

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 20th, 2025 – Easter Sunday



Fr. Bill's Easter Message 2025

I have often heard 'elders' among us speak the following phrases (or something like them) with a deep confidence:

"Eventually things change for the better."

"This will get better."

"Hope springs eternal."

I have believed and trusted these words because they were coming from folks who have been on life's journey a longer and sometimes a much longer time than myself and have experienced much challenge, pain, loss and even devastation. Yet they were hopeful.

For the followers of Jesus, His crucifixion and death was devastating. It left them empty, at a loss, frightened and ashamed of their lack of courage and faithfulness. It also left them desiring and hoping for things to get better and for a 'hope that springs eternal'.

This is exactly what happened. The Easter Gospel stories tell us they came to experience that the crucifixion and death of Jesus was not his end. He had Risen and came to all of them as 'The Risen Christ'. He breathed on them and spoke hope and renewal into their lives.

They were changed! They found that they had a NEW AND DEEPER courage and peace, and that Hope Sprang Eternal in them. This is what came to be known as Easter!

Today, Jesus, the Risen Christ continues to seek us out as individuals and in communities and brings change for the better in us and through us and in others and through

others. Easter has been in our lives from the time we were created. It looks like this:

Where we have been afraid, we have found courage!

When we have been apathetic, we have sought awareness and have become concerned and compassionate!

When we have been wounded we have found healing!

Where we have so often left it to others to speak out, to act and to change things, we have found ourselves passionate, concerned and involved with others in being that change for the better.

All of this we call Easter! If we reflect on it in this way, we see the great abundance of Easter grace in our world and we also see where Easter grace is needed. May we all be willing to bring it there because we have Easter – the Risen Christ in us....all of us! What amazing Good News! Alleluia!



St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish ~ Easter Triduum Mass
(All Masses will be livestreamed)

Holy Thursday (April 17) Mass of the Lord's Supper
7pm, Holy Family Church

Good Friday (April 18)

Youth Stations of the Cross 12 noon

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3pm, Holy Family Church

Saturday, Easter Vigil (April 19)-Resurrection of the Lord 8pm, Holy Family Church (NO 4:30 Mass on Holy Saturday)

Easter Sunday (April 20)-Resurrection of the Lord
9:30am, St. Ann's Church
11am, Holy Family Church

Copy of Bishop Christian Reinbeck's' Easter message available at the church entrance or on the diocesan website www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org

The Parish Survey (the Disciple Maker Index) results indicated a strong desire by parishioners for additional opportunities for prayerful devotion. In response we are adding '**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**' following each weekday Mass during Lent. The consecrated host will be displayed for one hour for those who wish to spend silent time in meditation and reflective prayer. All are welcome!

Summary of your Support for April 12/13

Regular/Loose	\$ 4,653.82
PAD (wkly. average)	2,164.62
St Patrick's Cemetery	25.00
Development & Peace	840.00
Religious Education	20.00
Easter	30.00
Holy Land	20.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,753.44

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Apr 13 th	For the People
Apr 20 th	Annunciata & Henry Colford Eugenie Girard
Apr 27 th	Keith Jones

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Apr 20 th	Stacey Chessie
Apr 27 th	Elaine Geldart

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Apr 19 th	For the People
Apr 20 th	Joanne Hurley
Apr 26 th	For the People
Apr 27 th	Eileen Ryan

HOLY THURSDAY – April 17th @ 7:00 pm

1st Reading & Psalm – Liz Solomon
 2nd Reading – Mona LeBlanc
 Washing of Feet Introduction – Chinasa Trinita

GOOD FRIDAY – April 18th (Mass at 3 pm)

1st Reading & Psalm – Anita Allain
 2nd Reading – Carolann Doherty
 Passion Reading:
 Narrator (N) – Ray Allain
 Jesus (J) – Fr. Brennan
 Other Speakers (S) – Church Congregation

EASTER VIGIL – April 19th @ 8 pm

1st Reading & Psalm – Judy Kelly and Ron Breau
 Prayer – Fr. Brennan
 2nd Reading & Psalm – Margie Snell
 Prayer – Fr. Brennan
 3rd Reading & Psalm – Ebuka Ezeokafor
 Prayer – Fr. Brennan
 Epistle: Romans 6:3-11 – Jane Buckley
 Prayers of the Faithful – Debbie Landau

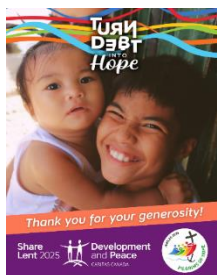
EASTER SUNDAY – April 20th @ 11:00 am

1st Reading & Psalm – William Cormier
 2nd Reading & Intentions – Maureen Hawthorne

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday - Sharon Watts/Colleen Hamilton/Fr. Bill
Good Friday - Harold DeCoursey/Judy Kelly/Fr. Bill
Easter Vigil (Saturday) - Bettyanne MacMackin/Sadie Cameron/Fr. Bill
Easter Sunday - Ewart Kenney/Dorothy Blanchard/Verna McCloskey/Fr. Bill

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2025!



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, **last weekend our parish collected over \$2400**. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern

Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory (envelopes are available in the lobby of the church) or donate online at devp.org/give and there is still time to **sign the petition** if you have not yet had a chance to sign. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

Holy Family - Eucharistic Minister Schedules for May to August are available at the church entrance.

READINGS for April 20th

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
 Gospel: John 20:1-18

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.



Development and Peace – Share Year-Round: Donate monthly and become a **'Share Year-Round'** donor. Your recurring, predictable donations make a significant difference throughout the year. This support not only drives our mission, but it also encourages us to continue our efforts to make the world a better place.

They provide financial stability to our support partners working in communities and strengthen our ability to respond rapidly to emergency relief. **This Lent you can double your impact!** Start or increase your monthly donations any time between Ash Wednesday (March 5th) and Pentecost (June 8th) to have your total annual donation (or increase thereof) matched dollar for dollar! Each February, you will receive a tax receipt for the total amount of your monthly contributions over the previous year.

Thank you to all our donors, who are the cornerstone of our efforts! To find out more, visit

<https://devp.org/en/monthly-donations/> or pick up a **Share Year-Round** monthly donations pamphlet in the lobby of the church. Become a **Share Year-Round** donor today!

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers Bridge

Luncheon Fundraiser: Apr .24 at 12 noon at St. Theresa's Church Hall (William Street, Nasis) \$60.00 per table. Proceeds go to grassroots organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa, through the SLF & Help Lesotho.

To reserve a table, contact Mary Waters at 506-455-0574 or email shaunmary89@gmail.com

Cookie Sunday Weekend: April 26th & 27th is Cookie Sunday Weekend. In addition to cookies, the Food Bank is in need of Kraft Dinner and canned corn. Donations can be dropped off at Holy Family Church at the Saturday Mass or Sunday Mass at both St. Ann's Church and Holy Family Church. Any donation you can provide is most appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry!



Jubilee of Hope for Teenagers and Canonization of Carlo Acutis An Invitation to Youth!

Did you know that the church around the world will be celebrating teenagers April 25th to 27th as part of the Jubilee of Hope 2025? This is a time for the church to celebrate young people and their faith. A time to honor, pray for and give a blessing to the young people of our church. During this jubilee celebration the first millennial Saint, Carlo Acutis, will be canonized on Sunday, April 27th.

All youth 12 to 18 are invited to come and celebrate! Join youth from around Fredericton for an evening of celebration and fellowship. Sunday, April 27th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, followed by activities and ending with Adoration and praise and worship. Be sure to invite a friend! Help us plan by letting us know if you can attend by emailing Sharon Watts, Religious Education Coordinator for Holy Family Church at mooseville4@gmail.com

Support Our Youth: Steubenville Atlantic Fundraiser We are excited to announce that we currently have almost 40 youth registered for the incredible opportunity to attend the Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference held this July in Halifax and 15 have applied for the LEAD program! This event is a life-changing experience that will deepen their faith, foster community, and inspire them to live out their Catholic values. We are seeking financial support to cover the costs of transportation and registration fees for our young attendees. Your generous contributions will ensure that no young person misses out on this transformative experience due to financial constraints. **How You Can Help:** Any amount donated is greatly appreciated and will go directly towards the expenses of the trip or participate in any fundraising events in your parish. **Registration is \$350/youth.** To donate, please give through your parish or donate through the diocese at www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations and indicate it is for Steubenville Atlantic. Thank you for your generosity and support. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the spiritual lives of our youth.

Our Sacred Stories
Easter: The Paschal Mystery
(Fr. John Jennings)

The Paschal Mystery refers to the **life, death and resurrection of Jesus as the Christ and it includes the gift of his Spirit to us**. Listening to the Gospels we hear the story of Jesus as he gathered disciples and shared the Good News of life for all. We see his care and concern for the most vulnerable, the wounded, the poor and the distressed.

The disciples who came to follow him hoped he was the one who would bring peace and healing to Israel. They wanted Jesus to be the messiah who would free Israel from foreign domination and bring a new and triumphant Kingdom. This did not happen. Instead, he was crucified. In the end, Jesus accepted physical death. But he also accepted to yield his spirit to the Father – *Father, into your hands I commend my spirit* (Luke 23:46).

The Father raised him up. He did not simply put physical life back into Jesus' body. Rather, Jesus was **resurrected**. Jesus was given new life... and a new Spirit. It is a life that is greater and more than physical life. The Paschal Mystery gathers together the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It includes the belief that this mystery is being poured out on Jesus' disciples and beyond. The real Good News is the that the Paschal Mystery is not limited to Jesus, or to a few disciples. It is a mystery of life for all, for all humanity.

We live in a world that sorely needs this Good News. Individually and globally, we often face darkness more than light. Much of the darkness is brought on by our human tendencies and weaknesses. Several years ago, a film appeared that highlighted some of our darker human tendencies, *Avatar* (2009). In part, it was a story of greed and exploitation. It revealed the pain, destruction and desolation that can come from greed.

The film was also a story of mystery and discovery, and in the end, it expressed the possibility that greed and exploitation can be overcome. There is always the promise of movement from darkness to light, from death to new life.

This is the Paschal Mystery and the focal point of Easter in our Good News. We are disciples of Jesus. Our mission is the Paschal Mystery.

The spirit of the risen Jesus rests in us. His mission is our mission now. Our call is to bring new life, a new spirit to all the peoples of the earth – to heal, to reconcile, to offer hope, to bring life. We do not wait for the risen Jesus, for the risen one is with us now and will always be with us. Sharing this Good News of life and light is our mission. We are Easter people. May we live and act as Easter People in our world, for the sake of all humanity.

Funeral Announcement for Carl Smyth

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated from Holy Family Catholic Church on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 12:00pm. A reception at the church will follow.

Rosary - Join us every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During the Easter Season we will be reciting the Glorious Mysteries.

The traditional East European Blessing of Easter Food will take place at St. Dunstan's Church on Saturday April 19 at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to come with their own Easter baskets.

Divine Mercy Sunday with exposition will be held on April 27th at St. Dunstan's of St. Mary Magdalene Parish, commencing at 2:45 pm. All are welcome. The novena of divine mercy to be said on your time starts on Good Friday leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday.

"O CANADA EH" NIGHT - Knights of Columbus Council 1942 sponsored fundraiser for N.B. Right to Life vision to open HOPE HOUSE MATERNITY HOME for pregnant women in need. Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Knights Hall on Regent Street. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner served at 6 p.m. Menu: Chicken Fricot Soup, Hearty Vegetable Soup, Rolls, pie, tea, coffee, juice. \$7.50 per person. We need people to donate food items. Silent auction for items including home baked goods. Tickets must be pre-purchased: E transfer-bgreen067@gmail.com or payment at NBRL office. *****Following dinner we will have Karaoke entertainment*****