

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

*“Three Churches One Faith Community”*

## Bulletin Sunday January 12, 2025 –Baptism 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

*Tuesday January 14th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's*

*Frank Armstrong*

*Wednesday January 15th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's*

*\*\*\*\*\*No Mass\*\*\*\*\**

*Thursday January 16th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's*

*Edward Holleran*

*Friday January 17th 7:00 PM St. Anthony's*

*Touched by Cancer Mass*

*Saturday January 18th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's*

*Mary Bowlen*

*Sunday January 19th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's*

*Mass for the People*

*Sunday January 19th 1:30 PM St. Patrick's*

*Vocations to Priesthood*

### Upcoming Events

Office Hours Mon – Fri 9:am – 4:30 pm

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



St. Theresa's Church

Eileen & Jack LaPointe

Offered by

Mary Billings

### Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

January 01-05 2025		Weekly Contributions	
Offertory	\$5,548	Offertory	\$5,548
Capital Infrastructure	630	Budget Needs	5,255)
Diocesan Collections	112	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 293
New Years	1,754	<b>Year-to-Date Contributions</b>	
Initial Offering	931	Offertory	\$5,548
Other	144	Budget Needs	5,255)
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$9,119</b>	Excess (Shortfall)	\$ 293

*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 January 18th & January 19th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

Hospitality	Greg Feener	George Fernandez, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford Betty MacNeil, Janet Matheson & Debbie Heustis
Eucharistic Minister	Theresa Donaher	Betty MacNeil & Deborah Allen
Altar Servers		Al Adimalor, Phil VanLeeuwen, Caitlyn Salazar & Mathea Pahati
Lector	Kelly Bowlen	Deborah Allen & Miguel 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 for Family Faith Formation session "*Take and Give*" on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the hall at St. Theresa's Church. We all have many gifts from God and we are called to respond using these gifts. This is reflected in the Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful and how together we form the Body of Christ. All families with children in Kindergarten to grade 7 are encouraged to attend.

**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

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is the Week of January 18 to 25 2025. The Theme is "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26). There is a Service being held in the Fredericton Area at St. Dunstan Church, 120 Regent Street on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 1:15 PM with Coffee/Tea and sweets after the service. All are invited to attend Women and Men. Please use the entrance off King Street by Tim Hortons.



Dear Friends: You're warmly invited to the Knights of Columbus Brunch on Sunday, January 19th at St. Theresa's Hall. We'll start at 11:45 AM, so come hungry and ready for good food and great company! The price is a free will offering, with a suggested donation of \$10 per person. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your support during our 2024 brunches. Your generosity and participation mean the world to us. Supporting the Knights of Columbus means directly helping our parish and ensuring we can continue our good works.

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!



On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and the Parish Council, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all parishioners who contributed as this was truly a combined Parish effort.

The winter clothing items will be sorted and distributed throughout the community to local clothing banks and shelters as a major donation from Our Lady of Peace Parish.



**SERVICE** – Baptism calls us witness God's love – especially for the outcast and the vulnerable in this world – be they human or other. Catholic Women's League members witness this service in many ways. Come be a part of this compassionate service.

**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



**Fredericton North Heritage:** *From the beginning to present day services;* Greg Doucet, Senior Manager of Services at Fredericton Foodbank, Greener Village will be this month's guest speaker. January 14th, 2pm, in the St. Mary's Church Hall, 780 McEvoy St. Refreshments served. As always, everyone is welcome.

**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!

**Note From The Office:** If you are new to our Parish, please find a registration form at the church and once completed you can put it in the offertory basket and your information will be added in our data base. We encourage you to ask for a box of offertory envelopes so your donations can be recorded and a tax receipt issued at year end. Any questions or to register over the phone please call the office during working hours and we can get you all set up. Thank you in advance. *Jrene*

## Our Sacred Stories Baptism of the Lord: A Beginning: Baptism and Mission

Can you recall a time you began something new? Perhaps it was a course or a career? Perhaps it was a trip or a journey. Maybe it was a new relationship, a friendship or even a marriage. We set out on many adventures in our lifetimes. Each of these beginnings are marked by anticipation,... and anxiety. What will we achieve? What will be the risk? What will it cost us to reach our goal? Can we even achieve our goal? Baptism can be seen in this light. It sets us out on a journey or an adventure. A better word might be **a mission**.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It marks the beginning of Jesus's mission to bring the Reign of God into our world. The Gospel writer Luke tells us, (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22) Jesus walks to the Jordan River with others. All are filled with expectation and asking John the Baptist for baptism. Some even think he could be the longed-for messiah. John indicates someone was coming who would fulfill their hopes, not him. After his baptism, Jesus comes up from the water. Luke tells us: "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon [Jesus] in bodily form like a dove." With this gift of the Spirit, Jesus begins his mission.

What is this **mission**? The short answer is that Jesus received the call to proclaim and make present the Kingdom or the Reign of God in our world. The whole meaning of the Incarnation, what we have just celebrated in the Feast and season of Christmas, is that in Jesus God shares in our humanity and our experience. There has been an entry of God into our world and our lives. The point of this entry of God is that God's Reign takes root and grows in the midst of creation and our human history.

And now the "So what" question. What difference does this make to us and our world? Several years ago, Fr. Richard Rohr in an online reflection quoted theologian Brian McLaren: "For centuries, Christianity has presented itself as an 'organized religion' – a change-averse institution... that protects and promotes a timeless system of beliefs that were handed down fully formed in the past. Yet Christianity's actual history is a story of change and adaptation. We Christians have repeatedly adapted our message, methods, and mission to the contours of our time. (e.g. Vatican II)"

Like the baptism of Jesus, our own baptism launches us on a mission and that mission is to build the Reign of God in our world. Like Jesus, we are to speak the Good News to the world of our own time and place. In this we model Jesus as we share his mission. How to do this?

Jesus, in his mission formed a community of believer around him, his disciples. Together they were to come to know the mission and then include others in it. It was not so much a personal undertaking or a "conversion" as individuals. Our baptism, like that of Jesus, is always with and for others. We are a communal faith, a grace or gift from God out of love. Out of love we share this gift out of love. In doing so, like Jesus himself, we are to speak of love, live in love and plant, grow and nurture a world of love, mercy and compassion... for all.

Only recently, in the Synod on Synodality, our faith community had the opportunity to reflect on the baptismal call we have received and are called share. Pope Francis, as he opened this Synod, pointed to three hopes of what we can become as a faith community, if we truly accept and live the Synod. These are hopes of our baptismal community. May we become this church:

- "Not occasionally, but structurally a **synodal Church**, an open square where all can feel at home and participate"
- "A listening Church" – listening to the Spirit, and truly listening deeply to all our fellow sisters and brother of faith for renewed pastoral life.
- "A Church of closeness" – using God's way, which is "closeness, compassion and tender love."

**May we become this baptized Christian community and reveal it in word and action,  
in our own time and place.**

John Jennings  
Feast of Baptism of the Lord