

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Mass Schedule: St. Ann's Sunday @ 9:30 am/Holy Family Saturday @ 4:30 pm and Sunday @ 11:00 am

April 12th, 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter

Fr. Bill's Easter Message

Happy Easter to you all and enjoy all of the Easter Liturgical Celebrations and the many ways you will celebrate Easter with small and large gatherings, special food and time alone and with others that uplifts, nourishes and offers you a touch of Christ's Resurrection.

One of the gifts of our Easter Liturgies for the 40 days of Easter is that we hear the Gospel accounts of Christ's Resurrection and his coming into the lives of his loved ones, companions, followers and new believers. We also hear these stories in the Acts of the Apostles.

These stories help us live with greater hope the challenging and painful experiences of our lives through the reminder that Christ is risen and alive among us and comes into these circumstances of our lives as well.

Let us join Mary Magdalene at the tomb of Jesus as she discovers that he has Risen. May we be reminded that the same is true at the 'graves' of our loved ones. They too are Risen.

Let us join the disciples on the road to Emmaus with their downcast and broken spirits and living the confusion of not only losing a friend but also the loss of a vision and mission that was impacting the lives of the excluded, hungry, sick, and abandoned. May we take heart that in the places of discouragement and despair with the powers that yield death and destruction rather than life and the creation of a world of peace, respect and honor, Christ does come to us and gets us moving in the right direction with enthusiasm and courage.

Let us join the disciples who fished 'all night' without catching anything, meaning that their families and community would go hungry, then experienced Jesus the Risen Christ on the shore. There he was alive, present and directing their efforts and providing an abundance. May we be uplifted by this promise of Christ's presence and direction in the situations of our lives in which we have toiled endlessly to provide well and hand on faith, and we sense that it has all brought little or no fruit, just empty nets and falling on empty ears.

Christ's eyes on all of this might help us see differently and that maybe the nets are actually quite full.

The Good News is that if we need an Easter Story of Hope we will find one either in the Scriptures or in the million and millions of life stories around us. After all, Christ is present and alive every day, all day, every where and all of the time. And of course, nature is alive with Easter Stories and this is why that at Easter our churches are filled with creation's beauty - flowers and people!!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Week Thank You: A big "thank you" is extended to all those from St. Ann's Church and Holy Family Church who helped in organizing the Holy Week and Easter Services in our Parish last week. Your help and support ensured things ran smoothly and were much appreciated. Thank you to those who arranged communications, livestreaming, our power point presentations, readers, Eucharistic Ministers and for making our church look so beautiful for the Easter Season. Also, thanks to those individuals who saw a need and jumped in to help at the time. A very special thanks to our Choir for the beautiful music provided for each service during Holy Week. Your support and dedication are appreciated.

A special "woliwon" (thank you) to Wolastoqey Fire Keeper Mike Solomon from Bilijk First Nation (Kingsclear) for sharing his knowledge and spirituality of the Sacred Fire which was used to light our new Paschal Candle at the Easter Vigil.

Lastly, a special thank you to the Pastoral Team Judy, Barb and Fr. Bill and for their guidance and leadership to assure a prayerful and meaningful Lent and Easter Triduum that helped us connect deeply with Jesus' life, death and resurrection as it unfolds in our lives.

Warmest Easter Blessings to you all!



**BILIK COMMUNITY BINGO
IS GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT WEEK!!**

**Monday April 13th at St. Ann's Church
in collaboration with
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.**

**Game prizes will be \$80.00 per game!!
10 Regular Games and 2 Specials
(Jackpot and Winner Take All) Plus 50/50**

9 up – 10 games - \$15.00

3 up – 10 games - \$5.00

Specials - \$1.00 per card

**(must be purchased at the door with
regular cards)**

None will be sold on the floor.

**There will be a canteen with light
snacks and refreshments for purchase!!**

Doors will open at 5:00 pm and

BINGO will start at 6:00 pm.

**CASH ONLY to purchase cards and
Canteen!!**

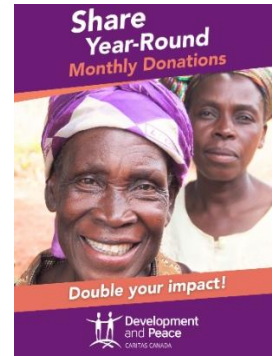


EVERYONE WELCOME!!

**All funds
collected will
be used to
support Bilijk
Elder Annual
Ste. Anne de
Beaupre
Trip in June
2026.**

**18 Years and
Older only and**

Development and Peace Easter Message. I would like to share with you an Easter message from Development and Peace Executive Director, Carl Héту: “This Easter, I would like to send you a message of peace, hope and gratitude. This feast commemorates the Resurrection of Christ, reminding us that the light never fades. It is a promise of renewal that resonates particularly strongly in these times marked by conflict and suffering affecting many parts of the world.



In the face of enduring wars and tribulations affecting so many families, Easter invites us to courageously believe that peace will blossom. It reminds us that even the darkest moments, life triumphs and solidarity lights the way to a new world.

Your generosity, especially during our Share Lent campaign, is a true sign of this light. Thanks to your commitment, we can continue to carry our initiatives that embody compassion, solidarity and hope—values that are essential in these troubled times.

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued support. May this Easter bring you peace, comfort and joy, and may it inspire you to keep the flame of hope alive.

Thank you for continuing to walk with us as we build a fairer and brighter world. Happy Easter to you and your family!”

A creative act to Create Hope

As a little **Easter gift**, we’re offering you a colouring page and inviting you to spread the light and *Create Hope* through a small creative act. (copies available in the lobby of the Church)

[**Download the colouring page**](#)

A reminder on becoming a **Share Year-Round Donor**. Being a Share Year-Round donor simply means acting for social justice and human dignity all year long. **Double your impact**—between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost (May 24), to have your total annual donation (or increase), **matched dollar for dollar!**

To register to become a Share Year-Round Donor, call 1-800-494-1401 or click on the following link:
<https://devp.org/en/monthly-donations/>

READINGS for April 12th

First Reading: Acts 2:42-27

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Apr 12th Alden McLenaghan

Apr 19th For the People

Apr 26th Arthur Solomon / Keith Jones

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Apr 12th Lawrence Cameron

Apr 19th John Monkhouse

Apr 26th Stacey Chessie

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Apr 11th For the People

Apr 12th Dec. Members Murphy & Burgoyne
Esther Lawrence

Apr 18th Dr. Shiva Kumar Sishta

Apr 19th Mildred and Joe Connors

Apr 25th For the People

Apr 26th Ernest Stuart Dickeson

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Apr 11th Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider

Apr 12th Noreen Bonnell / Ebuka Ezeokafor
Oluchi Ezeokafor / Jane Buckley

Apr 18th Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley

Apr 19th Jane Buckley / Doreen Cormier
Maurice Harquail / Chinasa Trinitta

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Apr 11th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell

Apr 12th Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange

Apr 18th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton

Apr 19th Annie Zdyb Rinne / Verna McCloskey

The new Eucharistic Minister schedule for May to August is available at the church entrance.

Rosary – Rosary is prayed every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During the Easter Season we will be praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Everyone is welcome.

Summary of Support for April 4 & 5

Regular/Loose	\$ 6,141.45
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
D & P	60.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	5.00
Building Fund	50.00
Easter	3,225.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	924.00
Poor & Needy	200.00
St. Mary's Cemetery	50.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund	20.00
TOTAL	\$12,973.91

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast

Sunday, April 12th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 12, Children \$ 5, Families \$ 35. Proceeds will be used to assist with expenses for Saint Charbel Parish young people travelling to a Maronite Rite Youth Conference.

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers is hosting a **Bridge Luncheon** on Thursday, April 23; 12 Noon; \$60 / table; St. Theresa's Church Hall; 1 William St. Proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation, and Help Lesotho in support of grass roots community organizations in sub-Saharan Africa, where **AIDS** is still a serious health issue. To reserve a table, contact Mary Waters: 506-455-0574 or shaunmary89@gmail.com

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference & LEAD

Registration is now open. This is a call to all high schoolers to come and explore how Jesus meets our deepest longing for meaning, joy, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at **Steubenville Atlantic in Halifax, July 10–12, 2026**, and encounter the transforming love of Christ. Youth in grade 9 through grade 12 are welcome to attend. If you are interested as a youth or a chaperone, you can learn more at <https://www.steubenville.ca> or to register click on the following link: [Steubenville Registration](#). You may also speak to Sharon Watts, Fr. Bill, or Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis, Diocese of Saint John: 506-627-6465 or email catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org Youth who are interested in registering for the conference should speak to Fr. Bill or Sharon Watts as the Parish will assist with financing.

Our Sacred Stories
Easter and the Touch of Hope
(Fr. John Jennings)

Sometimes it is hard to hope. The conflicts around the world seem endless, as one winds down another erupts. Political extremes seem increasingly sharp and any idea of compromise or mutual respect for difference appears impossible. Global warming has raised issues of human survival that are new to our horizon. Many face the specter of serious and debilitating illness. Others struggle with relationships that are wounded and limping. There is so much of our lives that is beyond our control, so much to challenge us as we look to the future. Whether globally or personally, indeed, often it is hard to hope.

Then we come to the Easter season and we hear the stories of the resurrection. We see how this risen Jesus changed the vision of his disciples. The resurrection was not just about Jesus himself. It was an earth-shaking event which changed the whole story of humanity. With the raising of Jesus there was a new creation. The vision of the disciples sees a world made new.

The Easter season lasts for 50 days, beginning with the Easter Vigil. It is significant that as we begin the season, we focus on readings from the Old Testament. Even more significant is the fact that the first reading we hear from our scriptures is drawn from the very beginning of Old Testament. The Book of Genesis in its opening chapter presents us with a poetic description of Creation (Gen.1:1-2:2), announcing: *In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while the spirit of God swept over the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light, and there was light.'*

From the very beginning, God is a life-giving God. Easter is a testimony, that the spirit of God continues to be life-giving and that the great sign of this is in the person of Jesus the Christ and in his resurrection. Easter is the celebration of the continuing creative spirit of God among us. This is the spirit that later, Paul on the road to Tarsus, encountered and it changed everything for him. It was the spirit of the Risen One, and like Paul we are the vessel holding this spirit of the Risen one.

Like Paul, it is our belief in the resurrection of Jesus is what makes us him a full believer in Jesus as the Christ. In his First Letter to the Corinthian Christian, Paul is explicit: *If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ not been raised; then our proclamation has been in vain, and your faith has been in vain* (See: 1 Cor. 15:9-19). At the heart of our faith is the spirit of the Risen One that is within us and transforms us to be like him and bring life to the world we touch.

In the gospel reading of this 2nd Sunday of Easter Season (John 20:19-31) the risen Jesus appears to his disciples, locked in a room, cowering in fear after the crucifixion. He greets them with "Peace be with you." In fact, this is more than a simple greeting. It is a call given to them.

For immediately, Jesus tells them that his mission is now their mission and he breathes on them the Spirit. This is the Spirit of God that the creation story in the Book of Genesis points to as the origin of life. Now there will be a *new creation* and the disciples of Jesus are sent to bring it into existence down to our own day.

How are we to bring a *new creation* into existence? The Spirit the first disciples received is the Spirit of the risen Jesus and it is this same Spirit that is given to the generations of disciples even to our day. This *new creation* is to be marked by peace and by the unity of humanity. This was Jesus' mission. It is now our mission. We are called to heal the wounded, reconcile the divided and mend the broken of our world. To do so is the path to the peace that is God's dream for all creation.

Easter and the resurrection of Jesus is not the end of a story. Rather it is a beginning, a new beginning, truly the advent of a *new creation*. The mission given us is to bring this *new creation* to its completion, its fulfillment in our own time.

Sometimes *it is hard to hope*. But Easter allows hope to spring into our world. May the Spirit of the Risen Jesus move us all to be the voice of such hope for all humanity. May we accept our mission as healers, reconcilers and peace-makers for a *new creation*, a touch of hope for our world.

Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at St. Anthony's Church on Friday, April 17 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

Annual Holocaust Memorial is being held on Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 3 p.m. at the Capital Community Church on Downing Street in Marysville, NB.

The Fredericton Symphony Orchestra (FSO), formed in 1976, will be having a gala musical celebration at The Playhouse (**Tuesday, April 14th at 7:30**) to celebrate its 50th year. The featured work on the concert will be a performance of Haydn's *Paukenmesse*, which will be performed in collaboration with special guests, the Fredericton Choral Society, and soloists Olivia LaPointe (Soprano), Jillian Bonner (Contralto), Shane Scott (Tenor), and Paul Bustin (Baritone). Rounding out the program will be performances of Brahms's *Academic Festival Overture* and Fauré's *Élégie* featuring Emily Kennedy on cello. Tickets are available at the Playhouse."