

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday February 2, 2025 – Presentation of the Lord

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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 8th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**

*Lydia & Jude Melanson*

**Sunday February 9th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**

*Marie Therese Dugas*

**Sunday February 9th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's**

*Greg Kirby*

### Upcoming Events

**Office Hours Mon – Fri 9:am – 4:30 pm**

All weekday Masses and Adoration at St. Anthony's Church and St. Theresa's Church are cancelled until Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Income Tax Receipts

Tax receipts will be available next weekend (Feb 8th & 9th) in your church. Prior to that they are available at the Parish Center during working hours

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

January 26, 2025		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	\$4,647	Offertory	\$4,647
Capital Infrastructure	30	Budget Needs	( 5,255)
Diocesan Collections	1,040	Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (608)</b>
Other	35	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$5,752</b>	Offertory	\$19555
		Budget Needs	(21,020)
		Excess (Shortfall)	<b>\$ (1,465)</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 February 8th & February 9th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Manie, Rachelle & Ellie Pahati, Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson & Debbie Heustis
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Feener	Deborah Allen & Janet Matheson
Altar Servers		Joe Adimalor, Lucas Daigle, Kevin Fernandez, Noah VanLeeuwen
Lector	Sue Inkster	Betty Flanagan & Andrea Yamane
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 \*

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.

## 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



**SISTERS** – Have you ever longed for a sister?. The Catholic Women's League will bring many women into your life. Some will journey with you through thick and thin, some will come and go. Always, these women will carry and support you with their prayers and sisterly love, come meet new sisters.

**CWL Executive Meeting:** Tuesday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 in the meeting room in the old Rectory.

**CWL General Meeting:** Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> 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, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Blessing of the Throats - Feast of St. Blaise**  
**Blessing of the Throats will be held at St. Anthony's Mass Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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.*



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!

**Nerf Ambush** We will be hosting our yearly Nerf Ambush on Friday February 7th. All kids are welcome, this is a very fun evening. So bring your Nerf's toys and join us in the hall to burn some calories! (or have a coffee while watching the kids burn calories) We will be starting at 6:30 PM

**Free-Throw Championship.** On Saturday February 15th, all Knights across the city are hosting the Free-Throw Championship. This friendly competition is a lot of fun and who knows, you might even be the International winner for the Knights of Columbus across the WORLD! All kids from **9 to 14** are welcome, it will be at Mgr Boyd starting at 9 am, for more information or to register [nb.kofc.freethrow@gmail.com](mailto:nb.kofc.freethrow@gmail.com)

**Sunday Brunch** First I personally want to thank everyone that came to the last brunch, it was a great success once again! I'm constantly amazed to see all of you as we support one another! I honestly thought that with my 40 pounds of potatoes I would have plenty... Next time I'll peel and dice 60 pounds! It's a good opportunity for me to pray the rosary! Our next Brunch will be **February 16th**, come hungry!

**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!

**Thank You** to those of you who filled out a registration form and got it to my office by putting it in the offertory basket. It is important that our data base is up to date and accurate. A few of you asked for offertory envelopes which were available for you. Irene

### Our Sacred Stories Recognizing the Prophets Among us

*Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up.... Truly, I tell you, no Prophet is accepted in his hometown. (Luke 4:14ff)*

How often we miss the prophets that are right in our midst – they are so obvious and so common that we take them for granted. The little piece of Scripture above is drawn from the Gospel of Luke. Following Jesus' baptism in the Jordan by John, Jesus went into the desert. After a time of being of being tempted there, he began his mission.

The mission of Jesus was to bring the hopes of God's People to fulfillment – to proclaim the coming of God's Reign. This is what we call the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Luke describes how as he began to proclaim this Good News, Jesus immediately faced challenges. Not the least of these challenges was that he was too common. People knew him, they knew his family. Beginning in Nazareth, he was in the midst of his hometown people. Luke notes: *No prophet is accepted in his hometown.*

The role of a prophet, contrary to what many hold is not to predict the future. Rather, it is to announce to our world word and action how God is present among us. The prophet reveals the presence of God to a particular time and place. This prophetic role for Jesus begins at the time of his baptism in the Jordan by John. But in Luke's Gospel, there is an earlier reference to it as Luke relates the story of Mary and Joseph presenting the infant child in the Temple (Luke 2:22-40). This tradition was common among Jews of the time.

As the Jesus is presented in the Temple, there is an encounter with two persons. First there is Simeon, a man of strong faith who came into the Temple and saw Jesus's presentation and announced the significance of the child. Then there was a female prophet, Anna. She saw and recognized in him the fulfillment of the promises made to Israel through the prophets of Israel's past.

The difficulty of recognizing the prophets that surround us in life, is that often they are too much like us, or too commonly available. Jesus faced this challenge and so do we. It is hard to see the ordinary as exercising a prophetic role for us.

There is an old saying: "An expert is someone from away." How often we fall into this way of seeing those around us, those who share our life and our community. The prophetic people who walk with us to not stand out. Nor do we. In fact, we share in the propetic role of Jesus the Christ.

There is an acknowledgement of this prophetic role at our baptism. Following the immersion or the pouring of water on the person being baptized, there is an anointing with the oil of chrism. This is the same oil used at the coronation of monarchs and for the ordination of priests. The words that are spoken with this anointing express the meaning and significance of the anointing in the context of a baptism. *As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live always as a member of his body....*

Are we ever aware that we are a priestly people of God? Do we acknowledge that we are called to be individually and communally a prophetic people? As prophets, can we accept that in word and action each and all of us are prophets to our world? As such prophets we are called to make a difference in our world, building God's Kingdom of justice and peace, compassion and love for all humanity.

John Jennings

Feast of the Presentation

**St. Anthony's Shawl Ministry** have been busy and have delivered beautiful blessed shawls to the office. Are you or someone you know in need of comfort? The shawls are free of charge and are a beautiful gesture of love and caring. All shawls have a beautiful prayer attached. Come and take a look.

**Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast:** Sunday, February 9th, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Everyone welcome.