

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 16th, 2026 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Back to
School
Supply
Drive for
the

Foodbank: Rising living costs and inflation are placing a heavy burden on many families in our community, making the purchase of back-to-school essentials a difficult challenge. Most of us are feeling the financial pinch right now, and we likely all know someone who is quietly struggling. Your generosity can make a real difference for a child starting the new school year.

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.



FREEDOM

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY

Join us for an afternoon featuring:

- Catholic youth gathering from across the Diocese,
- Snacks, games, music,
- Talks on true Christian freedom,
- Opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession
- Holy Mass with His Excellency, Bishop Christian Riesbeck, C.C.
- BBQ Supper

Free Registration! (ages 13-18)



SUN, AUGUST 16, 2026
VILLA MADONNA RETREAT CENTRE
12:30-6:30 PM

Save the Date – 4th Annual High School Youth Rally...All high school youth are invited to join us on Sunday, August 16, from 12:30–6:30 pm at the Villa Madonna Retreat House for our diocesan Youth Rally. The day will include inspiring talks, small group discussions, food, fun, and Mass with Bishop Christian. Plan to be part of this joyful gathering of faith, friendship, and community. For information: 506 627-6465...catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org...<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/youth-faith-formation>

A Summary of Support for August 8 & 9

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,361.70
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
School Supplies	265.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	45.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,970.16

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Notice to Parishioners: Envelope User #247, please write your name and address on your envelope. Thank you!



August 15th & 16th - Ugpi'ganjig First Nation Annual Pow Wow – Eel River Bar. Annual Celebration hosted by the Eel River Bar First Nation brings together dancers, singers and visitors to honor Mi'gmaq culture, traditions and community. Featured Host Drum this year is New Agency, a first time to bringing their sound East. The Pow Wow will be held at the Aboriginal Heritage Garden, end of route 280/Cover Road at Eel River Bar, NB. Everyone is invited to this special celebration of Indigenous heritage. Eel River Bar looks forward to welcoming you to their community.

POWWOW SCHEDULE	
AUGUST 20 – 23, 2026	
THURSDAY 20 AUG	Ground Setup • 6AM – Sunrise Ceremony with Arnold Joo • 10AM – Top Feasting with Dorey Store
FRIDAY 21 AUG	Vendor Setup • 6AM – Sunrise Ceremony with Dorey Store • 8AM – Vendor Registration • 9PM – 9PM Youth Social
SATURDAY 22 AUG	Powwow • 6AM – Sunrise Ceremony with Margaret Joo • 8AM – 10AM Breakfast at Powwow grounds • 10AM – 12PM Vendor Registration • 12PM – 1PM Crafts with Aisha Enrich, Nadine Joo & Storytelling with Dorey Store • 1PM – 2PM Grand Entry/Feasting of the People/Catered Specials • 2PM – 4PM • 4PM – 5PM Live Entertainment: The Relatives
SUNDAY 23 AUG	Powwow • 6AM – Sunrise Ceremony with Dorey Store • 8AM – 10AM Breakfast at powwow grounds • 10AM – 12PM Vendor Registration • 12PM – 1PM Crafts with Aisha Enrich • 1PM – 2PM Grand Entry/Feasting of the People/Catered Specials • 2PM – 4PM • 4PM – 5PM



Esenoopetitj Powwow Grounds “Burnt Church”. The Powwow will be held from **August 20th - 23rd.**

Come embrace our vibrant culture with a sunrise ceremony each morning at 6am. There will be a Youth Social on Friday evening beginning at 6pm and Grand Entry on Saturday at 1pm. On Saturday evening enjoy live entertainment by the group ‘The Relatives’. In addition, there will be vendors, delicious food, talented dancers, host drums, crafts and more! Everyone is welcome! Let’s reconnect, dance, sing and celebrate together. The grounds are located at the end of the Diggle Point Road. Free admission.

BINGO NIGHT

Bingo in Bilijk will commence for the new season Monday, August 24, 2026 at 6PM
Ste. Anne's Church Hall (Basement)

CASH PRIZES

CANTEEN

VARIETY OF GAMES

THIS IS A FUNDRAISING BINGO FOR THE BILIK SENIORS GROUP ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO STE ANNE DE BEAUPRE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC PARISH

Church Street, Bilijk First Nation

MUST BE 18+ OLDER

Readings for August 16th

1st: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

2nd: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Aug 16th Carolanne Doherty

Aug 23rd Betty Colligan

Aug 30th Mike Solomon

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Aug 16th Alden McLenaghan

Aug 23rd For the People

Aug 30th Shelley Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Aug 15th Bernie McCann

Aug 16th For the People

Aug 22nd Tyler Messer

Graham & Walter Randall

Aug 23rd Eugene and Theresa Brennan

Roy Schadeck and Deceased Fam Members

Aug 29th Patricia Okoye

Aug 30th Fred and Bethany Burgoon

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Aug 15th Paula Ryan / William Cormier

Aug 16th Oma Okoye / Chinasa Trinatta

Aug 22nd Joan Sowers / William Cormier

Aug 23rd Maureen Hawthorne / James McGroarty

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

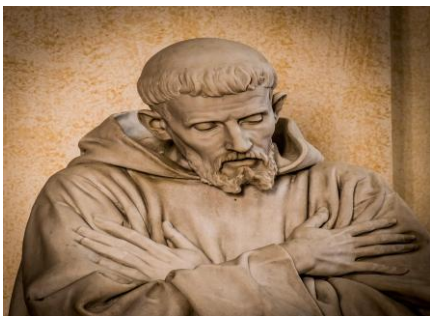
Aug 15th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton

Aug 16th Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange

Aug 22nd Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey

Aug 23rd Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

REFLECTION CORNER



"Pray, hope and don't worry. God is merciful and will hear your prayer. You must not be discouraged. If there are doubts, fears, and anxieties, turn to the Lord with a heart full of trust and love."

-St. Padre Pio

Development and Peace – Podcast Series.

Development and Peace has developed two podcast series each created for two different audiences with the mission of sharing human stories rooted in solidarity.



- Podcast Series 1 – Voices of Solidarity (for the general public)
- Podcast Series 2 – Planet Pals (created for kids)

Series 1, Voices of Solidarity. Each podcast is approximately 14-15 minutes and contain moving testimonies, inspiring journeys and timely reflections assisting listeners recognize the social and human issues that affect all of us.

Podcasts you will find include:

- Escalation in the Middle East: A Humanitarian Perspective
- Nigeria: Ending Gender-Based Violence, Strengthening Communities
- A Journey of Solidarity in Peru



Series 2, Planet Pals for Kids. Podcasts include:

- Hola from Colombia!
- Heading to Brazil!

Journey with Sam 'the curious' and Zari 'the explorer' as they journey around the world discovering new cultures and why social justice is so important. Each podcast is approximately eight minutes in length.

You can access these podcasts through the Development and Peace Website, <https://devp.org/en/podcasts/>. Click on the 'Podcasts' tab at the top of the page. The podcasts are also available through SoundCloud and Spotify.

Our Sacred Stories
How wide is our world? How Broad is our Vision?
(Fr. John Jennings)

Although we may not always be aware of it, we live in a large and varied world. The human community of which we are a part is marked by many different peoples, cultures and beliefs. Despite its extensive character, we are one global, human community. Unfortunately, we are not always ready to pay attention to this. Our vision can be short and our concerns quite local. Recently, I had a reminder that we live in a broad and varied world. I was involved in blessing a wedding where the bride was from the Philippines and the groom was from New Brunswick. As well the bride was Roman Catholic and the Groom was Anglican.

The celebration brought them both together. This really was not unusual, for we live in a multicultural country, marked by a host of different origins, cultures and religious traditions. It is no surprise that there is a mixing of these many traditions and cultures. Although occasionally there may be a few who resist this mixing of cultures and traditions, most of us do not see it as a threat. In general, we regard it as a reality in which we live, and we recognize that we are richer for it.

In fact, with time, we are discovering that we are in this together, all of us. That is how God made us, how God gifted all Creation with life; how God loved us and the rest of humanity into life. Jesus and the Incarnation are an expression of God's great love for us all. We are a global community, and it is God's plan, God's dream that we live in peace with one another and that our differences do not divide us so much as enrich us.

In more recent years our Christian faith tradition began to discover and be enriched by the contemplative traditions of the East, of Buddhism and Hinduism. In some ways, in fact it was more a "rediscovery". If we encounter one another with openness there are occasions for us to rediscover what we at one time possessed but have over time lost.

The Franciscan spiritual writer, Richard Rohr has pointed out that contact with different cultures and peoples with openness has the capacity to enrich us in many ways. As Rohr observed: "Starting in the 1960s, our increased interaction with Eastern religions in general, and Buddhism in particular, helped us recognize and rediscover our own very ancient

Christian contemplative tradition" (R.Rohr. Daily Reflections, August 24, 2025). To allow this to occur, openness to the encounter is necessary. Such openness is always the work and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Rohr also pointed out we are similarly learning that the Indigenous peoples of our part of the world have much to teach us that enrich and deepen our own spiritual traditions. They have a depth and breadth that can only better and improve our own spirituality, if we are open to them.

Matthew's Gospel recognizes this need for a growing vision. He tells the story of Jesus encountering a Canaanite woman. She wanted him to free her daughter from torment by a demon. The disciples thought it inappropriate that a foreigner, a Gentile should expect Jesus to call on the God of Israel for her. Jesus himself seems reluctant to include her in his mission – *I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel* (Matt 15:21-28).

Only with her insistent faith does Jesus turn and reach out to her. He acknowledges that her faith is great. As the Spirit moved, it revealed a broad vision of the God of Israel. The woman expressed what the prophet Isaiah had proclaimed in openness to all: *And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,... these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer,... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples* (Isaiah 56:6-7).

On Saturday Sept 26 from 10 a.m to 2 p.m **Hope House Maternity Home will be holding a fundraising bottle drive and barbecue at Kent store on Bishop Drive.** We will need some volunteers to set up, cook and pass out food as well as receive bottle donations. Please get the word out so people can start collecting bottles and attend the barbecue. Please help make this event a success!

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 21 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!