

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday March 23, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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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 25th 12 PM St. Theresa's**  
*Henry & Barry Anderson*

**Wednesday March 26th 10 AM St. Anthony's**  
*Deceased Whitlock Family Members*

**Thursday March 27th 12 PM St. Theresa's**  
*Mary Catherine O'Leary*

**Friday March 28th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**  
*Tim Gallan*

**Saturday March 29th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**  
*Mass For The People*

**Sunday March 30th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**  
*Harry Nicks*

**Sunday March 30th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's**  
*Faye Gilmore*

### Upcoming Events

Office Hours Mon – Fri 9:am – 4:30 pm

#### St. Theresa's Church

The Sanctuary Lamp  
Burns This Week

In Memory of

**Kelly McAloon**

Offered by The Family



#### St. Patrick's Church

Lamp Burns in memory of the

**McGowan Family**

Offered by Reg & Marg

Anderson



### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

March 16, 2025	Weekly Contributions		
Offertory	\$4,661	Offertory	\$4,661
Capital Infrastructure	45	Budget Needs	( 5,255)
Diocesan Collections	115	Excess (Shortfall)	<b>(594)</b>
Other	105	<b>Year-to-Date Contributions</b>	
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$4,926</b>	Offertory	\$57,096
		Budget Needs	(57,805)
		Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (709)</b>

*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](http://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 29th & March 30th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Emli Cabungal, Miguel & Andrea Yamane
Eucharistic Minister	Sue Inkster	Betty MacNeil & Marilyn Brennan
Altar Servers		Joe Adimalor,, Isaiah Bonaventura, Caitlyn Salazar & Mathea Pahati
Lector	Paul Ryan	Mark & Julie Daigle
Sacristan		Debbie Heustis

### 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 \*

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church (1 hour) \* If Mass is cancelled so is Adoration.

### Our symbol for the Third Sunday of Lent is Figs

As the orchard owner, God watches over us (the fig trees) and wants to see the fruit (a life based on love, forgiveness, charity and reverence) that will lead us to everlasting life in Heaven. In the Parable, Jesus plays the role of the hopeful gardener who convinces the orchard owner (God) to give the fig tree another chance to be saved to bear fruit. As the gardener of human souls, Jesus will fertilize our faith through his teaching, suffering, death and resurrection.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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!



### Attention High School Students! Steubenville Atlantic Conference July 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) or (506) 444-6018 to have your name added to the list and receive the link to the meeting.

**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.



**UNITY** The core purpose of The Catholic Women's League is to ignite the Catholic women to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the Church, Canada and the world. Did you know members celebrated the 100-year anniversary in 2020? We are a nation of unified women - one voice, one heart, one mission, and there is always room for you!

Please join St. Theresa's Catholic Women's League to  
**Pray - "Mary's Way of the Cross" during this Lenten Season.**

This will take place following the Tuesday Noon Masses beginning March 11th.

**The National Catholic Women's League of Canada** is offering 2 Bursaries valued at \$1000.00 each. Applications must be made on the official form, which is available online at [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) ([www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)) Applications must be submitted to the National office and postmarked by May 15th.

**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!



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Parish Living Lent Outreach Collection** ~ Next week's collection (March 30<sup>th</sup>) is for **Under One Sky**. Under One Sky is a registered non-profit organization providing programs and services, educating, advocating for, and empowering a healthy and proud Indigenous community. Our collection to support this organization is Shopper Drug Mart gift cards.

#### **Living Lent Outreach**

**Thank you** to all for your generosity in the first 2 weeks of our Living Lent campaign. Week one saw 79 cans of coffee delivered to the community kitchen and a number of cans to Just Friends food bank in Stanley. In week two we were very pleased to deliver \$1,700 in gas cards to the DECH Social Work department.

**Art and Environment** St. Theresa's church is looking for a person to lead the Art and Environment ministry, this volunteer position is a valuable ministry, in following the liturgical calendar. This person would work with the guidance of Fr. Maria and training from an experienced past member if required. If you feel the opportunity to lead this fulfilling ministry is for you, please contact Irene at the office 506-444-6010.

#### **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP**

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](mailto:lintons21@outlook.com).

#### **Development and Peace**

External debt and ecological debt: Who owes whom? Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights. These industries contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, they are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled. Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Institute Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives. This Lent, discover the work of CEAS and IBC by reading our Mini-magazine and watching our testimonial video at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

## **Our Sacred Stories Salvation and Liberation – God’s Message of Care and Compassion**

Seven hundred years is a long time. How surprising is it that more than 700 years ago our faith community, our church began a custom that endures, even today? In the year 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called for the celebration of the first Jubilee year. Following the Jewish custom of Jubilee, held every 50 years, the Christian community was called to undertake a time of forgiveness, reconciliation and new life. Such a Jubilee was intended to bring rebuilding and renewal to both community and individuals.

With a year of Jubilee, all were to renew their relationship with God, with one another and with creation. Among other things, such jubilee renewal was seen to include the healing of differences and tensions, the forgiveness of sins and debts and the resting and renewal of lands by letting it lie fallow. In the end, the Jubilee year was a chance to “start over” and not be burdened with the failures of the past. It was to be the opportunity for new life, marked by a fresh start and the peace that all long for.

Since initiating this custom in the year 1300, our faith community has continued to celebrate it in some way every 50 years (more recently, every 25 years) as a way of becoming a community of forgiveness and reconciliation. In doing so, the Catholic community has lived in hope of becoming increasingly a community of compassion and care, one that works to build, peace and reconciliation among ourselves and among all the peoples of the earth.

Pope Francis summoned us to see this year, as a Jubilee year. To mark this year, he called for the whole community to see ourselves as “Pilgrims of Hope” for the sake of our world. Such a pilgrimage calls us to bring to our world a longed-for blessing. Into a world marked by differences and tensions, violence and exploitation, pilgrims of hope can plant the peace and reconciliation, freedom and liberation that so many seek. We are to be missionaries of peace and healing for all.

The words drawn for the Old Testament Book of Exodus express well God’s call, issued to us as it was issued to Moses: *I have seen the misery of my people.... I have heard their cry.... I know their suffering,... and I have come down to deliver them* (Exodus 3:7-8).

This is a message for today. It is what we are all about as God’s People, as Church. The message we hear in the Gospels and the Good News we are called upon to share is what Jesus has handed on to us. It is the message of God’s care and compassion for all humanity – a message of liberation for all. In the Gospel of this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Luke 13:1-9) the figure of the gardener reveals this message of compassionate care for the weak and the vulnerable.

The work of the Christian is the work of liberation. We are about freeing those in bondage of injustice and oppression. We are about showing compassion to the sick and the suffering. We are about lifting the burdens of the poor and the powerless. We are to be a people of the liberation, for all.

The Catholic Christian Church in Canada reaches out to touch our world with the Good News of liberating love in many ways. One of these touches is through the ***Catholic Organization for Development and Peace***. All over the globe the resources of ***Development and Peace*** are used to care for those facing the burdens of poverty and injustice. In a few weeks, on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, as a Christian community, ***Development and Peace*** will lead us to stand in solidarity with these most burdened peoples of our world. In doing so, we live the Jubilee Year of Hope and build relationships marked by peace and new life together.

John Jennings  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### ***Happy Spring***

The young couple invited their aged pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having. “Goat,” the little boy replied.

“Goat?” replied the startled pastor. “Are you sure about that?”

“Yes,” said the boy. “On the drive back from church I heard Mom say to Dad, ‘Remember, we’re having the old goat for dinner tonight.’ ”