

# 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

August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## What Is Love?

### Sister Joan Chittister, OSB

“There are times when it seems that so much has been written about love there is no more to be said about it. And, worse, sometimes it seems that so much that has been written about love that is pure drivel—unattained and unattainable. Or pure theory of a theological kind talks about “loving” God when I have yet to understand human love, let alone the divine. But love is none of those things, alone and entirely. Love is far more meaningful than that.

Love is something learned only by the long, hard labor of life. It is sometimes over before we’ve even known we ever had it. We sometimes destroy it before we appreciate it. We often have it and simply take it for granted.

But sometimes, if we’re lucky, we live long enough to grow into it in such a way that because of it we come to recognize the value of life. As the years go by, we come to love flowers and cats and small infants and old ladies and life on the dock and the one person who knows how hot we like our coffee. We learn enough about love to allow things to slip away and ourselves to melt into the God whose love made all of it possible. Sometimes we even find a love deep enough, tender enough to detach us from the foam and frills of life, all of which hold us captive to things that cannot satisfy.

Sometimes we live long enough to see the face of God in another. Then, in that case, we have loved. The poets and storytellers across time have told us about the dimensions of love that last.

The poet Rumi wrote: “From myself I am copper, through You, friend, I am gold. From myself I’m a stone, but through You I am a gem!”

And in the course of World War I, the story was told that a young sergeant begged his commanding officer to allow him to go back onto the battlefield to rescue his fallen friend. “If you do that, we’ll lose you both,” the officer said. But the sergeant begged, and the officer relented. After the battle, when the battalion was finally able to retrieve both bodies, the sergeant was still alive but losing ground rapidly. “Now do you see how useless it was to go out there?” the officer demanded. “Oh no, sir, it was all worth it,” the sergeant whispered as he breathed his last. “You see, when I finally got to him, he said to me, ‘Jack, I knew you’d come.’”

Real love enables everything we are. Real love knows no costs.”

There are two books by Sister Joan Chittister that are available for reading and can be found in the lobby of the church: ‘Following the Path’ and ‘The Monastery of the Heart’.

**An Afternoon for High School Youth in our Diocese (ages 14-18) - Join Us for Fun, Faith, Fellowship and Food! "Take Up His Calling"**

Date: **August 18, 2024** Time: **1:00 PM to 6:30 PM** Location: **Villa Madonna Retreat House**

Come and enjoy an afternoon filled with activities, faith, fellowship, and food. We are honored to have **Bishop Christian** celebrating Mass with us.

Don't miss this special event just for high school youth! We look forward to seeing you there. To help with food planning, email [catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org) or text 506-627-6465 that you are attending.

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**Visioning Youth Ministry in our Parishes – a day of prayer, discernment, and discussion about Youth Ministry – Tuesday, August 27, 9:30-4:30 at the Villa Madonna.**

Do you feel a burden of spiritual concern for high school aged youth in your parish? Do you feel a nudge from the Holy Spirit to help address the needs for evangelizing young people? Patricia Lee and Jim Anderson will be facilitating a day of reflection and discernment for anyone interested in discussing the needs and initiatives for the evangelization of young people in our parishes. This is for current and new people drawn to building youth groups in your parish. The gathering will be held at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay, on Tuesday, August 27, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Please register by email [catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org) or by calling 506-627-6465.

**READINGS for August 11<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30—5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

**Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**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!*

**Rosary:** *Every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During Ordinary Time we will be reciting the Luminous Mysteries. Everyone is welcome!*

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

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Pauline Francis

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> Joan Polchies

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> James Andrew McAllister

**READERS AT ST. ANN'S**

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Carolanne Doherty

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> Betty Colligan

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Mike Solomon

**Mass Intentions at Holy Family**

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Joyce Clowater

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Dosithe Brideau

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Bernie McCann, Fr. Monte Peters, and Tyler Messer

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> Lorna MacNeil

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Frank Quigg

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Souverein LeBouthillier

**READERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Paula Ryan / Mona LeBlanc

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Maurice Harquail / Jane Buckley

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Joan Sowers / Judy Kelly

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> Ray & Anita Allain

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Paula Ryan / Mona LeBlanc

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Maurice Harquail/Flora Ederaro

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey

**Note from Fr. Bill about Mass Intentions:** Due to an increase in requests for Mass Intentions for the same day and Mass time to celebrate special anniversaries and birth dates of deceased loved ones, you will notice at times that we have more than one Mass Intention for the same Mass. Church Law allows for this to happen and we are grateful to be able to provide this blessing as we live and celebrate all of the gifts of Christ's Resurrection that we share in through the Eucharist.

**Let the Music Play**  
**By Nasreen Fynewever**  
**(Excerpt from the Book A Moment to Breathe)**

*“Sing to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and melodious song. With trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn shout triumphantly in the presence of the Lord, our King.” Psalm 98:5-6*

“MUSIC IS MOVING. It connects us across the centuries and binds people together in profound ways. It takes practice to get it right and dedication to learn it well. It is beat, melody, and harmony all in one. Art claims it, humanity is touched by it, and our souls are the holder of it.

Silence has its place and for those moments, be still. But if it’s a time for the music to play, let it. If someone loved you, love out loud. If someone mentored you, pour out. If someone taught you, teach others. If someone gifted you, pay it forward. For tragedy and joy are some of the greatest complexities in life, we are intertwined with both daily.

When tragedy shatters the stained-glass window around you and the piercing sun blinds your eyes, keep breathing, keep living. Let the notes of courage and providence carry you to the next measure. Weep to the slow, riveting sound of the low tones and know this too is music. Heartbreak is still worship, in the wrestle and the raw, faith laid bare, do not mute the music now.

When joy gives pacing to your heart’s arrhythmia and the care from others brings your quality of life to notable goodness, keep living. Let the notes of confidence and community carry you to the next song of beauty. Sway to the rhythm, the momentous pulse of the strong tones and know this too is music.

Hope is worship, not for you alone but also for those you can bless. Don’t mute the music now. For tragedy and joy are some of the greatest complexities in life, we are intertwined with both daily. For both, I stay on my knees, join me. For all you enjoy and for that which calls you to endure, let the music play.

*A Moment to Breathe...*

*Press play. Turn on the music to your favorite worship chorus and sing. Sing in the kitchen, in the bathroom, in the car. Sing His praises wherever you are.”*

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| <b><u>Summary of your Support for August 3 &amp; 4</u></b> |                    |
| <b>Regular/Loose</b>                                       | <b>\$ 2,848.10</b> |
| <b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>                                 | <b>1,827.69</b>    |
| <b>St. Patrick’s Cemetery</b>                              | <b>65.00</b>       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                               | <b>\$ 4,740.79</b> |

*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](mailto:office@stkateri.ca)

**Dr. Michael W. Higgins** is coming to Fredericton to launch his new Book, **The Jesuit Disruptor: A Personal Portrait of Pope Francis**, published by **House of Anansi**, and give a presentation on **The Synod on Synodality**. On **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** he will be at **Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton** from **10:30 am till 1:00 pm**. This gathering will begin with a presentation on the Synod and Synodality (and Q and A) followed by the book launch and a social time with food and refreshments and book signing. Westminster Books will be present with books available. **Dr. Michael Higgins** is well known to us as an **author, English and Religious Studies Professor, former President and Vice Chancellor of St. Thomas University, journalist, documentarian, columnist with many prominent newspapers, commentator and analyst with CBC and CTV, and biographer of Henri J. M. Nouwen and Thomas Merton**. He will be attending the next Synod gathering in Rome in October, as he did the first synod gathering as a credentialed journalist on behalf of Paulist Press. **No registration or fee to attend! All are welcome!**

**Our Sacred Stories**  
**Living the Spirit in Ordinary, Everyday Love**  
**(Fr. John Jennings)**

Bread is a very common food and is a staple for many cultures. It comes in a variety of types: whole wheat, banana, white, potato, brown, naan, pita, ciabatta, multigrain and gluten free to name only a few. Of all our foods, bread is perhaps the most common. Like so many other elements of our lives, bread hardly captures any attention. Yet, though common, it has taken on great significance in our lives. So often, bread represents that we are being fed, supported and provided with our basic needs. What is ordinary and common, can be very significant.

In the Old Testament, First Book of Kings, the prophet Elijah, exhausted and despairing in the wilderness, lies down and recalls his ancestors, the Israelites. During their flight from Egypt, they wandered through the desert. Facing starvation, they were fed with manna from heaven. Elijah is described with a parallel wonder as he wakes from sleep and finds bread and water to sustain him (1 Kings 19:4-8). With this simple and ordinary gift from God, the prophet is able to complete his journey.

Chapter 6 of John's Gospel contains a long discourse on the relationship between Jesus and the Father. The chapter begins with the account of the feeding of 5000 with loaves and fish. The impact of this event created a great stir and people began to flock to Jesus. They hoped for another sign, not understanding that this was more than a simple feeding with bread.

In the discourse, Jesus moves beyond the physical entity of bread to a significance beyond simple feeding of the body. Jesus expresses this deeper meaning with the statement: "I am the bread of life.... Whoever eats this bread will live forever and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." For John, this allusion to his giving of his life indicates that Jesus will ultimately pour out his life for all of us and will do this as a sign of God's great love for the whole of creation.

For many this was too much. Here was a person they all knew and whose family lived among them. How could someone so common and ordinary make such a claim? As the chapter continues, many who had started to follow him, now began to drift away from him. The sign that had attracted them, ceased to be something they could place their faith in, at least in the way in which they understood it.

Those who remained committed disciples would gradually come to grasp the deeper meaning of the sign that seemed so ordinary. For them, the faith and trust they placed in this Jesus, became more than following a teacher who conveyed knowledge to them or a leader who would help them in momentary struggles.

It became a way of life and an awareness of God's constant and unconditional love for them and all the peoples of the earth.

In letters he wrote for early Christian communities a later disciple, Paul captured this deeper, faith and trust as a way of living. One of these letters was directed to the Christian community at Ephesus. Paul saw in Jesus, a wonderful expression of God's love for all and a commitment from God who like a parent would never cease loving us. The way of life for a disciple as Paul expressed it was to imitate Jesus and allow the love showered upon us, to become our way of life with all (Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2).

In his letter, Paul has managed to express what giving "life for the world" means in practical, everyday ways: "Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." This, says Paul is the mark of the Spirit among us. Paul takes us beyond the wonder of marvels to the ordinary expressions of God's life-giving love in the hearts of disciples. Such disciples are able to trust, and reflect God's compassion in the moments of daily life.

**Cookie Sunday & School Supplies:** Next Cookie Sunday Weekend is **August 24th & 25th**. In addition, we have been advised by local food banks that the need for school supplies this year are much greater than anticipated due to high inflation and living costs. We all are feeling the pinch from inflation levels and we most likely know someone who is struggling.

So, we have decided to try and help with a collection of school supplies. Children today need anything that you may wish to donate. For example, backpacks, calculators, earbuds, pens, pencils, color pencils, crayons, erasers, notebooks, highlighters, and glue sticks. We will be **collecting school supplies 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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!**