<sup>rd</sup> Sun Ord Time