

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 26th, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter



**ANNUAL 5K FOR
MMIWP WALK /
RUN / BIKE -
SUNDAY, MAY 3rd @
10:30am Bilijk
Wolastoqiyik**

Mark your calendars for our Annual 5k

Run/Walk/Bike Ride for

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIWP).

Event Location: Start and end will be located at the Bilijk Child and Family Building at 77 French Village Road. The race will begin at 10:30am. Registration fee is \$20 per person. Our event will include a 5k race, as well as a BBQ post event. We will also have swag bags for registrants, 50/50 and prizes for winners of multiple categories.

We look forward to gathering to raise awareness and seeing how many people show up for this important cause that continues to impact our community and sister communities. Our event grows each year and hosting it on Sunday, May 3rd, we are hoping that provides people the opportunity to attend our event as well as the event the city hosts each year on May 5th as well. Early registration can be completed by contacting Morgan Suhonos at morgansuhonos@bilijk.ca

Cookie Sunday Weekend: It's Cookie Sunday weekend -April 25th & 26th. In addition to cookies the Food Bank is in need of: canned pasta, canned fruit and Kraft Dinner. We want to thank you all for your continued generosity to help support those in need. 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!

FIRST COMMUNION – APRIL 26TH

First Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, April 26th during the 11am Mass at Holy Family Church. We are pleased to be celebrating this special Sacrament with our Parishioners present again. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. (First Communion will be live-streamed via our website at stkateri.ca)

Congratulations to:

Felicity Richard

Hadley Daley

Ivan Noble

Zimuzo Onyewuenyi

Fedora Kemdirim

Olivia Thompson

Hailey Cleveland-Young

A Beautiful Year:

Considering time with Diana Butler Bass

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Book reading & signing

10:00 a.m.

Westminster Bookmark

33 York Street, Fredericton

Free

Palmer Memorial Lecture

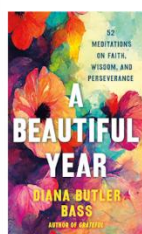
6:00 p.m.

Christ Church Cathedral

150 Church Street

In-person & livestreamed

Tickets at cccath.ca



Diana Butler Bass is a popular speaker, an inspiring preacher, and an award-winning author of eleven books. She is trained as a church historian, holding a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University, with special emphasis in American ecclesiastical history. Diana is one of America's most trusted commentators on religion and contemporary spirituality, especially where faith intersects with politics and culture. You might know her from her twice-weekly e-newsletter, *The Cottage*, in which she expresses her courageous and prophetic voice to an increasingly broad audience. Diana's passion is sharing great ideas to change lives — helping listeners and readers to see themselves, their place in history, and God, differently.



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA



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Westminster



A Jubilee Year of Saint Francis.

A special year of St. Francis was announced early in the new year for the time period January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027, marking the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi's death on October 3, 1226.

In one of his letters, Pope Leo XIV urges us: "May the example and spiritual legacy of this Saint, strong

in faith, steadfast in hope and ardent in active charity towards his neighbor, inspire in everyone the importance of trusting in the Lord, of living a life faithful to the Gospel, and of accepting and illuminating every circumstance and action of life with faith and prayer."

Over the next several months we will learn more about the life of Saint Francis and provide updates on pilgrimage sites and special events.

Saint Francis – the early years: Saint Francis was born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone in Assisi (c.1181). His father was Pietro di Bernardone, a very successful silk cloth merchant who often travelled to France. His mother was Pica di Bourlemont. Although baptized Giovanni it was his father who nicknamed him "Francesco" upon returning home from a business trip to France.

Saint Francis was educated and learned Latin but was more interested in French literature and the culture of poets and musicians. In his younger years, he was known to spend his father's money by throwing lavish parties in Assisi.

In 1202, he fought in a war between Assisi and Perugia and was imprisoned for nearly a year. A short time after his release, he became very ill and had a dream that told him to "serve the master, not the servant" and this was a major turning point in his life. It was said that while working in his father's shop he gave away everything in his pockets to a beggar for which he was scolded for by his father and mocked by his friends. Trusting that God would take care of his daily needs, he eventually gave up all his worldly possessions and even renounced his inheritance before the Bishop of Assisi.

In his early years of Ministry, he dedicated himself to rebuilding rundown churches such as San Damiano, San Pietro and Portiuncula and caring for the poor and sick. All of this occurred before he began his preaching ministry.



BILIK COMMUNITY BINGO

Thank you to all the volunteers and those who supported our April 27th Bingo night – it made the night a great success. It was a wonderful night of laughter, friendship, some first-time winners and tasty snacks from the canteen! We hope to see you at the next Bingo night which is scheduled for:

Monday April 27th 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!! All funds collected will be used to support Bilijk Elder Annual Ste. Anne de Beupré Trip in June 2026.

18 Years and Older only and EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Summary of Support for April 18 & 19

Regular/Loose	\$5,317.50
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
Holy Land/Good Friday	20.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	35.00
Easter	20.00
Development & Peace	200.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,890.96

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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.

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.

READINGS for April 26th

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36b-41

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Apr 26th Arthur Solomon / Keith Jones

May 3rd For the People

May 10th Myrtle Goodine

May 17th Raymond Francis

May 24th For the People

May 31st Alden McLenaghan

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Apr 26th Stacey Chessie

May 3rd Elaine Geldart

May 10th Carolanne Doherty

May 17th Betty Colligan

May 24th Mike Solomon

May 31st Lawrence Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Apr 25th Pauline Cashen

Apr 26th Ernest Stuart Dickeson

May 2nd For the People

May 3rd Marie Lawrence / Fr. Monte Peters
Lolly MacInnis

May 9th Raymond, Norman and David Goodine

May 10th Norah Mary Marshall

May 16th Gertrude Maynard

May 17th For the People

May 23rd Tyler Messer

May 24th Theresa Egeland / Richard Murphy

May 30th Rick Doyle / Fr. Martin Tobin

May 31st Tomasz Zdyb (STIB)

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Apr 25th William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc

Apr 26th Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden
Marijke Hurkens

May 2nd Margie Snell / Joan Sowers

May 3rd Anita & Ray Allain / Bonnie Deveau
Victoria Olopade

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

April 25th Leslie Carr and Colleen Hamilton

April 26th Annie Zdyb Rinne and Verna McCloskey

May 2nd Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey

May 3rd JoAnne Linton / Laura McDonald

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Couples, priests and religious from across Atlantic Canada are warmly invited to participate. The weekend provides a prayerful and supportive environment where participants focus on their relationship, strengthen communication, and grow together in faith.

Contact information:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

May 1-3, 2026

Between the Hearts Renewal Centre

Amherst, Nova Scotia

Contact Ron and Joanne at 506-451-8489 or

ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org



Development and Peace- Catholic Social Teaching: Dignity of the Human Person

Dignity cannot be earned or erased, but it is often denied. When people are excluded, marginalized or forced to live in

unsafe, unhealthy conditions, they are being treated as though they have no dignity. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada and our partners work for a world that affirms the dignity of everyone, no matter who they are.

From an unequal economy to discrimination against particular groups, peoples' dignity is denied in many deeply structural ways. Through projects focused on things like community organizing, training on housing rights and education for women, our partners' help people come together to recognize, defend and promote each other's dignity, transforming our world in the process.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada works with local organizations to provide emergency supplies like bedding, food and shelter. Our partners also address affected people's emotional needs through psycho-social and post-trauma counselling services. Dignity-centered emergency relief also makes communities more resilient to future disasters by addressing the root causes of poverty that make some communities so vulnerable in the first place. We are building a world where all people are treated with the dignity they deserve and have the means to lead a dignified life.

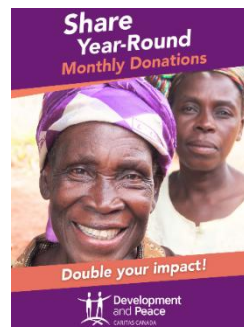
Development and Peace: Become a Share Year-Round Donor.

A **monthly donation** allows Development and Peace – Caritas Canada to plan its long-term support for the people of the Global South and to reduce its administrative costs. Being a Share Year-Round donor simply means acting for social justice and human dignity all year long.

Double your impact. Become a Share Year-Round monthly donor or increase your monthly contributions during Lent, i.e., 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/>

Your support forges bonds of solidarity across borders, **for the price of...a few coffees** (\$15/month)...an evening at the movies (\$30/month)...or a restaurant meal (\$50/month). Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



Our Sacred Stories: Jesus Risen: Present with Us (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.

In fact, if we reflect on where we have discovered our faith we would undoubtedly discover that it has come to us through the many people we have encountered through our lives. While many of the details of our faith tradition can be learned, the core of our faith is the result of the many persons whom we have encountered throughout our lives. One could say that our faith is not so much taught as it is caught from the persons who have been influential in our lives – parents, family, friends, and all those who have shared their lives with us.

Reflecting on this reality and remembering leads me to recall two mentors in my life. The first is Evasio. He was an Italian priest who accompanied and worked with me early in my priesthood. His example of commitment to the community in which we were living and serving was so generous and personal to that community that he became a model and mentor for the kind of pastoral care I longed to develop in my own priesthood. Evasio's model was primarily relational and it revealed a faith that built of living in relationship. His faith was life-giving.

The second mentor that I have encountered might seem a bit odd. It was not a single person but a community of persons. For a number of years, I was blessed by an involvement working with married couples in an enrichment program call Marriage Encounter. Here I discovered the immense power of the committed love in couples who lived their marriages with relational faith in one another. Such relationships, nurturing life in each other, reach beyond themselves to the communities in which they live and they bring shared life.

John's Gospel 10:1-10 presents us with a number of images that help us to recognize our faith as something that is always living, changing and growing. One particular image is that of a "gate". A gate can be closed or open. Our lives face a host of challenges that can limit us, closed gates. They exclude or prevent entry. On the other hand, a gate can provide entry. Such gate is inclusive and open.

John's Gospel presents the Risen One as an open gate: *I am the gate. Whoever enter by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*