

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

Saturday February 1st 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Deceased Members of the Whitlock Family

Sunday February 2nd 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Edward Holleran

Sunday February 2nd St. Patrick's
No Mass

Upcoming Events

Office Hours Mon – Fri 9:am – 4:30 pm

St. Theresa's Church

This Week The Sanctuary
Lamp Burns in memory of
+ Frank Petrie +
Offered by Frank O'Donnell



Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

January 19, 2025	Weekly Contributions	Weekly Contributions
Offertory \$4,792	Offertory \$4,792	Offertory \$4,792
Capital Infrastructure 85	Budget Needs (5,255)	Budget Needs (5,255)
Diocesan Collections 20	Excess (Shortfall) \$ (463)	Excess (Shortfall) \$ (463)
Other 112	Year-to-Date Contributions	Year-to-Date Contributions
Total Contributions \$5,009	Offertory \$14,908	Offertory \$14,908
	Budget Needs 15,765)	Budget Needs 15,765)
	Excess (Shortfall) \$ (857)	Excess (Shortfall) \$ (857)

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 1st & February 2nd

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Greg Feener	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Emli Cabungal, Miguel and Andrea Yamane
Eucharistic Minister	Leonard Cormier	Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Altar Servers		Al Adimalor, Caitlyn Salazar, Mathea Pahati Briela Otadoy
Lector	Ken Harris	David Saunders & Pam Shields
Sacristan		Bud Trevors

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

Sacrament Preparation ~ Please keep the children and youth of our parish preparing for Sacraments in your prayers. Currently we have a group of children finishing preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, youth starting Confirmation Preparation and youth in final preparation for Confirmation in June.

Loving God, Pour out your blessing upon our beloved children,
That during this time of Sacramental preparation they may grow closer to you,
And come to know your special love for them.
May this time of preparation be a blessing. For our families and our community
And untie us all in your great love. Amen

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



ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE is
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



SISTERHOOD – In this world today, everyone yearns for connections. The Catholic Women's League provides so many ways to form a sisterhood with other women, be it at home, in a Parish or through servant leadership. Come join a family of sisters across the country.

CWL Executive Meeting: Tuesday Feb 5th at 12:30 in the meeting room in the old Rectory.

CWL General Meeting: Saturday February 8th at 1:00 pm in St. Anthony's Church Hall.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Masses ~ Due to Fr. Maria's vacation there will be no Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, January 26th and Sunday, February 2nd. All weekday Masses and Adoration at St. Anthony's Church and St. Theresa's Church are cancelled until Tuesday, March 4th.

Blessing of the Throats - Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of the Throats will be held at St. Anthony's Mass next Saturday, February 1st.

Who was St. Blaise and why do we bless throats? Saint Blaise was a bishop and martyr that lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast (February 3rd) the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. The candles are crossed against the throat, and the following prayer is said:

*Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr,
may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Special Collection, Indigenous Reconciliation Fund – On the last weekend of January, the diocese will be taking up a special collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Monies collected will contribute towards the CCCB's five-year \$30-million National Campaign to support regional and local Indigenous healing and reconciliation initiatives. Special Collection should be included in your parish boxed sets to be used at Masses for the weekend of DATE. You may also contribute to this fundraising appeal at anytime on our website via cheque or email money transfer (<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>). You can read more about the IRF's activities, including nine projects funded in our diocese, on their website, <https://irfund.ca/en/welcome/>. Please consult our website for additional resources, <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/indigenous-reconciliation-fund>.



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!

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!

Our Sacred Stories

The Body of Christ: Church with a Face

Brothers and sisters: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor. 12:12-13)

To be baptized is to be in the Body of Christ, to be part of a community of faith that we call the Church. This Body of Christ, this Church can sometimes be regarded as an organized institution with its beliefs and practices. For most of us, however, what offers us life in this Body of Christ is the community of persons that surround us. They welcome us, support us, accompany us and nurture us in our journey of faith together. One might say that for most of us, Church, the Body of Christ has a face, or faces. It is most often in our memories that we see these faces that are Church for us.

I grew up in the Cathedral Parish in Saint John. At that time, it was a large parish with lots of people. It was a downtown parish, and the neighbourhood was one in which virtually everyone could walk to Mass on Sunday morning. Our family was not notably active in the parish, but we were regulars. I remember that my father, as we walked to church, would give each of us a nickel to put into the collection. He would say: "This is for God."

On one Sunday, as we sat in the front seat, the gentleman who took up the collection (they always seemed to be the same elderly gentlemen) came along to our seat. He passed the long-handled basket in front of us. As he did so, my brother (probably about 4 years old), clutched his nickel tightly, looked up at the gentleman and asked in a loud voice: "Are you God?"

I do not recall what the gentleman said or did, if anything. And I do not remember if "God" ever got my brother's nickel. But I do recall that this Sunday Mass routine was a regular event in our family, a kind of "family ritual" after which we had breakfast at home. As we grew older, we kids went to a different Mass from our parents and here the ritual changed a bit. In our early teens, we usually traveled in a herd and the Mass ritual consisted in sitting together and then, after Mass, walking around town with our herd. Whether it was with family or with friends, I cannot help thinking this Mass ritual was an important experience of *community*.

In early days of the Christianity, St. Paul traveled from one little community of believers to another. As he did so he seemed acutely aware that these early churches were families of believers, Christian communities. Though made up of many very different persons, they shared a common Spirit and were called to live in love and support of one another. He expressed something of this when he wrote to a person named Philemon, whom he had converted to Christianity at Colossae: *When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. (Philemon v.4-5)*

The Body of Christ into which we have been baptized and which has conferred on us a share in that one Spirit touches us most in the coming together as a community of believers – real persons, with faces. To the Corinthian community Paul wrote that they were one body, gifted with one Spirit.

Can you recall some of the faces who have been part of your faith journey?

John Jennings

3rd Sun Ordinary Time

Note From The Office: If you are new to our Parish, please find a registration form at the church and once completed you can put it in the offertory basket and your information will be added in our data base. We encourage you to ask for a box of offertory envelopes so your donations can be recorded and a tax receipt issued at year end. Any questions or to register over the phone please call the office during working hours and we can get you all set up. Thank you in advance. *Jrene*