

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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August 10th, 2025 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Making Room for Joy

What do you think of when you hear the word ‘Joy’? It can be a feeling of great pleasure, delight and happiness dependent on what is happening around us. Spiritually, joy is fruit of the Holy Spirit, a deep-seated contentment and peace that comes from knowing God’s love. This week, we are offering you quotes from Sr. Joan Chittister’s article entitled “Making Room for Joy”:

“Joy is not a loud laugh. Joy is the quiet bubbling up; the overflow of the heart that knows it is at home in the universe.”

“Two things most bind a group into a community: shared sorrow and shared joy. Never ignore either one of them.”

“The person who is spiritually mature trusts in the presence of a loving God to bring this moment, whatever it is, to ripe in my soul.”

“Learning to celebrate joy is one of the great practices of the spiritual life.”

"Joy is not an exercise in perpetual giddiness. It is the practice of perpetual openness to life."

“It is through the lens of joy that we must learn to look at all of life. All of it is good but some of it we don’t recognize when it happens.”

“Be certain to do something that gives you joy—reading, music, playing with the pet, holding the baby—at least once a day. It makes getting up the next day easier.”

This week you may want to reflect on what brings you joy and then spend some time sharing your thoughts with a friend or journal with it.

PRAYER

May I be peaceful, happy, and light in body and spirit.
May you be peaceful, happy, and light in body and
spirit. May they be peaceful, happy, and light in body
and spirit. May I know how to nourish the seeds of joy
in myself every day. May you know how to nourish the
seeds of joy in yourself every day. May they know how
to nourish the seeds of joy in themselves every day.

—*Thich Nhat Hanh*

Back to School Supplies Campaign for the

Foodbank: We have been advised by the local foodbanks that due to high inflations and living costs there is a great need for school supplies. We all are feeling the pinch from inflation levels and we most likely know someone who is struggling.



With this in mind, we have decided to try and help with a collection of school supplies. Items needed are: backpacks, calculators, earbuds, pens, pencils, color pencils, crayons, erasers, highlighters, and glue sticks. **(Please note: Notebooks (scribblers) and looseleaf paper are not required as the Foodbank already has a good supply of these items).** We will be **collecting until Labour Day weekend**, and for those who wish to donate funds towards school supplies, envelopes will be available in the lobby of the church. Please only donate what you can, and if you are struggling in any way, please remember that all prayers are heard.

Ugpi'ganjig First Nation Annual Pow Wow – August 15th -17th. The Pow Wow will be held at the Aboriginal Heritage Garden, end of route 280/Cover Road at Eel River Bar, NB.

The Ugpi'ganjig First Nation invites us to come together to celebrate tradition, honour the drum and dance as one. Come and witness all the incredible performances. Everyone is welcome!

Other upcoming Pow Wows include:

Aug. 23-24: Esgeenoopetitj Powwow (Burnt Church).

Aug. 30-31: Elsipogtog Powwow (Big Cove)

More information to come in a future edition of the Bulletin. For a full schedule of Pow Wows visit our Parish Website at stkateri.ca or click on the following link: [2025 Pow Wow Schedule](#)

READINGS for August 10th

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

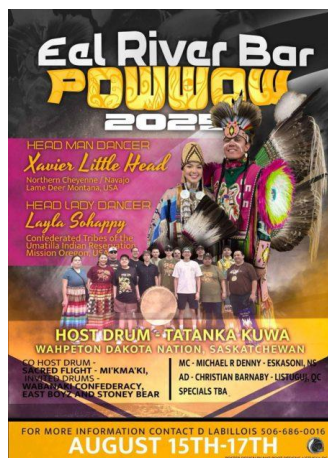
Rosary - Rosary is prayed every Thursday morning at 1030 at Holy Family. During Ordinary Time we will be reciting the Luminous Mysteries. All are welcome to attend.

Summary of Support for August 2nd & 3rd

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,834.07
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
Oromocto Food Bank	55.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	55.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,258.69

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

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



Development and Peace – Cancel Debt to Create Hope:

As we continue our journey for the **2025 Jubilee**, it was Pope Francis who reminded us that “hope should be granted to the billions of the poor who often lack the essentials of life” and that “the goods of the Earth are not destined for a privileged few but for everyone.” (*Spes Non Confundit*, 15-16)



This week we received an update from our Maritime Regional Animator, Adah Ogbe, regarding the **Bishops' (CCCB) Pastoral Letter on Jubilee, Debt and Economic Justice**. On July 25, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops issued an important pastoral letter on the Jubilee, debt and economic justice. Observing that over 3 billion people live in countries that spend more on paying the interest on their loans than either healthcare or education, the Bishops explain that our international financial system is unjust, holds back development, and locks many countries into a cycle of unfair borrowing. The Bishops advise not only cancelling unjust and unpayable debt but also finding the ambition to address the structural problems in the financial system that lead to debt crises. The Government of Canada, the Bishops add, should “become a global leader on debt justice.” The letter also highlights Pope Francis’s recognition of the “ecological debt” owed by the Global North to the Global South.

In this Jubilee Year, “Catholics in Canada once again have an opportunity to raise our voices for debt relief and justice.” The Bishops have trusted Development and Peace – Caritas Canada to help Canadians connect with a global movement for debt justice in this Jubilee Year. Please join our Turn Debt into Hope campaign, beginning with signing the global petition for debt justice.

Copies of the Pastoral Letter can be found in the lobby of the church or click here for the entire Pastoral Letter: <https://devp.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/CECC-Pastoral-Letter-on-Debt-Forgiveness-in-the-Jubilee-Year-2025.pdf>

The Annual Parish Pastoral Report and Parish Financial Report are available at the church entrances.

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimages.

Saint Francis of Assisi Shrine in Skiff Lake (St. John the Baptist Parish). Annual Shrine Mass, **Sunday, August 10th 2025, 11am.**

Schedule:

10am-11am: Chapel open for prayer

11am-12noon: Open-air Mass

12:15pm: Picnic Lunch: You may bring a bag lunch or there will be a canteen open for sandwiches, sweets, hot dogs, water and soft drinks.

1pm-2pm: Rosary ~ 2pm: Healing Mass

All are welcome to join in this Spiritual Journey. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the day. The event takes place rain or shine.

(Directions: Civic address is 413 Upper Skiff Lake Road. For driving directions: take Exit 212 at Meductic, turn on to Route 122 towards Canterbury. Take Mill Street to Upper Skiff Lake Road, follow the signs or drive on Route 122 to just past Skiff Lake, turn right onto the Upper Skiff Lake Road, follow the signs.)

DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC PLACE: The Shrine to Saint Francis of Assisi is comprised of a small 19th-century wood frame chapel situated in an isolated spot within a pastoral setting. With the shrine and its collection of religious statues and artefacts.

The Shrine to Saint Francis of Assisi was designated a Provincial Historic Site to commemorate the construction of a place of worship by Irish Catholic settlers of the area circa 1865. The Shrine to Saint Francis of Assisi is also recognized for commemorating the 17th-century Franciscan Mission to the Wolastoqiyik people. Originally named after St. Joseph, in 1923 the chapel was dedicated to Saint Francis of Assisi, to celebrate relations between the Franciscans and Wolastoqiyik people.

This location still is a place of devotion and pilgrimage and holds significant religious import to Wolastoqiyik peoples and others of the Catholic faith. Credited with healing the sick and infirmed for almost a century, the Shrine to Saint Francis of Assisi is the site of an annual Pilgrimage on Shrine Sunday, the second Sunday of August. Source: Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport - Heritage Branch - Site File: Vol. VII-76

St. Michael's Basilica (St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Miramichi). Mass for the Vigil of the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 28, 2025, 5:30pm.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Aug 10th James Andrew McAllister
Aug 17th For the People
Aug 24th Pauline Francis
Aug 31st Claudette Grexton

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Aug 10th Betty Colligan
Aug 17th Mike Solomon
Aug 24th John Monkhouse

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Aug 9th Margie Snell / Sophia Obi
Aug 10th Flora Ederaro / Sophia Obi
Aug 16th Paula Ryan / Margie Snell
Aug 17th Anita Allain / Ray Allain

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Aug 9th Lynn Laagland / Rita Maxwell
Aug 10th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard
Aug 16th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
Aug 17th Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Aug 9th Mona Orem
Aug 10th Leah Devlin
Aug 16th Tyler Messer / Mary Albuquerque
Leona Murphy
Aug 17th Roy & Eileen Hubbard
Aug 23rd Graham & Walter Randall
Romeo & Antoinette LeBlanc
Aug 24th Pauline Asterino
Aug 30th Shelley Cameron / Patricia Okoye
Aug 31st For the People

Update - New Settlement Team.

We are in the final stages of applying to bring 3 Eritreans to Fredericton. We need to form a Settlement Team as part of the application. They would arrive in 2027-28. These applicants will be supported heavily by family already in Fredericton, with the biggest expenses, housing and food covered by family.

Here are the areas where help is still needed:

- **Finance**
- **Medical**
- **Education**
- **Social**

Please see the Sign-Up Sheets in the entryway.

If you have questions about the Settlement Team, please e-mail chris.robbs@bellaliant.net

OUR SACRED STORIES
Our Quest for God Among Us
(Fr. John Jennings)

Have you ever been lost or needed some direction? A map is a big help in finding the route to our destination. But a map is only helpful if I know roughly where I am now. Even if I am getting directions from someone else by phone, I still need to know my starting point if the directions the person offers are to be helpful.

As in finding our way on a road, the Gospel reading for this 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Luke 12:32-48) becomes much clearer when we put it into context, that is, where we have been over the past few Sundays in Luke's Gospel.

Two weeks ago, on the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time, we heard Jesus's disciples ask him to teach them how to pray. In response Jesus gave them what has become our Christian prayer: The Our Father (Luke 11:1-13). Our God is a parent who loves us unconditionally. This prayer acknowledges that we live in a close and loving relationship with God. This is beyond our wildest dreams, for God will never stop loving us. By way of prayer, Jesus calls his disciples to accept that God is our parent – the one who creates, gives and sustains life for all humanity.

On the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, in Luke's Gospel (12:13-21) calls on his disciples to set their priorities, not on things, stuff, but on the relationship with this loving God. As well, like any loving parent our relationship with our parent-God is to be reflected in our relationships with others, with one another and with all humanity. With this context we come to a continuation of Luke's Gospel (Luke 12:32-48).

Luke's words are a call for readiness and openness to the many encounters we have with God. Jesus uses a story of servants waiting for their master to return. When, after a long wait he does come back, he surprises the servants. The master sits them down and serves them a meal. What a wonderful image, a surprising image of God's love. God reaches out to us where we are and brings life to us where we are. Our quest is to find God already with us.

More than 1500 years ago, one of our Christian saints wrote an account of his search for God. St. Augustine, a bishop in north Africa described his conversion in what was a spiritual autobiography. In his *Confessions* X,38 he related not his finding of God, but how God found him. Augustine came to realise that God had always been there with him and for him. These are Augustine's words: *Late have I loved You, O ancient of days, yet ever new! Late I loved You. And behold, You were within me and I was outside. There I searched for You, among things outside.... You were with me, but I was not with You.... You called and*

burst my deafness. Your light shone and scattered my darkness.... You touched me and I burned for Your peace.

In faith and in community, we discover that our relationship with our loving God leads us to be open to encounters - moments and experiences when God walks into our lives. Such readiness means we are prepared to hear God's voice in the voices of those around us. We are prepared to see God's face in the faces of those around us, and to experience God's loving presence in the creation that surrounds us. Emmanuel – God with us, always.

Jesus reveals our God as not aloof and distant. When we are ready and prepared and open, we can recognize God in the moments of our lives when friends and family show acts and speak words of love and care. We encounter God in the stranger who expresses kindness. We encounter God in the compassion of one human being to another. God enters our lives in the wonder of creation and in the warmth of human love. God's presence and action in our lives often will be unexpected. As Luke tells us and Augustine discovered: "Be ready, for the Son of Man [expression of God's presence] is coming at an unexpected hour."

Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at St. Anthony's Church on Friday, August 15th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH TO THE 3RD ANNUAL:
DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY 2025

IMMERSED

ROMANS 15:13

Join us for Christ Community & BBQ!

**AUGUST 17
12:30-6:30PM
VILLA MADONNA**

Scan QR to register