

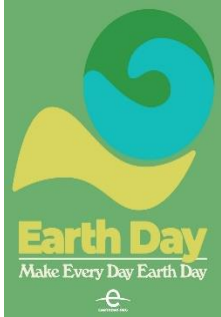
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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April 21st, 2024 – 4th Sunday of Easter



Earth Day 2024 is Monday, April 22nd.

This coming week we once again mark Earth Day and as people of faith, we have a responsibility to protect our common home and a commitment to care for creation. Laudato

Si' teaches us that "everything is connected and concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of Society (LS 91). Each community can take from the bounty of the earth...but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations. (LS67)."

The following is an excerpt from *A Passion for Life* by Sr. Joan Chittister entitled, "I Believe in God, Creator of the Earth" offering some reflections on caring for creation as taught to her at a young age by her parents and which remains with her still.

"Never, ever, throw anything in the water, my father taught me when we were out fishing, pop bottles and sandwich wrappers all over the bottom of the little skiff. Never, ever, throw cans out a car window, my mother warned us. These other messages were the anthem by which I lived my young life: Don't ever hurt an animal. Don't ever keep more fish than you can eat. Don't ever use more of anything than you need. Don't waste anything. Don't ever dig up flower gardens. Don't ever trample down small trees. Don't ever hurt a baby bird.

Why? Because making a garbage heap out of the water and the woods, my property or nobody's property, destroyed the beauty and goodness of creation. Because destroying another being just for the sake of destroying it took life in vain.

Because creation was good and each part of it had its own purpose that's why. Because we were to walk through life on tiptoe, as part of creation, not as predators with swollen bellies and bloated souls. We were to learn from animals and care for flowers, to have enough and never too much. We were meant to leave the world better than we found it.

This was a way of life that held more than humanity sacred. Those lessons ring in my heart this day, more loudly than ever before.

God, the Creed insists, created the earth. The earth, like us, in other words, breathes the breath of God. The simplicity of the statement overwhelms. What is it that has been created by God that does not reflect the presence of God? What is it, created by God, that can cavalierly be destroyed without remorse, without awareness of the divine life within it?"

A Prayer for our Earth

O God, you embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada

PEACE: Peace is the goal of social life. Peace is being in right relationship with God and each other. Peace is the fruit of healthy communities and a sign of charity and justice in action.

Peace is the good consequence of a just society, a situation where all can let their guard down and enjoy friendly relationships with one another. Sometimes, we think of peace in a negative way, as the absence of war or violence. But peace is the positive result of social institutions and individual efforts to create and maintain just communities.

When things go badly, as in war, genocide, domestic violence or other disruptions of good relationships, the way of peace calls us to do justice, to heal what is broken and to prepare a new context for encounter. In conflict zones, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partners contribute to peacebuilding through leadership training, dialogue, and by addressing the underlying reasons for violence, like prejudice, economic instability, and scarcity. Sustainable development means ensuring people have the community supports and material security they need to live without fear or desperation.

In Canada, our members build peace by urging our government to oppose war and violence, to divest from the arms industry, and to hold Canadian companies accountable for abuses abroad.

We also believe in truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and justice for all those pushed to the margins of Canadian society. Because we want peace, we work for justice!

“There is an ‘architecture’ of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, each according to its own area of expertise, but there is also an ‘art’ of peace that involves us all”. — *Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 231*

General Parish Meeting to present our Financial ‘Picture’ at St. Kateri Parish: **All are invited to a General Parish Meeting at Holy Family Church Site at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 28th.** At this time the Parish Finance Council will give a report on the Revenues and Expenses for 2023 and for the First Months of 2024. They will also present a detailed picture of all assets and accounts/amounts that belong to the parish. There will also be a summary report on Pastoral activities for 2023.

Divine Mercy: Divine Mercy is held every Friday at 3pm at St. Ann's Church. Please call Nelson Solomon at 363-4493 for further information. All are welcome.

Cookie Sunday Weekend: Next Cookie Sunday weekend is **April 27th & 28th.** In addition to cookies, we continue to collect the following items for the Foodbank: can meat, can corn and large cans of soup. 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. Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry!

Summary of your Support for April 13/14

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,003.90
Easter	100.00
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
St. Patrick's Cemetery	40.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,971.59

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

1. Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD). Forms are at the entrance of the churches. Return to parish office.
2. Mail your envelopes St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.
3. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) You may send your donations by Electronic Funds Transfer to office@stkateri.ca

New Envelope User #195 please call the office 506-444-6021 and leave your name and address.

Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Family Church: A new schedule is available in the entrance of the church for the period May 18th to September 29th, 2024. Eucharistic Ministers are required to wear a mask when serving communion. If you have any questions, please speak to Judy Kelly. Thank you for serving in this vital Ministry that supports our Liturgy.

Holocaust Memorial Observance, Sunday May 5th @ 3 pm. Capital Community Church, 71 Downing Street, Fredericton.

On behalf of the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue and the Capital Community Church, it is our pleasure to extend an invitation to you to attend the annual Holocaust Remembrance. This year's keynote speaker is Japan's Ambassador to Canada, Kanji Yamanouchi. Ambassador Yamanouchi will be speaking about the heroic actions of Japanese diplomat Chiunue Siguhara which saved thousands of displaced Jews by issuing transit visas to Japan during the Holocaust. Following the service, a reception will be held in the social hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

AASEA RETREATS –Silent Directed Retreats are being offered with directors from the Saint John Local AASEA at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in June. A 5 – Day Silent Directed Retreat takes place from Mon. June 10, 2024, to Fri. June 14, 2024, with a registration cost of \$130.00 and \$570.00 due upon arrival. A 4– Day option is also available from Tue. June 11, 2024 to Fri. June 14, 2024 with a registration cost of \$130.00 and \$400.00 due upon arrival. Pre-retreat installment payment may be arranged. Please contact Bob McDermott mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca These retreats are for those seeking an atmosphere of silence. They include daily meetings with a director and daily Eucharist.

Rosary: Every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During the Easter Season we will be reciting the Glorious Mysteries. Everyone is welcome!

READINGS for April 21st

1st Reading: Acts 4:7-12
2nd Reading: 1 John 10:14
Gospel: John 10:11-18

Responsorial Psalm: The stone that builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Apr 21st Joan Polchies
Apr 28th Arthur Solomon
May 5th Fr. Monte Peters

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Apr 21st Stacey Chessie-Shepherd
Apr 28th Elaine Geldart

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Apr 20th Dec members of the Legere Family
Apr 21st Ann Hawkins
Apr 27th John Mason
Apr 28th Keith Jones
May 4th Mike McIntosh / Fr. Monte Peters
May 5th Laura Gaul

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Apr 20th Lynn Laagland / Colleen Hamilton
Apr 21st Sadie Cameron / Patrick Burgoon
Apr 27th Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey
Apr 28th Dorothy Blanchard / Ewart Kenney

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Apr 20th Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright
Apr 21st Noreen Bonnell/Jane Buckley/Maurice Harquail
Apr 27th Mona LeBlanc / William Cormier
Apr 28th Patrick Burgoon/Carl Duivenvoorden
Flora Ederaro

Our Sacred Stories

Jesus Risen: Present with Us – A Source of Hope (Fr. John Jennings)

Stained glass windows are common in churches. They can be moving images. Sometimes they even serve as instruments of teaching. Frequently they present images drawn from the Scriptures, stories of God's relationship with God's People. Most often these images are drawn from past eras. They speak in a language of another time.

Not far from Canada's Wonderland northwest of Toronto is the church of St. David. It is a relatively new building. Like many of our churches it has some stained glass. One of these is quite striking. Its center point is as one would expect the good news of God's presence among us. What is unusual is how this is expressed. The images used to show the message are contemporary. The Sky Dome, the CN Tower, a baseball player, a hockey player, a soccer player, scenes of Toronto life are used to express the message of Jesus. There is a recognition, that Jesus is among us, now, in the midst of our many relationships.

During the season of Easter, we often read from the Book of the Act of the Apostles. The stories we find there tell us of our early ancestors in the faith, the first Christians. In Acts 4:7-12 we hear the story of Peter and other disciples who have been arrested after they cured a person in the name of Jesus. Standing before the authorities, the disciples testified that what they had done was act in the name of Jesus the Christ. The healing was to be seen as the outreach of God's love. In the First Letter of John, we discover such outreach comes from the depths of our relationship with our loving God. The Letter state: *See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are* 1 John 3:1).

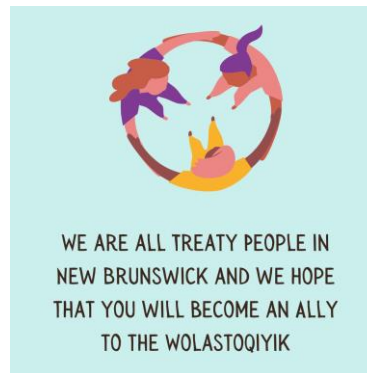
We often see ourselves living in the midst of world that does not express this. War and hatred, inequality and injustice, suffering and pain is evident in our world. The spiritual writer, Richard Rohr describes our life as Christian disciples as a "liminal space", a kind of border land where we are leaving one state and moving on to a new one. Living in our world and seeking to build the Kingdom we often live between two worlds. We are ever "on the way" to the new.

In the "liminal space" we are to be a people of hope. Like all such challenges, we will pass through it to a new reality. But in the process of this passage, we will be changed. The world will be different from what we have been used to be. In the current "liminal space" we cannot know exactly all that is involved in this new reality.

The Easter experience of the disciples was just such a passage through a "liminal space". They remembered Jesus as he walked with them.

Now they came to realize that like the shepherd with his flock, he continues to be with them, even though in different new way (cf.(John 10:11-18). They will live a new reality.

As God has traveled with us in the past, so the risen Jesus journeys with us now. Jesus is the gate through our current "liminal space". He continues with us in a new reality. We may look and act in different ways on the other side, but that is as it has always been. As we continue to build the Kingdom where we happen to be, the Spirit of Jesus is with us and Jesus will continue to be with us, even or perhaps especially, in a new reality, for we are disciples of Jesus. Now that is something to trust in, with hope.



Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick (WNNB) Ally Toolkit. As noted on the Truth and Reconciliation website: "for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples to coexist peacefully, a

relationship must be built on understanding and respect. That understanding can be a first step to better relations on a range of issues including environmental, spiritual, societal, and justice matters." The link below provided by the WNNB is a great resource on what it means to become an ally and how we can best accomplish this as individuals and within our Parish. Woliwon- Thank you.

<https://wnnb.wolastoqey.ca/toolkit/>

Steubenville Atlantic 2024 Youth Conference – Youth aged 14-18 are invited to participate in this event held at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, NS from July 5-7. If you are between 18 and 21, you can attend as a peer leader. Before registering please talk to your parish priest or RE coordinator about registration. Conference information can be found on the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth website under Steubenville Atlantic. Transportation to NS is included in the registration fee of \$300.00. Pick up locations will be from Fredericton, Saint John, and Moncton. For more information please contact Patricia Lee at catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or 506-627-6465.