

# 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Update - New Settlement Team** - We are forming a Settlement Team for immigration applicants who would arrive in 2027-28. The great news? We now have 4 new members of the team.

The applicants will also be supported heavily by family already in Fredericton.

**We have at least 1 member in all except the Medical sub-team. Please consider the Medical team.** If you are interested, you could join another member in Education and Social sub-teams. As my father said, "Many hands make light work."

Please see the Sign-Up sheets in the entryway.

**If you have questions about the Settlement Team, please e-mail [chris.robbs@bellaliant.net](mailto:chris.robbs@bellaliant.net)**



Gimja Gebretensae Woldazgi Woldemariam

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!

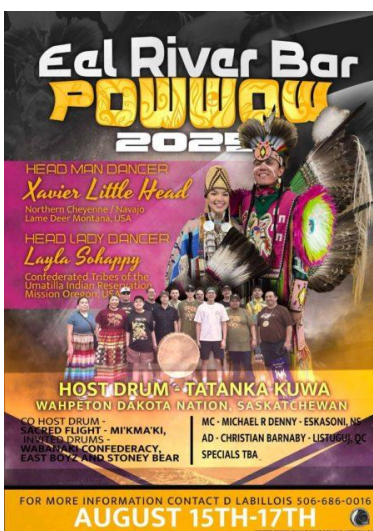


**Esgenoôpetitj Powwow Grounds "Burnt Church".** The Powwow will be held from **August 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Come embrace our vibrant culture with sunrise ceremonies,

delicious food, talented dancers, host drums, crafts, fireworks 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.

The **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Elsipogtog First Nation Powwow (Big Cove)** is taking place **August 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025** along the beautiful Richibucto River (1072 Route 510, Lower Main River). The traditional powwow is a local highlight of Mi'kmaq culture and celebration. Everyone is welcome!



## UPCOMING POW WOWS:

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

## 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.

## READINGS for August 17<sup>th</sup>

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

**Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make haste to help me!**

**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.

**Everyone is welcome** to attend the Twilight Retreat, hosted by St. Theresa's CWL, on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, in the church hall, 45 Royal Road. First session begins at 4:30 pm, followed by a pot luck, second session and closing prayer at 8 pm. Presenter is Father David Fulton. Topic: 'Doors to the Sacred'.

## Summary of Support for August 9 & 10

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 2,469.90</b>
<b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>	<b>2,314.62</b>
<b>Food Bank/School Supplies</b>	<b>85.00</b>
<b>St. Patrick's Cemetery</b>	<b>70.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,939.52</b>

### 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](mailto:office@stkateri.ca)

## Gaza Crisis:

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, offered the following reflection on the suffering in Gaza:



*"Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there—crucified in the wounded, buried beneath the rubble, and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering. Humanitarian aid is not only necessary—it is a matter of life and death. To refuse it is not merely a delay, but a sentence. Every hour without food, water, medicine or shelter inflicts profound harm."*

The following is Part 1 of a report from Development and Peace on the Gaza Crisis: **HISTORY WILL NOT FORGIVE THIS BARBARISM AND COMPLICITY (By CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS).** Israel has already killed over 57,000 Palestinians in Gaza. On July 22<sup>nd</sup> we reported how Israel had added civilians sheltering in Gaza's only Catholic Church to its every growing death toll. Following that incident, Caritas Internationalis—the global confederation of Catholic Relief, development and social service organizations of which Development and Peace—Caritas Canada is part—released the following statement, which is reproduced here with their permission.

### **TODAY IN GAZA, CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS SEES A HORRIFIC SITUATION IN WHICH:**

- 50 hostages are still held by Hamas;
- The whole Gaza Strip is being bombed and razed to the ground to clear the strip and make it inhabitable;
- Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians are being slaughtered: the official numbers are only those who have been certified dead at health facilities and we know many, many more have been killed;
- People are being starved to the point of famine;
- Children are bombed while waiting for therapeutic nutrition and vaccines;
- People are shot by the dozens daily while queuing for water and food: 750 killed, 5,000 injured;
- Food, water and other basic necessities are systematically blocked and withheld at anything other than tokenistic levels;
- Medical facilities are destroyed and overwhelmed, killing patients and medical staff, with diarrhoea and meningitis rife, not to mention war wounded;
- Hundreds of aid workers and journalists have been killed in the line of duty;
- The Israeli Government is planning to forcibly evict the entire population of almost 2 million people of Gaza to a non-existent camp in Rafah, which Ehud Olmert, Former Prime Minister of Israel, has described as a “concentration camp” and “part of an ethnic cleansing”;
- Violence and dispossession continue growing in the West Bank committed by the illegal presence of settlers in connivance with Israeli security forces;
- Violence against worship places, hospitals, schools, and displacement camps that serve as shelter and protection for civilians must stop.

**OUR JUDGMENT:** In the light of the Spirit that guides us, Caritas Internationalis abhors all these acts and omissions in the strongest terms. They represent a blatant disregard for the values and fundamental principles of humanity and clearly violate International Law, International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law, as well as many provisions of specific UN Conventions, including the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Any military support or involvement by third States or private entities to the State of Israel or anything which aids or abets them in their persecution of the Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip or the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, may amount to complicity in the horrors that are being perpetrated in Palestine today.

You can make a difference. Click on the following link to make a donation - [\*\*GIVE NOW\*\*](#)

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

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> For the People  
Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Pauline Francis  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Claudette Grexton

### **READERS AT ST. ANN'S**

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Mike Solomon  
Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Lawrence Cameron  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup> John Monkhouse

### **READERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Paula Ryan / Margie Snell  
Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Anita Allain / Ray Allain  
Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> Joan Sowers / Mona LeBlanc  
Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Chinassa Trinita / Annuli, Oluchi, Ebuka Ezeokafor  
Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Judy Kelly / Mona LeBlanc  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Victoria Olopade / Oma Okoye

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton  
Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin  
Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> Judy Kelly / Harold DeCoursey  
Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin  
Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon

### **Mass Intentions at Holy Family**

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Tyler Messer / Mary Albuquerque  
Leona Murphy  
Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Roy & Eileen Hubbard  
Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> Graham & Walter Randall  
Romeo & Antoinette LeBlanc  
Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Pauline Asterino / Fred Burgoon & Family  
Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Shelley Cameron / Patricia Okoye  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Laura Gaul & Family



**Being A Prophetic People: Fired by the  
Spirit to Change Our World  
(Fr. John Jennings)**

*It takes a village to raise a child.* How true this old adage is. It might also be said that it takes a host of prophets to move and lead a people. In every age, we need prophets. We need people of vision who draw us into an uncertain future. Such persons share the gift of vision and hope with us. They instill in us the confidence and the courage to move forward. We need such prophets in order to make sense of our lives and to live in peace and harmony as a common humanity.

We have some misconceptions regarding prophets. Perhaps the most significant is that prophets are predictors of the future, that they tell us what is going to happen. In fact, this is not what a prophet is at all. A prophet is very much in the present and helps us to understand what is going on. What might be regarded as future-focused is that such a person will help us to move into the future with a better sense of how to deal with it.

Whether we are concerned about the global situation of our times or about our personal lives there is a role for our prophets. They help us to look at what is happening in the broader context of God's relationship with us. The prophets of our lives offer us the vision that God's love has always been with us, is with us now and will ever be with us. We are not alone in what we experience.

For our Jewish and Christian tradition, a prophet is someone who speaks for God, someone whose voice expresses God's message of love and hope in the world. In the Old Testament, there was a strong tradition of prophecy in which various persons or even groups were the voice of God to God's people. In the New Testament, Jesus is a prophetic figure. His very coming is an experience of God's coming and presence. Jesus is Emmanuel (God-is-with-us).

In the Christian tradition, Jesus Christ is the Incarnation of God. Our God so loves us that God takes on our humanity in the person of Jesus. What a prophetic image of God's love this reveals. In Luke's Gospel we hear of this prophetic role of Jesus coming to the world: *I have come to set the world on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!* (Luke 12:49-50)

Jesus is filled with the spirit of God and goes out into the world on the mission of spreading the reign of God. This is the prophet's role – to spread God's dream and message to all. In doing so, there is an *anguish*. Jesus had to sacrifice himself for the sake of the mission.

A prophetic mission involves something of a dying to self for the mission. It also involves a longing that the mission take root in our world. The prophet speaks not his own message, but that of God for the sake of others.

If Jesus accepts the baptism which the spirit brings to him and goes on mission, this is precisely what must happen to disciples of Jesus. Every Christian at baptism is given the gift of the spirit. This is confirmed and further acknowledged in the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is celebrated in the setting of community, the gathered disciples of Jesus, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As we gather in Eucharist, we need to see that we come together as the Body of Christ. More than individual disciples in private prayer, in Eucharist, we are together, the Body of Christ for our world.

So it is that the words of Jesus are our words. We are called as prophets, to be the voice and action of God in our world. Filled with the spirit of God we are, like Jesus to *set the world on fire* – the fire of God's love in our words and in our actions. Such a fire from the disciples of Jesus has the capacity to change our world, one human step at a time. We are a **prophetic people**, a community of prophets.

## Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage



### REJOICE IN HOPE!

#### Miramichi Regional Mission

Led by: Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC

Sunday, September 28: Jubilee Pilgrimage Mass  
5:30 pm, St. Michael's Basilica

Monday, September 29: Why hope?  
(with Healing Rosary)

Tuesday, September 30:  
Jesus Christ, the Hope that does not Disappoint  
(with Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Wednesday, October 1: Missionaries of Hope  
(with Commissioning and Healing Prayers,  
and Reception to follow)

Sessions will begin with Mass\* at 6:30 pm.  
Saint Michael's Basilica  
10 Howard Street, Miramichi



\*Wednesday evening's Mass will be in commemoration of the October 1825 Miramichi Fire

"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)

