

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin

Sunday, March 20th, 2022 – Third 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 1:30 pm



St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

Upcoming Events

Monday March 21st

Parish Nursing Quilt Fundraising Draw

Sunday March 27th 9:45 am

Family Faith Formation

Friday April 1

Lenten Reconciliation Service 7:00 pm

St. Theresa's Church

Tuesday April 5

Lenten Retreat with Sr. Karen at 7:00 pm

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, March 22nd 12:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Henry & Barry Anderson

Wednesday March 23rd 10:00 am St. Anthony's

Sheila Collwell

Thursday, March 24th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's

Marie Shields

Friday March 25th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church

George Dutcher

Saturday, March 26th, 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

Mary Bowlen

Sunday March 27th 1:30 pm - St. Patrick's Church

Mass for the People

Sunday, March 27th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Anne Whaling

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Mar 13th, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$3,316.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$1,978.00</u>
Total:	\$5,294.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 294.00
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 5,125.00
Special Collections:	\$ 30.00
Other:	\$ 749.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 48,752.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 55,000.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 6,248.00)
Information inquires should be directed to:	
Frank O'Donnell 472-0145	
(mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener	
472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)	

*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

Wondering what is happening in the parish? Check out the parish monthly activity calendar available at each of our parish churches and online.



www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP

Our Lady of Peace Parish, in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency, is pleased to announce that a tax preparation clinic will be provided (**Free of Charge**) to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation.

The tax preparation service will commence **March, 2022**. Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony’s Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment** to prepare your income tax and benefit returns.

The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex situations** such as: returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business rental income or expenses. Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton** for further information at 506-261-7600 or lintons21@outlook.com.

Parish Announcements For Everyone’s Safety and Protection

Now that COVID restrictions have ended we would like to acknowledge that parishioners will have different comfort levels and we ask for everyone’s patience and kindness as parishioners assess their own level of risk and comfort.

Although no longer mandated, we encourage the continued use of masks in our church buildings for your protection and the protection of our vulnerable parishioners, those too young to be vaccinated and those with underlying health conditions. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available and you are asked to use it as you enter the church and before receiving communion.

Please continue to monitor your health and make the decision to attend/not attend Mass accordingly. Your cooperation and understanding as we return to pre-COVID restrictions is very much appreciated.

Eucharistic Adoration

- Wednesdays 1:00 at St. Patrick’s Church *
- Thursdays 11:30 at St. Theresa’s Church *
- Fridays 9:30 am at St. Anthony’s Church *

** if there is no weekday Mass on Thursday or Friday, Adoration is also cancelled.*



CWL Bursary! Attention High School Graduates. St. Theresa’s CWL is offering a \$700.00 bursary to any high school graduate continuing their education. Applications are available on the bulletin board at the back of each Church or thru the link on the parish website at Our Lady of Peace. Deadline for applications is Aug 25, 2022

(Late entry) CWL Executive are requesting members to answer Roll Call with donations of canned meat or Fish on March 20th for Greener Village Food Bank.

Development & Peace

The power of mobilized citizens



One of Development and Peace’s strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity.

That is why our *People and Planet First* campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations.

Sign our petition for this at devp.org/act and spread the word. **Thank you for supporting our campaign!**



Pastoral Council Notes

Support for Ukraine

Pastoral Council is currently looking at different opportunities for our parish to help the people of Ukraine. Please join pastoral council in prayer for Ukraine.

Prayer For Ukraine

Loving God,

*We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.*

*We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide
their choices.*

*We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.*

*May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.*

Amen.

If you would like to make a personal donation to support Ukraine we suggest the following websites as trustworthy.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress & Canada Ukraine Foundation: <https://www.cufoundation.ca>

Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.ca>

Remember

You can reach out to Pastoral Council at any time by e-mailing

olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com

Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Development and Peace has initiated an Emergency Appeal to assist the crises in Ukraine. Parishioners who wish to assist financially can go on the D&P webpage, devp.org, or call Toll Free : 1-888-664-3387. There is also detailed information available at the following location:

<https://www.devp.org/en/blog/our-ukraine-emergence-fundraising-qa/> . The people of Ukraine certainly need our assistance; and D&P sincerely Thank You for any assistance you can provide. For further information and/or clarification, please call Allison Wrynn at 506-470-9390.



Lenten Reflection Books are available at each church. *“Come to the Light”* and *“Growing in Grace”* are perfect to accompany adults on their Lenten journey and *“Abundant Mercy”* provides family devotions and activities that will open hearts to receive God’s overflowing kindness and forgiveness. Due to shipping delays and limited supplies we did not receive all our ordered books. **To ensure everyone can have a book, please choose only one of the adult books to take home. If we receive more books, we will put them out.**

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service ~ Friday, April 1st at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa’s Church.

Lenten Retreat with Sr. Karen ~ Save the date! Tuesday, April 5th. More details to follow.

Stations of the Cross ~ resources will be available at each church for individuals and families to pray the stations of the cross after each mass Tuesday at St. Theresa’s Church; Wednesday at St. Anthony’s Church and after regular weekend Mass times.

Please feel free to use the booklets and return them when done.

Please watch the bulletin for more Parish Lent activities.

Parish Nursing Ministry

Do any of you have puzzles you have put together and taken apart and stored?? Well we are having a **SPRING PUZZLE MANIA** and are looking for donations of puzzles. A box will be put in each church for your donations of puzzles. Once the boxes have enough puzzles the sign up sheets will be available for you to sign out a puzzle from the puzzle library.

Parish Giving

In addition to our parish envelope and auto debit program, parishioners are able to use E-Transfers for their parish giving.

E-Transfers can be done through on-line banking with your financial institution. Please send to olpdonations@gmail.com. If you need to add a secure question, please use:

- “What is this donation for?” and the answer “ourladyofpeace”

Offertory envelopes can also be dropped in the mail slot located in the back door of the Parish Center on Union.

Ministry Schedule Week of March 26th & 27th

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
Hospitality	Bonnie Bowlen & Vicky Knight	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford, Allison Wrynn, Ed Theriault, Betty MacNeil
Lector	Kelly Bowlen	The Daigle Family

Our Sacred Stories

Salvation, Liberation – God's Message of Care & Compassion

*I have seen the misery of my people.... I have heard their cry.... I know their suffering,...
and I have come down to deliver them.... (Exodus 3:7-8)*

The Book of Exodus in the Old Testament relates the story of God saving his people Israel from slavery in Egypt. It is a story of liberation, of freedom. In the little piece of the Book of Exodus that we hear today, we have the call of Moses, who would be God's instrument in liberating Israel from its slavery. (Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15)

What we hear today is what we are all about as God's People, as Church. The message we hear in the Gospels and the Good News we are called upon to share is what Jesus has handed on to us. It is the message of God's care and compassion for all humanity – a message of liberation for all. In the Gospel of this 3rd Sunday in Lent (Luke 13:1-9) the figure of the gardener reveals this message of compassionate care for the weak and the vulnerable.

The work of the Christian is the work of liberation. We are about freeing those in bondage of injustice and oppression. We are about caring for the wounded and the suffering. We are about showing compassion to the sick and the suffering. We are about lifting the burdens of the poor and the powerless. We are to be a people of the liberation – for all.

The Catholic Christian Church in Canada reaches out to touch our world with the Good News of liberating love in many ways. One of these touches is through the **Catholic Organization for Development and Peace** and its international partner, **Caritas**. All over the globe the resources of **Development and Peace** and **Caritas** are used to care for those facing the burdens of poverty and injustice. In a few weeks, on the 5th Sunday of Lent, as a Christian community, we will be called upon to stand in solidarity with these most burdened peoples of our world.

This Sunday we focus on God's call to all of us. The words of *The Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World*, from Vatican II speak to our hearts over the next few Sundays of Lent:

We are at a moment in 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 all too often it serves only to intensify the inequalities. In some places it even results in a decline of the social status of the weak and in contempt for the poor. While an enormous mass of people lack the absolute necessities of life, some, even in less advanced countries, live with great wealth. Luxury and misery rub shoulders.

Like Moses, we are called to bring the message of freedom, justice and peace to all God's people. Like Jesus, we are to follow the caring gardener we hear of in Luke's Gospel. He diligently tends the garden, that it might be nurtured to bear much fruit. This is the message of the care and compassion of God's reign among us. It is a message this Lent that sees us called to reach out to the people of Ukraine, facing the hardships and burdens of war. May they be blessed with peace.

John Jennings
3rd Sunday of Lent