

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

BULLETIN

Sunday, July 11, 2021 - 15th Sunday of 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

1 William St.

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, July 16th

Touched by Cancer Mass
7:00 pm St. Anthony's Church

August 25th

CWL Bursary Application Deadline

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, July 13th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church

Joan Ann Mitchell

Wednesday, July 14th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church

Tony Buyting

Thursday, July 15th 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's Church

Pat Giffer

Friday, July 16th 7:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church **

Touched by Cancer Mass

Saturday, July 17th 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Neptune

Sunday, July 18th 8:45 pm - St. Patrick's Church

Michael McAloon

Sunday, July 18th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Marie Shields

**** No 10:00 am Mass or Adoration on Friday, July 16th at St. Anthony's**

OUR LADY OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory - July 4, 2021

Sunday Contributions:	\$3,317.00
Auto Debit (average):	<u>\$2,044.00</u>
Total:	\$5,361.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,400.00
Excess (Shortfall)	(\$ 39.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 749.00
Special Collections:	\$ -
Other:	\$ 95.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 129,863.00
Budget Needs:	<u>\$ 145,800.00</u>
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 15,937.00)

Information inquires should be directed to:

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472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

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news and weather cancelations!



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Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. For all that you do, THANK YOU!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am

Watch Our Lady of Peace Mass live at 11:00 am on our Facebook page (Our Lady of Peace Parish Fredericton). Recording of Mass is posted on our website later in the day.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



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

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



OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH Reconciliation Times

Fr. Maria is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the following times:

Saturdays at 3:30 pm at St. Anthony's Church
Sundays at 8:30 am at St. Patrick's Church
Sundays at 10:20 am at St. Theresa's Church

Or you may call the office to make an appointment.

The Saint John Council of Development and Peace

In light of the unfolding and recent tragic discoveries of many unmarked graves, relating to the residential school system, and its deeply negative and historic impact on our sisters and brothers in First Nations communities, the Diocesan Council of Development and Peace, Diocese of Saint John, have just started an on-line petition, which we would invite you to please read and discern signing your name. We are already well over 500 signatures and climbing. You are invited you to please consider adding your voice. The petition can be found at:

<http://chng.it/VXVFn8rBkk>

Thank you kindly for your support, and more importantly, becoming more fully aware of the issues facing indigenous peoples in Canada, and what we as parishioners can do to help restore trust, justice, healing, and reconciliation.



Office CLOSED

The parish office will be closed Monday, July 12th. Irene will be available during office hours Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for the remainder of the week. Patty will be on vacation for the week.

Touched by Cancer Mass ~ for those whose lives have been affect in any way by cancer will take place Friday, July 16th at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church. All are welcome.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Registration is Now Open!

Kindergarten to Grade 7 Religious Formation (including 1st Eucharist Preparation for Grade 2)

Help us prepare for the fall of 2021. Religious Formation registration is now open for families with children in Kindergarten to Grade 7. Families with children entering grade 2 in the fall will receive Sacrament Preparation for 1st Eucharist throughout the year. Register at:

<https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to-7>

Do you have or know a youth entering grades 8 or 9 this coming September?

Changes to the Diocesan Confirmation program for this coming September will include youth in grades 8 and up. To help us plan we are asking all youth entering grades 8 and 9 (and up if not Confirmed yet) in the fall of 2021, who are wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to register online at <https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/confirmation-preparation>

Please share with other families and youth that may not see this announcement. Thanks!



Attention High School Graduates ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish, St. Theresa's CWL, is offering a \$700.00 bursary to any high school graduate continuing their education. Applications are available on the parish website www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca. Application deadline is August 25th.



FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF PEACE JULY 9TH

This feast commemorates the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is often represented holding a dove and an olive branch, that are the symbols of peace.

The story of celebration begins in the early 1500s in France, when a statue of Our Lady of Peace was presented as a wedding gift to a young bride. This statue was known as *Virgin of Joyeuse* and it became the family heirloom.

Later the statue was given to the Capuchin community, that erected a large chapel for those who sought Mary's intercession. On July 9, 1657, before a large crowd which included King Louis XIV, the papal nuncio to France blessed and solemnly enthroned the Virgin's statue. Pope Alexander VII would later designate this date for the Capuchin community to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Peace.

We Pray...

Glorious Queen of peace, grant us peace in our hearts, harmony in our families and concord throughout the world. Immaculate Mother watch over us and protect us with your motherly love.
Amen.

PARISH NURSING

Fredericton Indoor Pool: Adult Swim and Aquasice

If you would like to use our Parish Nursing program to access adult swim times and aquasice at the indoor pool please contact Vicky Knight at 454-8538 or by email at vicky.knight@bellaliant.net to book your swim time.

Volunteers Needed ~ Looking forward to starting monthly Blood Pressure Clinics on Saturday and Sundays of the third weekend of the month. If interested in helping out, please call Vicky Knight at 454-8538.

Shrine Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Howard

~ will be held on Sunday, July 18th at 2 pm. As per usual, the Bishop will be in attendance. Covid protocol will be followed. Bring your own chair, cool drinks, bug spray, etc. as this is outdoors.

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New Date! After Alpha... "What's Next?" ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish is exploring a Small Group Ministry ("Life Groups") initiative this summer! Life Groups are communities of 6-10 people who meet regularly to connect with each other, to grow in their faith and friendship, and to pray together. They are communities that offer a safe place to journey through the joys and challenges of everyday life. It is a place where you can recharge and share about how you see God working in your life and in our world. **We will begin with a 3-session series ("Life Shared Series") on Thursday, August 5th at 7:00 pm as an opportunity to "come and see" what the Life Groups will be all about.** All past participants of OLP Alpha are welcome to register. Please contact Tracy Horsley at 261-0713 or horsleysix@gmail.com for more information.

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"

Envelopes can be dropped off at the pastoral center at 603 Union St. There is a mail slot in the door at the backdoor. Please do not leave envelopes in the mailbox at the front door.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office for assistance.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEEK OF JULY 13TH TO JULY 18TH

St. Anthony's - Wednesday @ 10:00 am		St. Theresa's - Tuesday @ 12:00 pm
Screeners/Ushers	Sue Inkster John Walsh	Janet Matheson
Lector	Sue Inkster	Shelia Gillespie
St. Anthony's - Friday @ 7:00 pm		St. Theresa's - Thursday @ 12:00 pm
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener Gerry Arsenault	Mary Billings
Lector	Pam Shields	Dennis Kelly
St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm		St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners/Ushers	Greg Forsythe Mona & Ray McCarthy	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick Martin Colford Tracy Horsely AJ Horsley Darren Richard
Lector	Mary Anne vanOostwaard	Ed Theriault

Our Sacred Stories Transforming the Familiar, New Birth Among Us

“Familiarity breeds contempt.” Did you ever notice how we take so much for granted? Whether it is places, routines, or persons, the longer we know or are around them, the less attention we pay to them. In some ways, I wonder if that is something of our country’s malaise, with regard to our indigenous communities. We know they are all around us, in Fredericton area, there are three First Nations communities. But how much do we Canadians really know or pay attention to them?

The history of Canada’s relationship with our First Nations has been a long and painful one. It has involved conquest and colonization. For the most part we pushed them off their ancestral lands and settled ourselves there. Our ancestors aimed at “civilizing” and Christianizing them, which meant that as did so, we ignored and even tried to erase their cultures, their languages and their spiritual traditions. Much of this began when we were part of the French and English colonial empires. When Canada emerged as a nation in 1867, this treatment of the indigenous peoples simply continued. This has been our history.

The story of the residential schools that has now come to light, is a wakeup call to all of us. It cries out to all Canadians to open our eye and our hearts to what our nation has done. In a specific way we Catholic have been forced to confront the part our church has played in this story of conquest and colonization. We were sometimes the vehicle by which the state acted, especially in education. This is a painful time for us all. But it can also be a time of promise and new hope.

If we are open to listen and be transformed in our relationship with First Nations and their culture there can be healing and renewal. Canada has often been referred to as a multicultural nation. What an irony that we say this, but have largely ignored perhaps the most significant culture among, that of our indigenous neighbours who were in this land long before our ancestors arrived. This may be a great challenge for us but it can also be a great blessing.

Our blindness is not unlike what Jesus faced as he entered his own hometown. The Gospel writer Mark tells us the story (Mark 6:1-6). He is a man with a message and he begins to teach in the local synagogue. People are astounded by what he is saying. They are even more astounded by the fact that it is him who is teaching. They resisted him and his teachings. He was too familiar.

Jesus recognized that like the prophets before him, he was taken for granted, not listened to, even rejected. “Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, among their own kin, and in their own house.” Familiarity stood in the way of recognizing the message and the messenger who had come among them. This is the blindness that characterizes us at this time.

The presence of God is all around us always. The spirit of the Risen Jesus is ever present with us. All of this is - too ordinary. Jesus reveals and speaks the message of the Kingdom in every act of love, every experience of compassion, every moment of mercy and care. But it can be just too ordinary and so we cannot see what is right before our eyes.

At this time in the story of our nation, and of our church, we have an opportunity to be transformed. It is time to meet the First Nations of this land again, in a new way, without the conquest and colonization. This is a time for listening and learning from one another. It calls for openness and respect, compassion and love. In this, is healing.