

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*"Three Churches One Faith Community"*

## Bulletin Sunday August 25, 2024 – 21st 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 27th 12:00 pm St. Theresa's**  
*Patricia Dickenson*

**Wednesday Aug 28th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's**  
*Alice Giovannetti*

**Thursday Aug 29th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's**  
*Clayton Theriault*

**Friday August 30th 11:00 AM St. Anthony's**  
**Funeral Mass for Everett O'Neill**

**Saturday Aug 31st 4:00 PM St. Anthony's**  
**Mass for the People**

**Sunday Sept 1st 8:45 AM St. Patrick's**  
*Linda Sales*

**Sunday Sept 1st 11:00 AM St. Theresa's**  
*Lambert & Mary Holleran*

### Upcoming Events

Parish Office will be closed on Mondays starting  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> until Sept 17<sup>th</sup>

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

#### No Friday Mass August 30th

St. Anthony's  
**+James Brandert+**  
Offered  
by  
Lorraine & Family

*This week the  
Sanctuary  
Candle  
burns in memory of ...*

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Aug 18 2024		Weekly		Contributions	
Offertory	5,172	Offertory		\$	5,172
Capital Infrastructure	245	Budget Needs			(5,255)
Diocesan Collections	-	Excess (Shortfall)		<b>\$</b>	<b>(83)</b>
Other	100	<b>Year-to-Date</b>		<b>Contributions</b>	
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 5,517</b>	Offertory		\$	174,388
		Budget Needs			(173,415)
		Excess (Shortfall)		<b>\$</b>	<b>973</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 cancelations!**



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## Ministry Schedule Aug 31st & Sept 1st

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen	Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Manie, Rachelle & Ellie Pahati
Eucharistic Minister	Greg Forsythe	Betty MacNeil & Marg Anderson
Altar Servers	Kelly Bowlen	David & Samuel Alfaro, Al Adimalor, Will Horsley
Lector	Mary Anne vanOostwaard	Pam Shields & Reign Buenaventura
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 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 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist in the spring of 2025. To register to 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 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Preparation options.

**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](mailto:pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca)

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**Stanley Community Member in need of help.** Agnes Hayes has been off work for one year and has been diagnosed with Terminal Cancer. Her self employed daughter has been unable to work as she has been taking care of her mom. The community of Stanley have recognized the extreme financial burden on this family and have reached out to the community for help. If you are able to help this family a jar has been provided at the back of the church for any cash donations. Please keep Agnes and her family in your prayers.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Hope



Hope is the essence we hold onto during times of adversity and is the beacon of light in the darkness. Anyone seeking refuge and hope can find it in the Catholic Women's League. Members find hope in one another. Join us and be a women of hope.

### St. Theresa's CWL Twilight Retreat

**St. Theresa's CWL** invite all to their Twilight Retreat at St. Theresa's Church Hall on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 –

### Emmanuel: God With Us – Life for Creation and Humanity

Spending time at the beach is a favourite pastime during the summer months. Watching the waves come in and hearing the sounds as the sea flows and ebbs is so regular and relaxing. Sitting on the shoreline wrapped up in quiet thought, it is hard to imagine that what we are looking at is so vast and so powerful.

Relaxing on the beach, we do not think much about the bigger picture. The Bay of Fundy can be 52 kilometers across and up to 250 meters deep. The Atlantic Ocean itself in places is almost 8 kilometers deep and 5000 kilometers wide. It covers almost 20% of the earth's surface. Now that is big.

Often, what we see in our lives is such a small part of the bigger picture. John's Gospel in chapter 6 poses this problem for the crowds that followed Jesus as well as for his disciples. As John presents the story he begins by telling us that Jesus is being followed by a large crowd of people, "impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick" (Jn. 6:2). The Gospel goes on to describe another wonder, as Jesus feeds the large crowd. Struck by this miracle they acclaim him as a prophet and seek to make him king (Jn.6:14-15). He flees into the hills to escape them, while the disciples set out to row across the lake.

The story does not end here. There is another wonder. A storm comes up on the lake and they encounter Jesus walking on the water toward them. The next day the crowds find Jesus and his disciples on the other side. They are baffled and overwhelmed by what is happening. Jesus, points out that they may be following him because of the wonders and signs, but there is more to it than this. John then begins to present Jesus speaking to them with a central truth of his message and mission: "I am the bread of life..." (Jn.6:35-69).

Many in the crowd and even some of the disciples found that the message was too much. They could not accept what Jesus was saying as it was too vast a claim and took them far beyond what their faith tradition would allow them. It was an ocean of meaning. Yet, on the other hand, many stayed with him. What was the attraction?

As John closes this chapter, he reveals what the attraction is. Jesus lives in a relationship with a loving, life-giving God and his mission is to proclaim this to others through his life, words and actions. For many this was a challenge. Their vision of God was focused on God's transcendence, the distance of the divinity. The disciples were discovering in Jesus signs of the immanence of God, the closeness of the divinity – *Emmanuel* (God with us) is our acclamation.

"Bread" is a simple and common element of life. Yet for the early Christians who speak to us through John's Gospel the food and feeding symbolizes the core of life in our world. To eat "the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood" is to receive the life, divine life that Jesus offers to humanity. In doing so we recognize the gift of the life-giving love of our God to all. This is the message and mission of Jesus that we have been given as disciples. We are to share this amazing Good News. Being life-giving to one another is how we share it.

John Jennings

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



Pastor Paul had been advised by his doctor to lose 30 pounds or risk serious health consequences. The good pastor took his new diet seriously, even changing his driving route to the church building to avoid his favorite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived for Bible study carrying a gigantic devil's food cake. The class chuckled and chided him, but the good pastor's smile remained cherubic.

"This is a very special cake," he explained. "I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window were a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious cakes, let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery.' And sure enough," he continued, "the eighth time around the block, there it was!"