



# 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Easter Sunday

### 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!*



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

**Holy Thursday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7pm, Holy Family Church**

**Good Friday (April 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Youth Stations of the Cross  
12noon, Holy Family Church**

**Good Friday (April 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
3pm, Holy Family Church**

**Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>)  
Resurrection of the Lord  
8pm, Holy Family Church  
(NO 4:30 Mass on Holy Saturday)**

**Easter Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Resurrection of the Lord  
9:30am, St. Ann's Church  
11am, Holy Family Church**



**How many Easter Eggs can you find  
in the bulletin?**



**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.



**Thank You**

to the Parishioners of **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish**, who pulled out all the stops and donated a whopping 1612 pounds of Non Perishable Food for their recent food drive. This Lent Campaign 'Everything Tomato & Pasta' brought in a Food total of \$5867.68. We are so

grateful for such overwhelming support. Thank You to Everyone who Generously Donated.

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[#communitysupport](#) [#donation](#)

In the words of Mother Teresa, "It is not how much we give but the love that we put in the giving."



**READINGS for April 5<sup>th</sup>**

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
 Gospel: John 20:1-18



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

**Mass Intentions at St. Ann's**

Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Pauline Francis  
 Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Alden McLenaghan  
 Apr 19<sup>th</sup> For the People  
 Apr 26<sup>th</sup> Arthur Solomon



**READERS AT ST. ANN'S**

Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Mike Solomon  
 Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Lawrence Cameron  
 Apr 19<sup>th</sup> John Monkhouse  
 Apr 26<sup>th</sup> Stacey Chessie

**Mass Intentions at Holy Family**

Apr 4<sup>th</sup> For the People  
 Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Kay & Alfred Feeny  
 Earle & Annetta McGuire  
 Claude & Donna Roy  
 Apr 11<sup>th</sup> For the People  
 Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Members Murphy & Burgoyne  
 Esther Lawrence  
 Apr 18<sup>th</sup> Dr. Shiva Kumar Sishta  
 Apr 19<sup>th</sup> Mildred and Joe Connors  
 Apr 25<sup>th</sup> For the People  
 Apr 26<sup>th</sup> Ernest Stuart Dickeson



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – HOLY WEEK**

**Holy Thursday** – Sharon Watts/Leslie Carr/Fr. Bill  
**Good Friday** – Dorothy Blanchard/Colleen Hamilton/Harold DeCoursey/Fr. Bill  
**Easter Vigil (Saturday)** – Bettyanne McMackin/Ron Breau/Margie Snell/Fr. Bill  
**Easter Sunday** – Patrick Burgoon/Dorothy Blanchard/Verna McCloskey/Fr. Bill



**READERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider  
 Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Noreen Bonnell / Ebuka Ezeokafor  
 Oluchi Ezeokafor / Jane Buckley

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell  
 Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange

## Readers for Holy Week:

### HOLY THURSDAY – April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm – Liz Solomon  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - Genevieve Obi  
 Washing of Feet Introduction – Oma Okoye  
 Our Father – Nelson Solomon

### GOOD FRIDAY – April 3<sup>rd</sup> (Mass at 3 pm)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm – Paula Ryan  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Psalm – Jane Buckley  
 Passion Reading:  
 Narrator (N) - Stacey Chessie  
 Jesus (J) - Fr. Bill  
 Other Speakers (S) - Church Congregation  
 Solemn Intercessions – Barb Perry to assign

### EASTER VIGIL – April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 8 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ray & Anita Allain  
 Psalm 104 - Choir  
 Prayer - Fr. Bill  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Psalm 15 – James McGroarty  
 Prayer - Choir  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading – Noreen Bonnell  
 Psalm 12 - Choir  
 Prayer – Fr. Bill  
 Epistle: Romans 6:3-11 – Anuli Ezeokafor  
 Prayers of the Faithful – Victoria Olopade


### EASTER SUNDAY – April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am

1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm – Carl Duivenvoorden  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions – Oluchi Ezeokafor

### Summary of Support for March 28 & 29

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 10,460.00</b>
<b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>	<b>2,298.46</b>
<b>D &amp; P</b>	<b>760.00</b>
<b>St. Patrick's Cemetery</b>	<b>125.00</b>
<b>Indigenous Reconciliation Fund</b>	<b>40.00</b>
<b>Missals &amp; Little Books</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>90.00</b>
<b>Holy Land/Good Friday</b>	<b>255.00</b>
<b>Oromocto Food Bank</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,113.46</b>

**Thank you for your generous and continued support of our parish.**

“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.” 

**Little White Books for Easter are available at the church entrances. Suggested donation \$2.00 can be dropped in the basket provided. Thank you!**

### **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



### **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](mailto: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.



# BINGO!!

Our 'First' Parish Bingo at St. Ann's Church Hall in Bilijk (Kingsclear First Nation) begins on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

The doors open at 5:00 pm and the Bingo starts at 6:00 pm.

This Bingo has been put in place to raise funds for the Elder's Pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre which happens each June.

It is also an initiative to foster relationships within the parish, wider community and with Indigenous and non-Indigenous in a relaxed and fun environment.

Please come and enjoy!!

**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](mailto:shaunmary89@gmail.com)



Please find copies Bishop Reisbeck's Easter Message at the entrance of the church.





## Our Sacred Stories

### Easter: Resurrection and New Life for All (Fr. John Jennings)

*He] suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven... (Apostles' Creed)*

Easter takes us through an entire season of rebirth and new life. Beginning with Good Friday and lasting until the Feast of Pentecost, our Christian community celebrates the core of our faith, the Paschal Mystery. Easter is the feast expressing the passage of Jesus from death to new life. The words of our Apostles Creed express our faith in this part of the Christian story. What we might miss is that it is also the passing of ourselves from death to new life. We might also miss the vastness of what this “resurrection” means for each of us, for all humanity and all creation.

Our celebration on the Vigil of Easter contains a series of readings which walk us through the impact of the resurrection and the Paschal Mystery not only on our Christian community, but also for all humanity. There are 8 readings from our scriptures as well as a reading from the Gospel of Matthew. It is no small thing that the first relates a rather poetic account of God’s love being shared in Creation. The 9th<sup>th</sup> and last reading, the Gospel is from Matthew 28:1-10, the account of the two Mary’s at the tomb. It is the announcement of the resurrection – Jesus is Risen.

Then, in an insight of faith, Mary moves beyond the physical sight of Jesus to the spiritual recognition of the Risen One. She realizes in faith that this awareness is not just for her. It is Good News to be shared. Immediately, she rushes to tell the other disciples, as Matthew puts it: *I have seen the Lord*. And so, the new life of the Risen One begins to permeate the face of the earth.

Creation to Resurrection, one story, a God story, but perhaps more significantly a story of our humanity. Its meaning is captured in what our faith expresses as the Paschal Mystery. Like all faith mysteries, it is something the truth of which is so great, that its meaning can never be exhausted.

This Easter mystery is a challenge for us all. The Franciscan priest and theologian Richard Rohr expressed this challenge, but at the same time he points out the blessing the Paschal Mystery is for us.

Commenting on 1 Cor.51: “We are not all going to die, but we shall all be changed,” Rohr notes that too often we tend to see that resurrection was only about Jesus. He points out that the Paschal Mystery has a much larger meaning and it involves us.

Drawing from Paul writing to the Corinthian Christians of his time, Rohr says it this way: *You have been told about the Eternal Christ, who never dies – and who never dies in you! Resurrection is about the whole of creation, it is about history, it is about every human who has ever been conceived, sinned, suffered, and died, every animal that has lived and died,... over great expanses of time. It is about you and it is about me. It is about everything* (Richard Rohr. The Universal Christ, 186).

The resurrection sends Jesus back into the world. His resurrection proclaims that there is life after death, there is hope and promise and that the power of evil, oppression and bondage is broken. The world and humanity are given new life for all.

What we may not realize is that like the risen Jesus, we too are sent back into the world and that we bring the Risen One with us. We carry Jesus into our world of families and friends, of commerce, economics and politics. We carry him into the places of oppression, bondage and poverty, of violence and suffering. As Jesus, we carry the resurrection and its hope. We bring what the risen one brings – PEACE. This is the Good News. We believe in the possibility of new life for all.

The spiritual writer, Carlo Carretto in Blessed Are You Who Believe describes the presence and power of the risen Jesus that we welcome into our lives and that we bear into our world.

*When you forgive your enemy,  
When you feed the hungry,  
When you defend the weak*

***You believe in the resurrection.***

*When you have the courage to marry,  
When you welcome a new-born child,  
When, you make a home together*

***You believe in the resurrection.***

*When you wake at peace in the morning,  
When you sing to the rising sun,  
When you go to work with joy*

***You believe in the resurrection.***

*The resurrection is for all.*

*The promise of new life,*

*hope and healing,*

*peace and liberation is for all.*

