

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday Dec 01, 2024 – **First Sunday of Advent**

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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 December 3rd 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Alexina Martin Violette

Wednesday December 4th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Joyce St. Pierre

Thursday December 5th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's

Edward Holleran

Friday December 6th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Ronnie Richard

Saturday December 7th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's

Steven Arsenault

Sunday December 8th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's

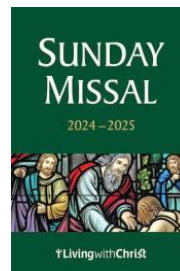
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Sunday December 8th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's

Mass For The People

Upcoming Events

Office Hours Mon – Fri 9:am – 4:30 pm



Living With Christ

Sunday Missal's

Now Available

At Your Church

Cost \$7.00

Note Change in Time for
St. Patrick's Sunday Mass

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

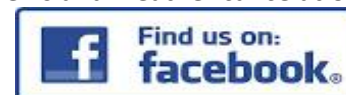
November 24, 2024		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	5,121	Offertory	\$ 5,121
Capital Infrastructure	50	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Diocesan Collections	480	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (134)
Other	183	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total Contributions	\$ 5,834	Offertory	\$ 248,135
		Budget Needs	(246,985)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 1,150

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

Website & Social Media

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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



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Ministry Schedule December 7th & December 8th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Greg Feener	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Darren Richard, George Fernandez, Marilyn Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Theresa Donaher	Lawrence & Mary Ellen Holleran
Altar Servers		Phil & Noah VanLeeuwen, Kevin Fernandez, & Al Adimalor
Lector	Ryan Roy	Betty Flanagan & Kendra VanLeewan
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

This weekend at Family Faith Formation! ~ *"What's the Word?"* Coming to Mass each Sunday is like gathering in a huddle to review how we are doing on our mission. We admit that we have failed, and we remember that we are forgiven, and we give glory to God. Then we are sent out to try again! What better way than God's Word to prepare us! At Family Faith Formation this weekend we are exploring the Liturgy of the Word at Mass and getting familiar with sacred Scripture: where it came from, how to navigate it, and how it is used throughout the year. Everything we do in Mass is meant to help us complete an important mission that happens when you leave. Listening to God's Word can help us on our mission!

This year families will be exploring all the parts of the Mass during Family Faith Formation, and we will be sharing a highlight with the parish. These sessions are perfect for families with children in kindergarten to grade 7. If you would like to know more about our sessions or our take home resources, please contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018.

Advent Book Study "Beautiful Eucharist" ~ join us on Tuesday evenings December 3rd (chapters 1 to 4) 10th (chapters 5 to 8) and 17th (chapters 9 to 12) from 7:00 to 8:15 pm as we discuss the book *"Beautiful Eucharist"*. In this book some of the most beloved authors of our times have come together to witness their personal encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist, providing eye-opening insight into the Mass, and inspiration for every reader to grow closer to God, one step at a time.

Join one of two ways! In person at in the meeting rooms at St. Theresa's Church or online via Zoom. To register for either the in person or Zoom options please contact Patty at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018. Books are available at each church. Please take only one per family.

Sunday Missals for Young Catholics ~ This year all families registered in Family Faith Formation will receive a 2024/2025 Sunday Missal for Young Catholics. Additional copies are available for purchase for \$10.00 for anyone who would like this valuable resource for their children. Please contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.

Advent Reflection Books ~ Advent Reflection Books are available at each of the churches. Please be sure to pick one up to enrich your Advent experience this year.

JUBILEE OPENING MASS – Mark your calendars for the opening Mass of the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope in the Diocese of Saint John. This Mass will take place on Sunday, December 29, 2024 (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph) at 5:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus invite all children from our Parish to take part in the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. For all boys and girls grades kindergarten through 8th. By engaging the talents of our youth, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, and that their artwork will bring others to remember Christ in Christmas.

The contest will be conducted locally with winning entries advancing through district/regional and jurisdictional competitions to the international level. The winning entries will serve as the basis for a series of international Keep Christ in Christmas posters, with creative credit going to the artists. For Entry Form or questions please contact the Grand Knight Simon Delisle at davidsimondelisle@gmail.com.

HELP OUR LESS FORTUNATE KEEP WARM THIS WINTER

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting new and gently used, warm winter clothing items such as gloves, hats, scarves, coats and socks (new only), to be distributed to the local shelters.

Look for the big blue box at each church.



ADVENT OUTREACH:



With your support we can help multiple charitable groups in our community this Advent Season.

This year we will be supporting; Youth in Transition (Chrysalis House), Women in Transition, Fredericton Homeless Shelters (Grace House and St. John House), Gignoo Transition House and Just Friends Food Bank. See insert for information about these charities.

Advent Gifting Trees will be set up at each church, please take a tag or two, purchase the item's, place the unwrapped items with the tags in the boxes provided at each church. To allow time for distribution before Christmas please have donations in no later than December 15th.

Together we can make a difference in our community!

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!

HELP WANTED – St. Theresa's Church. We are looking to hire a person to shovel snow and keep the walks and steps at St. Theresa's church salted and clear. This position will be paid each time shoveling and salting is necessary. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the office by calling (506) 444-6010 or email parishoffice@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca and leave your name and contact information.

Fredericton Region Regional Reconciliation Service

The Fredericton Region will hold an Advent/Christmas Regional Reconciliation Service and Confessions at St. Francis of Assisi, Lincoln at 3.00 pm on Sunday, December 15 2024.

There will be many priests available for Confessions. Everyone is invited.



Power Power is the ability to influence the course of events. Catholic Women's League resolutions have changed lives. By joining us you will be part of the power of resolutions.

**Our Sacred Stories –
Advent: Trusting with Hope in a Loving God**

Listening or watching the news today, we can easily be disappointed with our world and find ourselves depressed with our future. Whether it is with climate and global warming, an economy in which prices keep rising beyond the capacity of many in our population or political and social unrest which in areas around the globe results war, our world seems determined to destroy itself. It is easy to lose hope in humanity. It might appear that we have lost our way.

Getting lost is a common human experience. How often have we reached a turn in the road and had to make a choice on which turn to take. We might end up where we did not plan to go. That might not be good. On the other hand, it can be very good. It might offer us something new, a discovery. Life is full of such moments of discovery, times that are new beginnings.

Advent is always a new beginning, a move into a future yet unknown. Our Scripture stories start again, but in a new year. We go back to how our Christian story began but in the setting of a new personal story and a different community story. Again, we are called to anticipate our future with Christian hope. We hold to our faith in a God who loves us enough to come and share life with us.

The readings of this First Sunday of Advent reveal the difficulty of choices and changes. In the Old Testament reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (Jer.33:14-16), Israel is waiting for God's action in their lives. God has promised never to desert them and to be with them even if they are in exile and bondage. The prophet utters words of encouragement. Though the future cannot be known, he calls on God's people with words of hope. Like the dry branches in the desert or for us like the leafless trees as we enter winter, life will come again. What seems lifeless contains the seeds of new life and so we wait with hope.

This Sunday, in Luke's Gospel, we hear Jesus issuing an exhortation to his disciples. He calls them to remain in hope for the growing of God's reign among them. It may seem that all they had around them was ending and they may look "with fear and foreboding" at what is happening. As discouraging and threatening as an unknown future may be for us, we cannot stay where we are. We must decide to move forward in hope, for we are God's People and our God is with us always, bringing the promise of new life.

As disciples of Jesus, our role in all of this is to live as a faith-filled community of hope. Especially in a world facing many challenges, we are to be the voice of hope to all. By both word and action, our call is to build the kingdom, marked by justice and peace, compassion and care, healing and love. This is the foundation for a new world – God's Kingdom.

Are we a church, a community of hope-filled faith? Can we move forward into an unknown future with hope and trust? Do our lives and actions reveal our trust in a loving God? John Jennings 1st Sun of Advent

Due to the Canada Post strike, the Fredericton Homeless Shelters is unable to mail out their letter requesting monetary donations to support this important service. This fundraising is a big part of their budget and they are unable to reach out to the community via mail. If you are interested in helping, please contact the shelters via an online contribution at theshelters.ca, by calling them at 506.450.5294 or by email at info@theshelters.ca

St. Mary Magdalene Parish is hosting a catholic items sale Dec 7 from 1:30pm to 6:00 pm in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. There will be religious pictures, books, crucifixes, rosaries, medals and more. On site rosary repair will be available by donation, so make sure to bring your broken rosaries.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast: Sunday, December 8th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Proceeds from the December breakfast will be going to Fredericton Community Kitchens. Everyone welcome.