

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 March 4th 12 PM St. Theresa's
Edward Holleran

Wednesday March 5th Ash Wednesday
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Thursday March 6th 12 PM St Theresa's
Jack & Eileen LaPointe

Friday March 7th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Brian Whitlock

Saturday March 8th^h 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Annie & Don Rediker

Sunday March 9th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Mass For The People

Sunday March 9th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's
Vocations To Priesthood

Upcoming Events

Office Hours Mon – Fri 9:am – 4:30 pm

Income Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are available in your church.

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

St. Anthony's
Church
In Memory Of
Evelyn & Charlie
Bowlen

Sons

Charlies & Terry Bowlen
Offered by the Family

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

February 23, 2025		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$4,939	Offertory	\$4,939
Capital Infrastructure	160	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Diocesan Collections	-	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (316)
Other	20	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total Contributions	\$5,119	Offertory	\$40,126
		Budget Needs	(42,040)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (1,914)

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 March 8th & March 9th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Manie, Rachele and Ellie Pahati, Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson & Debbie Heustis
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Marg Anderson & Marilyn Brennan
Altar Servers		Joe Adimalor, Mathea Pahati, Briela Otadoy & Lucas Daigle
Lector	Juanita Rose	Lesley Lawlor & Christopher Durriev
Sacristan		Bud Trevors

March 5th (Ash Wednesday) Lector **Ken Harris**, Eucharistic Minister **Theresa Donaher**

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.



Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday, March 5th

12:00 pm St. Anthony's Church

5:00 pm St. Patrick's Church

7:00 pm St. Theresa's Church

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!

Coldest Night of the Year Thank You! ~ Thank you to the youth in our Confirmation Preparation classes, leaders and families who came out and walked last Saturday in the Coldest Night of the Year event. A big thank you to everyone who sponsored our team. Together we raised **\$1,550.00** to support the John Howard Society of Fredericton! Thank you so much!



Attention High School Students! Steubenville Atlantic Conference July 11th to 13th

The Lord tells us, "Be not afraid," and these words resonate with us today. Join Catholic teens at Steubenville Atlantic at Dalhousie University, Halifax, from July 11-13, 2025. This conference is designed to evangelize, equip, and empower those aged 14-18 (grades 9-12). **Registration fee:** \$350.00 (including transportation) with a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Other Opportunities:

- **Peer Leader for Young Adults (18-20):** Attend with a group and take on leadership roles at the discretion of group leaders.
- **Franciscan LEAD:** From July 7-11, 2025. A five-day Christ-centered immersion in leadership, evangelization, and discipleship inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. Teens first grow closer to Jesus, then learn servant leadership and evangelization.

Mark Your Calendars! ~ There be an online meeting for everyone interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference on Monday, March 31st at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference as a participant or a peer leader or attending Franciscan LEAD please contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018 to have your name added to the list and receive the link to the meeting.



STRENGTH The strength of belonging to a sisterhood of thousands of women is powerful and our impact makes a difference in our parishes, communities, country and beyond. The Catholic Women's League is the largest women's organization in Canada. Imagine the many gifts and talents shared for the good of others. There is strength in numbers. Come and Join us.



Notice From Knights of Columbus

1) Thank you! We have been incredibly surprised with the speed of our secret generous donator but we have received a fridge and we appreciate the generosity!

2) Our Shrove Tuesday will be a "return to the source", the origin of Shrove Tuesday was to remove all temptations for Lent and consume all the sweets, therefore on March 4th, starting at 4 PM, the Knights will be serving pancakes with all the trimming you can wish! IHOP would be jealous! We will also have sausages and beans. The price will be 10\$ per adult, 25\$ for family.

3) The Knights want to thank everyone that promoted the Free Throw tournament, we had a great event and we have in our Parish some Provincials champions! Congratulations to all and I hope to see even more of you next year!

Submitted by *Simon Delisle Grand Knight*

Lenten Reflection Booklets ~ Lent Reflection Books for adults and families are available at each of the churches. Please be sure to pick one up to enrich your Lent experience this year.

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.

World Day of Prayer An invitation is extended to all to attend the Services in the Fredericton area. The World Day of Prayer for 2025 was prepared by the Women of the Cook Islands. Theme is "I Made You Wonderful" (Psalm 139: 1-18.)

Northside: 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: 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.

Parish Living Lent Outreach ~ Each week this Lent we will be supporting a local organization. The list of organizations and their needs can be found in this week's bulletin insert, on our website and Facebook page.



We will also post in the bulletin the collection for the following week. Donations will be collected only the weekends indicated and will be delivered to the organizations the following Monday. Together we can make a difference in our community!

1st Sunday of Lent Parish Living Lent Outreach Collection ~ Our first Living Lent collection for Lent 2025 is for **Fredericton Community Kitchen**. Since 1982, the Fredericton Community Kitchen has been serving our community to ensure that no one goes hungry in Fredericton. Today they serve over 17,500 meals per month. Let's help them out by donating Large Cans of Coffee to be used during meal service.

Our Sacred Stories LENT: A SEASON OF TRANSFORMATION

Ashes, a symbol and sign for the coming Lenten season. This coming Wednesday we will gather and use this sign as a beginning of our season. Why ashes? What makes ashes so appropriate for Lent? One way in which ashes are such a sign is that they represent a transformation.

Often the ashes used at Ash Wednesday come from the burning of the palms from the previous year. Burning transforms the palms to ashes. Perhaps that transforming process is the most significant way in which ashes are a symbol for us. Lent as much as it is a time for penitence is much more a time of conversion or transformation.

We are disciples of Jesus, called to draw closer to what we see in Jesus, i.e. to become like Jesus. The writer of the Letter to the Philippians expressed this as: "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." (Phil 2:5). A disciple is called to imitate the master. Like an apprentice, the disciple learns and then practices what is learned. He/she is transformed into the master.

This transformation or change of heart is a lifetime task for us. It involves developing and nurturing what we call our spirituality. Lent is a season to draw our attention to the process more pointedly. It is not complicated, or especially religious or theological or even devotional. Better expressed, our spirituality is about what helps us make sense of our life and the lives of those around us. It is practical faith lived out every day.

Spirituality writer Ron Rolheiser ("Holy Longing" ch.1) tells us that our spirituality is about what offers us meaning and motivation in our lives. Rolheiser calls it the "fire" that energizes us. We need religion which ties us together as a community of believers. We need theology. It allows us to express beliefs. And we need devotions which can help us to focus our beliefs. But first, we need spirituality, for it touches our heart and leads us to life-giving actions in our life.

A number of years ago, an author named Robert Fulghum published a book with a very interesting title: "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten". Fulghum introduces the book by saying that it represents what gives meaning to his life and actions. In other words, it is a kind of practical spirituality. Here is a brief piece of what Fulghum tells us:

"All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten.... These are things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life – learn some and think some... When you go out into the world Watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together." (Fulghum 5-6)

[Perhaps this is good wisdom and spirituality for all ages, personally, in community and in our world.]

It is in our spirituality that Lent draws our attention to conversion of life. As disciples we are called to imitate Jesus, our master in the everyday experiences that we have. It is in these life experiences that our spirituality takes on flesh and affects our personal and global worlds. When it does this, then the face of Jesus appears among us in one another. Lent is a gift of God's Spirit for our time and for our world.

May God's Spirit fill us all as we enter our Lenten season.

John Jennings

Knights of Columbus Saint Patrick's Breakfast: Sunday, March 9th, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Traditionally, proceeds from our March breakfast are used to support a Seminarian. This year, we will be supporting Ryan Tapley of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish. Everyone welcome.

Parish Giving In addition to our parish envelope and auto debit program, parishioners are able to use ETransfers for their parish giving. E-Transfers can be done through on-line banking with your financial institution. Please send to olpdonations@gmail.com. If you need to add a secure question, please use: "What is this donation for?" and the answer "ourladyofpeace"

A Special **Thank You** To Fr. Murphy, Fr. Peter Osborne, Fr. John Jennings and Fr. Shawn Daley for filling in for Fr. Maria while he took holidays.



Our Lady of Peace Parish Living Lent 2025 Outreach Project

This Lent, Our Lady of Peace Parish will be supporting the following local organizations by collecting needed items. Each weekend items will be collected and delivered to the organization on Monday. All donations for the week must be delivered to the church on the weekend identified as we will only be delivering items once per organization.

Date	Organization	Collection Items
1 st week of Lent Sunday, March 9 th	The Fredericton Community Kitchen	Large cans of coffee
2 nd week of Lent Sunday, March 16 th	Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital	Gas gift cards - \$20 or \$25 value
3 rd week of Lent Sunday, March 23 rd	John Howard Society of Fredericton	Individually packaged protein bar, Nutri-Grain Bars and Apple Sauce Pouches (not cups)
4 th week of Lent Sunday, March 30 th	Under One Sky	Shoppers Drug Mart Gift Cards
5 th week of Lent Sunday, April 6 th	Food Bank (Greener Village and Stanley Just Friends)	Canned spaghetti sauce and canned meat (flakes of ham, chicken, tuna, etc)
6 th week of Lent Sunday, April 13 th	Hospice House Fredericton	Cash donations. Donation jars at each church