

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday April 6, 2025 – 5th 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 9:00 AM

St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday April 8th 12 PM St. Theresa's
Faye Gilmore

Wednesday April 9th 10 AM St. Anthony's
Gratitude to Saint Anne

Thursday April 10th 12 PM St Theresa's
Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Friday April 11th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Mary & Charlie McEvoy

Saturday April 12th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Daniel Aubie

Sunday April 13th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Theodore Peters

*****Sunday April 13th 9:00 AM St. Patrick's*****

Mass For The People (Note New Mass Time)

Upcoming Events

Office Hours Mon – Fri 9:am – 4:30 pm

Regional Lenten

Reconciliation Celebration

will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Parish (St. Dunstan's Church) on Sunday, April 6th @ 3 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Sanctuary Lamp St. Patrick's
Burns this week in Memory of
The + McGowan Family +
Offered by Roy & Marg
Anderson



Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

March 30, 2025		Weekly Contributions	
Offertory	\$6,166	Offertory	\$6,166
Capital Infrastructure	132	Budget Needs	(5,471)
Diocesan Collections	75	Excess (Shortfall)	695
Other	140	Year-to-Date Contributions	
Total Contributions	\$6,513	Offertory	\$67,458
		Budget Needs	(68,746)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (1,289)

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 April 12th & April 13th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Greg Feener & Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford George Fernandez, Darren Richard & Marilyn Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Theresa Donaher	Betty MacNeil & Marg Anderson
Altar Servers		Phil VanLeeuwen, Isaiah Bonaventura, Caitlyn Salazar & Mathea Pahati
Lector	Sue Inkster, Passion & N Kelly Bowlen, J. Ken Harris	Betty Flanagan & Andrea Yamane
Sacristan		Rochelle Ivey

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.

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday – April 17 – 7:00 pm St. Theresa's

Good Friday – April 18 – 12:00 pm St. Patrick's; 3:00 pm St. Anthony's

Easter Vigil – April 19 – 8:30 pm St. Theresa's

Easter Sunday – April 20: 8:45 am St. Patrick's; 11:00 am St. Anthony's

Our symbol for the Fifth Sunday of Lent is Water

In the time of Jesus, many kinds of water purifications were practiced. A ritual washing was required before eating. Christian baptism is more than a cleansing. Baptism signifies a dying (a drowning) to one way of living and rising to a new way of life.

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!



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.

If you are interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic Conference as a participant please contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018

"WHAT DO YOU SEEK?" Exciting Adult Faith Formation is back this SPRING! We are all searching for answers to the most fundamental questions about life. Our Lady of Peace and St. Mary Magdalene parishes are uniting again this spring to offer a weekly Adult Faith Formation program from APR 23 to JUN 11. Participants will explore the meaning of life as revealed through the lens of the Christian Faith in an open, welcoming small-group atmosphere. For more information and to register, please contact Tracy Horsley at horsleysix@gmail.com (or call (506) 261-0713). Register early, as space is limited!



VISION The Catholic Women's League's envisioned future is to an inclusive and engaged community of Catholic women – inspired by faith. Its vision is to ensure that it remains a vital participant in the Church, a valued partner for social justice, a respected advocate at all government levels, and connected to the world. Come and See us!

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.

CWL Executive Meeting – Tuesday April 8th 2025 at 12:30 PM in the old Rectory Meeting Room.

CWL General Meeting – Sunday April 13th 2025 after Mass in the Church Hall.

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 (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. We will 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!



6th Sunday of Lent Parish Living Lent Outreach Collection ~ Our final Living Lent collection (April 13th) is for **Hospice House Fredericton**. Hospice House Fredericton provides a family-like atmosphere with private rooms and home-cooked meals. Their dedicated team of professionals along with community partners work to ensure each patient receives dignified and compassionate patient-centred care based on their specific needs. To help them with their work in our community we will be accepting cash donations.

Thank you to all for your generosity in the second 2 weeks of our Living Lent campaign. Week three saw 80 boxes of protein bars, and 6 large packages of apple sauce pouches delivered to the John Howard Society. In week four we were pleased to deliver \$1,660.00 in Shoppers Drug Mart gift cards to Under One Sky.

Development and Peace Demanding fairer policies in Tunisia Resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions trap Tunisia in debt. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the Tunisian Economic Observatory (OTE), analyzes the country's debt policies, and informs Tunisians about economic issues, enabling them to demand fairer and more equitable policies to promote sustainable development that benefits everyone. This Lent, discover the work of OTE by reading our Mini-magazine at devp.org/lent/resources.



You're Invited! Dear Parishioners, We are blessed to announce that the traveling icon from the Knights of Columbus will be present at Our Lady of Peace Parish for two special days of prayer and devotion.

Wednesday, April 9th: Following the 10am Mass at St. Anthony's, join us as we venerate the icon and pray the Rosary together.

Thursday, April 10th: A special prayer event with the icon will be held at St. Theresa's 6:30 pm. This traveling icon has a rich history and profound significance. As it is blessed by the Pope each year this icon travels the world. This year the icon we are receiving is the one of the Sacred heart of Jesus. As a cherished tradition, the Knights of Columbus' pilgrim icon program brings communities together to seek intercession through prayer. All are warmly welcomed to participate in these grace-filled events. Let us come together to honor this sacred icon and pray as a community. *Simon Delisle Grand Knight 8654*

Our Sacred Stories *Solidarity Sunday*: Standing with the Threatened and Vulnerable

Today we can hear again the words of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65). In its final session the Council promulgated *The Constitution of the Church in the Modern World*. The Church ended its four year Council by looking outward to the world and expressing its concerns:

We are at a moment of history when the development of economic life could diminish social inequalities if that development were guided and coordinated in a reasonable and human way. Yet too often it serves only to intensify the inequalities. In some places it even results in a decline of social status of the weak and in contempt for the poor.

Listening to John's Gospel (8:1-11), we are drawn into the story of Jesus and his encounter with a group of scribes and Pharisees. In an effort to trip him up, they have brought before him a woman caught in adultery. They pose a question to him, asking if he agrees with what the law of Moses demanded – that she must be stoned to death.

Before Jesus stands one who is unable to defend herself. She is one of the most threatened and vulnerable. She is without rights and without an advocate. Accused of sin, she finds no forgiveness and is isolated and rejected by the community. She is lost and her life will be taken from her.

Only Jesus stands with her. He stands in solidarity with her. In doing so, Jesus brings to her an immediate salvation. His response by a loving reconciling presence brings her forgiveness and restoration to the community. He saves her in so many ways. She is freed from the bondage of injustice. She is forgiven her sin and failings. She is raised to new life possibilities. She is restored to a place in the community of God's People.

Our faith and our faith tradition call us to be this Jesus acting in our world. John's telling of this story highlights the wonder of Jesus' healing, reconciling presence. All of the Gospel healing stories reveal the same Jesus. He feels the pain and the suffering of the threatened and vulnerable. He brings them out of pain and suffering restoring them to wholeness and holiness. He reconciles them, bringing them back into the community. He stands in solidarity with them in their struggle and through his presence, shares their challenges with compassion and with love.

This is the Jesus of our faith. This is who we are called to be. It is our identity as a Christian people. At our baptism, we received the spirit of this Jesus. It made us sharers in the priesthood of Jesus the Christ, every one of us. In this priesthood we stand with the poor, the broken, the rejected, the suffering, the oppressed of our world. Sinners we are, but we are also healers and reconcilers.

This Sunday is *Solidarity Sunday*. Each year on the 5th Sunday of Lent, our Canadian Catholic Church reflects on our Christian call to stand in solidarity with the poor, the oppressed, the suffering of our world. As a baptized priesthood of Jesus the Christ, we believe and commit ourselves:

- to God, who loves us, all of us unconditionally
- to Jesus, in his life, death and resurrection
- to the Spirit who has gives us and sustains us in life
- to our call as priests of Jesus the Christ, in solidarity with all who face poverty, injustice, oppression, violence and sin in our world.

THIS WE BELIEVE John Jennings 5th Sunday of Lent

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast: Sunday, April 13th, 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 this breakfast will be used to help fund medical care for Joan, the wife of one of the Knights, who is in the Philippines awaiting a kidney transplant. Everyone welcome.

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.