

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday February 16, 2025 – 6TH 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

Friday February 21st 7:00 PM St. Anthon's

Touched by Cancer Mass

Saturday February 22nd 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

Ab Knight

Sunday February 23rd 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

Mass For The People

Sunday February 23rd 1:30 PM St. Patrick's

Michael McAloon

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.

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

St. Theresa's Church

+ **Sandra Weatherhead MacLean** +

Offered by

Gisele Weatherhead

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

February 9, 2025		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$5,314	Offertory	\$5,314
Capital Infrastructure	285	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Diocesan Collections	40	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 59
Other	335	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total Contributions	\$5,974	Offertory	\$30,970
		Budget Needs	(31,530)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (560)

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 February 22nd & February 23rd

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Greg Feener	George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson, Debbie Heustis, Tom & Nate VanLeeuwen
Eucharistic Minister	Theresa Donaher	Betty MacNeil & Mary Fitzpatrick
Altar Servers		Briela Otadoy, Al Adimalor, Lucas Daigle, Kevin Fernandez,
Lector	Ryan Joy	Barry Miller & Aloysia Adimalor
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 *

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

Family Faith Formation ~ Join us Sunday, February 23rd at 9:30 am in St. Theresa's Church Hall. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is pretty much the same each week. The same prayers, the same responses, the same actions. Why do we repeat these things? In our session "In Living Memory" we will learn together about this part of the Mass. All families with children in Kindergarten to grade 7 are invited to attend.

Attention St. Patrick Families ~ Families with children in grades 2 and up wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist are asked to join us on Sunday, February 23rd at 12:00 pm in the church hall for information and start the preparation process. We will also be looking to see if there is an interest in a Family Formation for families with children in grades kindergarten to grade 7. To help us prepare please contact Patty at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca before Wednesday, February 19th



It's cold out there. And on February 22nd, youth and leaders from our Confirmation Preparation classes are going to do something about it. Together with thousands of Canadians across the country, we will be walking and fundraising to support people and families experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness in our community and you can help! Sponsor one of our youth by visiting <https://cnoy.org/location/fredericton> and search for our team Our Lady of Peace Confirmation. With your support we can make a difference in our community!

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.



ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

are hosting a BRIDGE LUNCHEON
LOCATION: St. Theresa's Church Hall



DATE: February 20, 2025 TIME: 12-3 pm
To Register contact Betty MacNeil 506 260-4680

SOLIDARITY We are all Sisters and Brothers who actively work for the common good. Through the Catholic Women's League, members are invited to build relationships – to understand what life is like for others. Join us in solidarity as we journey towards peace and justice



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.

Sunday Brunch First I personally want to thank everyone that came to the last brunch, it was a great success once again! I'm constantly amazed to see all of you as we support one another! I honestly thought that with my 40 pounds of potatoes I would have plenty... Next time I'll peel and dice 60 pounds! It's a good opportunity for me to pray the rosary! Our next Brunch will be **February 16th**, come hungry!

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.

Our Sacred Stories Blessed Are You: Who Are We

Life is full of challenges. Just listen to the news on any given day. It seems that our world so often encounters “bad news”. We frequently seem to face threats of disruptions to the social and economic order, tariffs and unsettling trade disruptions, areas of the world broken by war and violence, a breakdown of law and order in so many areas of life. Where do we find the peace for which we long?

At the very beginning of our scriptures, in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis (1:1-31), there is a clear assertion of God’s vision of us and our world. The writer tells the story of creation. After each step in the process, the story relates: “And God saw that it was good.” As God completed the creation work, the author remarked: “God saw everything that was made, and indeed, it was very good.”

In the words of spiritual writer, Ron Rolheiser: “This tells us how God feels about us and our world, and it contains the implication that we should feel the same way about ourselves and the rest of the world: ‘good, very good!’” (Rolheiser. Against an Infinite Horizon 31)

God delights in us and all creation. So too, should we. This is the message we see in Luke’s Gospel this Sunday. Luke tells the story of what is sometimes referred to as the “Sermon on the Plain” (Luke 6:17, 20-26). Matthew relates a similar account as the “Sermon on the Mount” (Matthew 5:1-12). Both these stories begin with what we have come to call beatitudes, blessings, although Luke contrasts these blessings with woes when they are lacking.

Blessings are acknowledgements that we take delight in someone. In parts of Canada, there is a New Years tradition of parents blessing their children as the year begins. As they enter the New Year, their parents explicitly tell them of their delight in them. What a wonderful way to begin a year.

To bless someone is an expression of our love for them. We need such affirmations, and our world needs this vision of promise. It is no small thing that our faith offers us a vision that God sees us all as good. Beatitudes are at the core of who we are as disciples of Jesus.

We are not about commandments, judgements and rules to follow. We are about recognizing the blessing each and every person is in our world and before God. Seeing and acknowledging such blessings are the foundation of every good relationship, whether with one another or with our God. They are the basis for a life-giving and loving faith.

As disciples, this is who we are, bearers of blessings to our world. If we really want to know what it means to be and to live as disciples of Jesus, we can begin with what we see in these blessings and how we can recognize them in ourselves, in one another and in all creation.

A few years ago, theologian Richard Gaillardetz commented that Pope Francis has a vision of the Church. The Church is a “field hospital” and that it must meet people where they are. This means, Gaillardetz points out: *When considering those whose relational commitment falls outside the Church norms, he (Pope Francis) offers what might be a preferential option for mercy and inclusion. Pastors must discern which of the forms of exclusion currently practised in the liturgical, pastoral, educational and institutional framework, can be surmounted. [Pope Francis] is convinced it seems, that in at least some of these irregular situations (e.g. divorced and remarried) a return to the Eucharistic Table may be pastorally justified.*

As disciples, how might we bring compassion to our often-broken world? To do so, is to express the Good News of Jesus the Christ and reveal that our God is indeed a life-giving God of love for all. This is a revelation sorely needed when considering the many moral, ethical, social, political and economic issues we face in the 21st century.

John Jennings

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

An invitation is extended to all Women and Men to attend the **World Day of Prayer** 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.