

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday August 11, 2024 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 8:45 AM

St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road
Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Aug 13th 12:00 pm St. Theresa's
Margaret Vilimaitis

Wednesday Aug 14th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
David Walsh

Thursday Aug 15th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Betty Miles

Friday August 16th 7:00 PM
Touched by Cancer Mass

Saturday Aug 17th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Theresa Savage

Sunday Aug 18th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Mass for the People

Sunday Aug 18th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
George Donovan

Upcoming Events

Parish Office will be closed on Mondays starting
June 3rd until Sept 17th

**Please check your Church Bulletin Boards
For Posters of Upcoming Community
Events.**

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Aug 4, 2024		Weekly	Contributions
Offertory	5,327	Offertory	\$ 5,327
Capital Infrastructure	885	Budget Needs	(5,255)
Diocesan Collections	-	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 72
Other	-	Year-to-Date	Contributions
Total Contributions	\$ 6,212	Offertory	\$ 164,656
		Budget Needs	(162,905)
		Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 1,751

*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 cancelations!**



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Office Numbers

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Ministry Schedule Aug 17th & Aug 18th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Julie, Mark, Angelena & Lucas Daigle
Eucharistic Minister	Sue Inkster	Mary Ellen & Lawrence Holleran
Altar Servers	Kelly Bowlen	Joe Adimalor, Will Horsely, Samuel Alfaro & Isaiah Bonaventura
Lector	Ann Boies	Betty MacNeil & Kendra VanLeeuwen
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 *

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 Program Registration



Join us for Family Faith Formation (Catechism – Sunday School) as we explore and learn about the Mass together ~ All families with children ages 5 to 12 (kindergarten to grade 7) are encouraged to participate in Family Faith Formation. Come and learn and share faith as a family at monthly sessions that are family-focused, inviting and accessible. Children in grade 2 will receive preparation to receive 1st Eucharist in the spring of 2025. To register please visit <https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to-7> Families attending St. Patrick's Church are invited to contact Patty Cameron for Family Faith Formation and 1st Eucharist Preparation options.

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Confirmation Preparation ~ Youth in grade 8 and up, if not already Confirmed, are invited to begin Confirmation Preparation beginning this fall with the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated the spring of 2026. To register please visit <https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/confirmation-preparation>

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Cameron at (506) 444-6018 or pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

REGISTRATION CLOSSES SEPTEMBER 18TH

Please note that late registrations for Sacrament Preparation may result in children and youth not receiving Sacraments as scheduled by the parish.

YOUTH RALLY Save the Date! – “Take Up His Calling”, a Diocesan Youth Rally for high school youth will take place at the Villa Madonna Retreat House on Sunday, August 18th, from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Join us for an afternoon of sports, activities, faith, fellowship, worship and prayer. Interested in attending? Contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018. There will be a bus from Fredericton going to Saint John for the day, cost \$15.00 / youth. Be sure to book your seat early!

Visioning Youth Ministry in our Parishes – a day of prayer, discernment, and discussion about Youth Ministry – Tuesday, August 27, 9:30-4:30, Villa Madonna.

Do you feel a burden of spiritual concern for high school aged youth in your parish? Do you feel a nudge from the Holy Spirit to help address the needs for evangelizing young people? Patricia Lee and Jim Anderson will be facilitating a day of reflection and discernment for anyone interested in discussing the needs and initiatives for the evangelization of young people in our parishes. This is for current and new people drawn to building youth groups in your parish. The gathering will be held at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay, on Tuesday, August 27, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Please register by email catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or by calling 506-627-6465.

St. Theresa's Music Ministry If you or someone you know would be interested in helping with the direction and planning for the music ministry at St. Theresa's Church, please contact Rochelle Ivey at olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com or (506) 451-7221.

Special Capital Fund Collection Appeal Envelopes are available to the back of the Churches for those who wish to donate to this fund. All donations will be included in your 2024 Tax Receipt. We thank you for your continued support.

Healing



As Catholic Women's League members, we help to heal injustice through advocacy, illness through prayer, hate with love and loneliness with care. You cannot stay away from the healing process if you are a Catholic woman. Join us today!

St. Theresa's CWL Twilight Retreat

St. Theresa's CWL invite all to their Twilight Retreat at St. Theresa's Church Hall on Sept 9th from 4:30 – 8:00pm. Come and take part in a Pot Luck Supper then enjoy our Facilitator Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation for the Diocese of Saint John. Everyone is welcome.

St. Mary's Anglican Church on McEvoy Street. are having a Garden Party on Aug. 11th from 12 - 2 PM (rain date Aug. 18th) and we would like to invite your congregation. The party is a joint event between the St. Mary's Community Food Forest and the St. Mary's Community Garden, and there will be snacks, fiddlers, games, and tours of the two spaces. The goal of the event is to connect neighbours, both those that live in the area and those that are in the community often. As we are neighboring churches in Devon, we wanted to extend this invitation to you.

Dr. Michael W. Higgins is coming to Fredericton to launch his new Book, The Jesuit Disruptor: A Personal Portrait of Pope Francis, published by House of Anansi, and give a presentation on The Synod on Synodality. On Saturday, September 14th he will be at **Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton** from 10:30 am till 1:00 pm. This gathering will begin with a presentation on the Synod and Synodality (and Q and A) followed by the book launch and a social time with food and refreshments and book signing. Westminster Books will be present with books available. Dr. Michael Higgins is well known to us as an author, English and Religious Studies Professor, former President and Vice Chancellor of St. Thomas University, journalist, documentarian, columnist with many prominent newspapers, commentator and analyst with CBC and CTV, and biographer of Henri J. M. Nouwen and Thomas Merton. He will be attending the next

Synod gathering in Rome in October, as he did the first synod gathering as a credentialed journalist on behalf of Paulist Press. No registration or fee to attend! All are welcome

Our Sacred Stories - Living the Spirit in Ordinary, Everyday Love

Bread is a very common food and is a staple for many cultures. It comes in a variety of types: whole wheat, banana, white, potato, brown, naan, pita, ciabatta, multigrain and gluten free to name only a few. Of all our foods, bread is perhaps the most common. Like so many other elements of our lives, bread hardly captures any attention. Yet, though common, it has taken on great significance in our lives. So often, bread represents that we are being fed, supported and provided with our basic needs. What is ordinary and common, can be very significant.

In the Old Testament, First Book of Kings, the prophet Elijah, exhausted and despairing in the wilderness, lies down and recalls his ancestors, the Israelites. During their flight from Egypt, they wandered through the desert. Facing starvation, they were fed with manna from heaven. Elijah is described with a parallel wonder as he wakes from sleep and finds bread and water to sustain him (1 Kings 19:4-8). With this simple and ordinary gift from God, the prophet is able to complete his journey.

Chapter 6 of John's Gospel contains a long discourse on the relationship between Jesus and the Father. The chapter begins with the account of the feeding of 5000 with loaves and fish. The impact of this event created a great stir and people began to flock to Jesus. They hoped for another sign, not understanding that this was more than a simple feeding with bread.

In the discourse, Jesus moves beyond the physical entity of bread to a significance beyond simple feeding of the body. Jesus expresses this deeper meaning with the statement: "I am the bread of life.... Whoever eats this bread will live forever and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." For John, this allusion to his giving of his life indicates that Jesus will ultimately pour out his life for all of us and will do this as a sign of God's great love for the whole of creation.

For many this was too much. Here was a person they all knew and whose family lived among them. How could someone so common and ordinary make such a claim? As the chapter continues, many who had started to follow him, now began to drift away from him. The sign that had attracted them, ceased to be something they could place their faith in, at least in the way in which they understood it.

Those who remained committed disciples would gradually come to grasp the deeper meaning of the sign that seemed so ordinary. For them, the faith and trust they placed in this Jesus, became more than following a teacher who conveyed knowledge to them or a leader who would help them in momentary struggles. It became a way of life and an awareness of God's constant and unconditional love for them and all the peoples of the earth.

In letters he wrote for early Christian communities a later disciple, Paul captured this deeper, faith and trust as a way of living. One of these letters was directed to the Christian community at Ephesus. Paul saw in Jesus, a wondrous expression of God's love for all and a commitment from God who like a parent would never cease loving us. The way of life for a disciple as Paul expressed it was to imitate Jesus and allow the love showered upon us, to become our way of life with all (Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2).

In his letter, Paul has managed to express what giving "life for the world" means in practical, everyday ways: "Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." This, says Paul is the mark of the Spirit among us. Paul takes us beyond the wonder of marvels to the ordinary expressions of God's life-giving love in the hearts of disciples. Such disciples are able to trust, and reflect God's compassion in the moments of daily life.

John Jennings 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church Humor

Pastor Riley was in the middle of his sermon when he noticed a man had fallen asleep with his head on his wife's shoulder.

"Wake up your husband," Pastor Riley snapped.

The wife smiled and replied, "You put him to sleep. You wake him up."