

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday Dec 08, 2024 – **Second 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 10th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**  
*John LaPointe*

**Wednesday December 11th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**  
*Cecile Thibodeau*

**Thursday December 12th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**  
*Alexina Martin Violette*

**Friday December 13th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**  
*Robert D. Whalen*

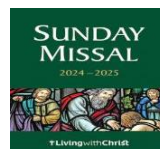
**Saturday December 14th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**  
*Steven Arsenault*

**Sunday December 15th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**  
**Mass For The People**

**Sunday December 15th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's**  
*Gordon Clarkson*

### 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

**Please Note:** If Schools are closed due to inclement weather, weekday Masses will be cancelled.

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

| December 1, 2024           |                 | Weekly             | Contributions   |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Offertory                  | 6,517           | Offertory          | \$ 6,517        |
| Capital Infrastructure     | 135             | Budget Needs       | (5,255)         |
| Diocesan Collections       | 496             | Excess (Shortfall) | \$ 1,262        |
| Other                      | 203             | Year-to-Date       | Contributions   |
| <b>Total Contributions</b> | <b>\$ 7,351</b> | Offertory          | \$ 254,653      |
|                            |                 | Budget Needs       | (252,240)       |
|                            |                 | Excess (Shortfall) | <b>\$ 2,413</b> |

*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](http://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

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



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## Ministry Schedule December 14th & December 15th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

|                      |                     |  |
|----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Hospitality          | Mona & Ray McCarthy | George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford<br>Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson & Debbie Heustis |
| Eucharistic Minister | Greg Feener         | Mary Fitzpatrick & Janet Matheson  |
| Altar Servers        |                     | Isaiah Bonaventura, Caitlyn Salazar,<br>Mathea Pahati & Briela Otadoy                                |
| Lector               | Ken Harris          | Betty MacNeil & Reign Bonaventura  |
| Sacristan            |                     | Mary Fitzpatrick   |

### 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

**Family Faith Formation** ~ Join us on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for Family Faith Formation. 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](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) or (506) 444-6018.

**Advent Resources on FORMED** ~ Please be sure to check on FORMED for Advent resources for the whole family. This suggest week's suggestions are:

- The Story of St. Nicholas (children)
- 30 Minuit B.C. (family)
- Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message (adult)
- Brother Francis: The Days of Advent (children)

**Advent Book Study "Beautiful Eucharist"** ~ join us on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:15 pm as we discuss the book "Beautiful Eucharist", December 10<sup>th</sup> (chapters 5 to 8) and December 17<sup>th</sup> (chapters 9 to 12). 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](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) or (506) 444-6018.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:davidsimondelisle@gmail.com). Deadline Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Coats for Kids** The Knights of Columbus would like to invite any family that could benefit from free winter coats to come and see us at the St. Theresa's Church hall on Wednesday December 11th between 6 and 8 PM. We will have 48 coats to give, 24 for girls and 24 from boys for ages 4 to 16. We will server coffee and hot chocolate and some sweets.

**Brunch** On December 15th from 12 to 2, the Knights will be hosting the last brunch of 2024, we might have a few surprises for the kids. As usual the brunch is free offering with a suggestion of 10\$ per person, these funds are used to continue our mission in the Parish. Thank you

## 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!

## **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.

## **December 12, Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Bishop Riesbeck will preside at a special Mass on December 12th at 7:00 pm in St Dunstan's Church in celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and to observe the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. There will be a special collection in support of the Kehkimin Wolastoqey Language Immersion School. A reception will follow in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre.

## Our Sacred Stories - *Preparing the Way of the Lord*

Last weekend, while filling in at a local parish, I noticed something very striking. My hometown has become significantly more multi-cultural. Increasingly, it has become the place of many people from other countries and continents. The same picture has emerged in other parishes around the city. We are much richer and full of life because of this. It is one of the blessings of our country. And this has long been the story of our country.

Most of us are the descendants of peoples that migrated here in the last 2-3 hundred years. We continue to struggle with our treatment of the indigenous peoples who already were here. We often struggle as well with new immigrants who are currently arriving. It seems that we struggle with change and with creating new and open relationships with others who challenge our long-held customs and practices. Yet to be complete we need others and differences in our lives

Almost 500 years ago, an English poet, John Donne wrote a poem that began with these words:

*No [person] is an island, entire to [themselves],  
Every [person] is a piece of the continent, A part of the main.*

Donne's words are a reminder that we rely on one another, that we are not alone in this world and our lives and well-being depend on the efforts and help of others. Significantly, who we are is the result of many who in love and care have made us who we are today. No one gets through life alone.

The Advent-Christmas season draws us into reflection on who we are and how we have become. In our Scriptures we discover the great love that God has for all creation, all humanity. We also encounter the challenge of what we are called to be as God's presence comes to be seen in our midst.

John the Baptist as well as the prophet Baruch are figures of the Advent season. Their cry dominates the story of what we are becoming in and for our world. John's call is clear as Luke presents it: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God* (Luke 3:4-6).

Both the prophet Baruch (5:1-9) and John the Baptist, issue a clarion call for the coming of a new world that expresses the peace, justice, freedom and harmony of God's reign among us. What was proclaimed by each of these prophetic voices, was expressed in the message and mission of Jesus. It has been passed on to us as a mission for the whole world, for all humanity. The Spirit of Jesus draws all humanity to God's dream of openness, justice and peace, freedom and harmony. We are to live as the prophetic voices of God's dream in our own age - open to all peoples, nations and cultures. Our message is one of hope and joy,... for all. John Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Sunday Dec. 8** at 1pm in room 120 of the Msgr Boyd Centre, St. Dunstan's.

JP II and the Feminine Genius

Our guest speaker, Janice Charbonnet, started in New Brunswick and now hails from Louisiana. Join us as she shares her testimony about the church's teaching on the feminine genius.



**Pride** We in the Catholic Women's League take pride in our accomplishments. We are a sisterhood of women dedicated to service to God and Church. Join our sisterhood today.

**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](http://theshelters.ca), by calling them at 506.450-5294 or by email at [info@theshelters.ca](mailto:info@theshelters.ca)

**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](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca) and leave your name and contact information.

**Offertory Envelopes** are available at the churches. Please take yours regardless how you contribute your offerings. The boxed sets include Special Diocesan and Parish Envelopes. If you are not registered with the Parish please contact the office and you will be assigned a numbered box of envelopes. Thank You..