

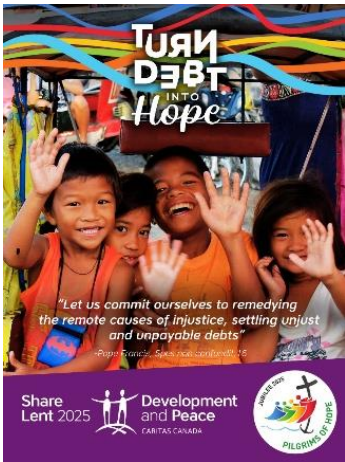
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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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 6th, 2025 – 5th Sunday of Lent



This is Solidarity Sunday Weekend: Please give generously

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

Last year your donations to Development and Peace resulted in: **79** community development and humanitarian aid projects in **34** countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East, reaching **11.2 million** people by Development and Peace overseas projects and programs. Development and Peace focuses on ecological justice, citizen participation, justice for women and peace and reconciliation.

"As we work together toward a better world, your support strengthens not only our efforts, but the shared hope that we can bring about lasting change through solidarity and love. Your generosity is a testament to the boundless compassion that unites us all as one human family. May we continue to walk together in faith and action, creating a brighter future for all." The Most Rev. Jorge Izaguirre, Bishop of Chosica, outgoing president of CEAS, a partner in Peru. Through almsgiving this Lent, may we truly see those who really hunger for love, for food and for justice.



Let us stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South and be "pilgrims of hope" as Pope Francis has called us to be in this Jubilee Year.

Your contributions to the campaign help raise awareness about the causes of impoverishment and inspire Canadians to advocate and act for change.

Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection (special donation envelopes are available in the lobby of the church) or online at devp.org/give. **Thank you for your solidarity!**

Prayer for Justice

Grant us, God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:

a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;

a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;

a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;

a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. - *Author Unknown*

**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)-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

Regional Lenten Reconciliation Celebration
will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Parish
(St. Dunstan's Church) on Sunday, April 6th @
3 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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!

Rosary – The Sorrowful Mysteries: Join us every
 Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church as
 we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries including mysteries
 created by the National Indigenous Rosary Group. All
 are welcome!

Summary of your Support for March 29 & 30

Regular/Loose	\$ 4,498.70
PAD (wkly. average)	2,164.62
St Patrick's Cemetery	25.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	220.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,828.32

Summary of your Support for March 22 & 23

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,714.85
PAD (wkly. average)	2,164.62
St Patrick's Cemetery	25.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,959.47

Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Week at Holy Family
Church: Please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby of
 the church for Masses during Holy Week. Please sign
 up if you are interested or able to be a Eucharistic
 Minister for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil on
 Saturday, and Easter Sunday. Thank you!

READINGS for April 6th

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
 2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11
 Gospel: John 11:1-45

**Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is steadfast
 love and great pow'r to redeem.**

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Apr 6th Amara Sacobie
 Apr 13th For the People
 Apr 20th Annunciata & Henry Colford
 Apr 27th Keith Jones

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Apr 6th Lawrence Cameron
 Apr 13th John Monkhouse
 Apr 20th Stacey Chessie
 Apr 27th Elaine Geldart

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Apr 5th For the People
 Apr 6th Danny Dionne
 Apr 12th Deatra Scheers / June Wilkins
 Apr 13th Patricia Ellen Hickey Dickeson
 Apr 19th For the People
 Apr 20th Joanne Hurley
 Apr 26th For the People
 Apr 27th Eileen Ryan

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Apr 5th Paula Ryan / Margie Snell
 Apr 6th James McGroarty, Clare & Genevieve Obi

READERS – HOLY FAMILY

PALM SUNDAY – April 12th @ 4:30

1st Reading & Psalm – Beth Wright
 2nd Reading & Intentions – Paula Ryan
 Passion Reading:
 Narrator (N) - Margie Snell
 Jesus (J) - Fr. Jennings
 Other Speakers (S) - Church Congregation

PALM SUNDAY – April 13th @ 11:00

1st Reading & Psalm – Clare Obi
 2nd Reading & Intentions – Bonnie Deveau
 Passion Reading:
 Narrator (N) - Norma Downing
 Jesus (J) - Fr. Jennings
 Other Speakers (S) - Church Congregation

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Apr 5th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
 Apr 6th Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange



Development and Peace SHARE LENT

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, Nasip) \$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**



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope – Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

There will be a Pilgrimage of Hope to the Cathedral on the first Saturdays in the month throughout the year.

The next date is April 5th. Everyone is welcome to attend any Pilgrimages throughout the year including those designated for specific regions. The designated date for our Parish Group to participate in a Pilgrimage to the Cathedral has been scheduled for Saturday, July 5th. This group includes St. John the Baptist Parish (Woodstock/Nackawic); St. Barbara’s Parish (Minto/Chipman); Mother of Mercy Parish (Johnsville/Bath/Florenceville/Juniper); and St. John Paul II (Oromocto/Lincoln/Village of Gagetown). More information to follow.

Miramichi Region: The Annual Shrine Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be held Sunday, July 13th at 3pm. Why not add this pilgrimage to your Jubilee Year to do list. Any questions on this pilgrimage, please contact Cassie at goodshepherdparish92@yahoo.com or 506-843-2210.

The Jubilee happens every 25 years and you don’t want to miss out. A quote from Pope Francis, “In the course of the year, every effort should be made to enable the People of God to participate fully in its proclamation of hope in God’s grace and in the signs that attest to their efficacy.”

Journey Through Lent Video Series: Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5th and for each Sunday in Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday, a video will be uploaded to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website. This series is designed for individuals, families, and communities, providing spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare for the Easter Season. To access the videos, click on the following link: <https://www.cccb.ca/> and then click ‘Learn More’ in the Journey Through Lent 2025 (blue box).

Our Sacred Stories
Solidarity Sunday: Standing with the
Threatened and Vulnerable
(Fr. John Jennings)

Today we can hear again the words of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65). In its final session the Council promulgated *The Constitution of the Church in the Modern World*. The Church ended its four year Council by looking outward to the world and expressing its concerns:

We are at a moment of history when the development of economic life could diminish social inequalities if that development were guided and coordinated in a reasonable and human way. Yet too often it serves only to intensify the inequalities. In some places it even results in a decline of social status of the weak and in contempt for the poor.

Listening to John's Gospel (8:1-11), we are drawn into the story of Jesus and his encounter with a group of scribes and Pharisees. In an effort to trip him up, they have brought before him a woman caught in adultery. They pose a question to him, asking if he agrees with what the law of Moses demanded – that she must be stoned to death.

Before Jesus stands one who is unable to defend herself. She is one of the most threatened and vulnerable. She is without rights and without an advocate. Accused of sin, she finds no forgiveness and is isolated and rejected by the community. She is lost and her life will be taken from her.

Only Jesus stands with her. He stands in solidarity with her. In doing so, Jesus brings to her an immediate salvation. His response by a loving reconciling presence brings her forgiveness and restoration to the community. He saves her in so many ways. She is freed from the bondage of injustice. She is forgiven her sin and failings. She is raised to new life possibilities. She is restored to a place in the community of God's People.

Our faith and our faith tradition call us to be this Jesus acting in our world. John's telling of this story highlights the wonder of Jesus' healing, reconciling presence. All of the Gospel healing stories reveal the same Jesus. He feels the pain and the suffering of the threatened and vulnerable. He brings them out of pain and suffering restoring them to wholeness and holiness. He reconciles them, bringing them back into the community. He stands in solidarity with them in their struggle and through his presence, shares their challenges with compassion and with love.

This is the Jesus of our faith. This is who we are called to be. It is our identity as a Christian people. At our baptism, we received the spirit of this Jesus. It made us sharers in the priesthood of Jesus the Christ, every one of us. In this priesthood we stand with the poor, the broken, the rejected, the suffering, and the oppressed of our world. Sinners we are, but we are also healers and reconcilers.

This Sunday is *Solidarity Sunday*. Each year on the 5th Sunday of Lent, our Canadian Catholic Church reflects on our

Christian call to stand in solidarity with the poor, the oppressed, the suffering of our world. As a baptized priesthood of Jesus the Christ, we believe and commit ourselves:

- to God, who loves us, all of us unconditionally
 - to Jesus, in his life, death and resurrection
 - to the Spirit who gives us and sustains us in life
 - to our call as priests of Jesus the Christ, in solidarity with all who face poverty, injustice, oppression, violence and sin in our world.
- THIS WE BELIEVE**

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast: Sunday, April 13th, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Proceeds from this breakfast will be used to help fund medical care for Joan, the wife of one of the Knights, who is in the Philippines awaiting a kidney transplant. Everyone welcome.

"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*****

Invitation to All Parents and Catechists - Transform Your Life as a Disciple of Christ. Join us for a four-week personal retreat on Zoom to deepen your friendship with Jesus and grow as missionary disciples. This retreat is open to all parents and catechists committed to parish renewal and ministry.

Retreat Details:

- Book Study: "Into His Likeness" by Dr. Edward Sri
 - Facilitator: Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Host: Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis
 - Dates: April 24 to May 15, 2025
 - Meeting Times: Weekly sessions from 9:30 – 11:30 AM or 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- To register, please email catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or text 506-623-8130 with your name and preferred time to attend. The book can be ordered online through Amazon.ca or Sunrise Marian. We look forward to your participation! Blessings in this Jubilee Year!