

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 23rd, 2026 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Cookie Sunday is August 29th & 30th. Once again, we will be collecting cookies for the local Shelters and Foodbank.

School Supplies

Drive. A reminder we continue to collect school supply items until Labor Day Weekend. Items needed are: backpacks, calculators, math sets, 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).** 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.

Holy Family Church - Readers: Now available in the lobby of the church is the schedule for the month of September; and a **sign-up sheet for readers for the months of October to December 2026.** Present readers are asked to sign-up as well as any new readers. If you are not on the readers schedule and would like to join this Ministry, please use this opportunity to sign up! Any questions, please speak with Jane Buckley (506) 444-1396 or jmb1958@me.com.



BILIK COMMUNITY BINGO

NEW DATE

Monday August 31st

at St. Ann's Church

in collaboration with St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.

Game prizes will be \$80.00 per game!!

10 Regular Games and 2 Specials

(Jackpot and Winner Take All) Plus 50/50

9 up – 10 games - \$15.00

3 up – 10 games - \$5.00

Specials - \$1.00 per card

(must be purchased at the door with regular cards). None will be sold on the floor.

There will be a canteen with light snacks and refreshments for purchase!! Doors will open at 5:00 pm and BINGO will start at 6:00 pm. CASH ONLY to purchase cards and Canteen!! All funds collected will be used to support Bilijk Elder Annual Ste. Anne de Beupré Trip in June 2027.

18 Years and Older only and is EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Summary of Support for August 15 & 16

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,337.45
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
School Supplies	630.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	45.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,310.91

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



Elsipogtog Powwow – 40th Anniversary. Join us September 4–6, 2026 as we celebrate four decades of culture, community, song, dance, and tradition at our beautiful new Powwow Grounds. The Elsipogtog Powwow Grounds is located at 1072 Route 510 in Lower Main River, New Brunswick (near Nogemag Lodge).

Honouring our Drums, the heartbeat of Mother Earth and the heartbeat of our people. Every beat tells a story. Every song carries a teaching. Every gathering around the drum reminds us that no matter where we come from, we are connected. Its songs carry our prayers, our gratitude, our grief, our celebrations, and our hope.

As we prepare to gather for the 40th Annual Elsipogtog Powwow, we raise our hands to our Host, Co-Host, Special Guest, and Invited Drum. Thank you for sharing your songs, your gifts, your teachings, and your hearts. Your voices keep our traditions alive and remind us that as long as the drum is heard, our people will continue to stand strong.

POWWOW SCHEDULE	
AUGUST 20 – 23, 2026	
THURSDAY 20 AUG	Ground Setup • 6AM - Sunrise Ceremony with Anishinabe • 10AM - Tipi Feasting with Dineé Ward
FRIDAY 21 AUG	Vendor Setup • 6AM - Sunrise Ceremony with Dineé Ward • 10AM - Vendor Registration • 1PM - 5PM Youth Social
SATURDAY 22 AUG	Powwow • 6AM - Sunrise Ceremony with Margaret Joe • 8AM - 10AM Breakfast at Powwow Grounds • 10AM - 12PM Vendor Registration • 12PM - 1PM Crafts with Anishinabe, Anishinabe Joe & Storytelling with Dineé Ward • 1PM - 1PM Grand Entry/Feasting of the People/Catered Specials • 1PM - 1PM - 1PM • 1PM - 1PM Live Entertainment: The Relatives
SUNDAY 23 AUG	Powwow • 6AM - Sunrise Ceremony with Dineé Ward • 8AM - 10AM Breakfast at Powwow Grounds • 10AM - 12PM Vendor Registration • 12PM - 1PM Crafts with Anishinabe • 1PM - 1PM Grand Entry/Feasting of the People/Catered Specials • 1PM - 1PM - 1PM • 1PM - 1PM



Esgenoôpetitj 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

NEW DATE

Monday, August 31st

St. Ann's Church Hall

CASH PRIZES
CANTEEN

VARIETY OF GAMES

THIS IS A FUNDRAISING BINGO FOR THE BILIKJ SENIORS GROUP

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO STE ANNE DE BEAUPRE IN PARTNERSHIP

WITH ST KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC PARISH

Church Street, Bilikj First Nation
MUST BE 18+ OLDER

Readings for August 23rd

1st: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

2nd: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Psalm: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Aug 23rd Betty Colligan

Aug 30th Mike Solomon

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Aug 23rd Robert McCashion

Aug 30th Shelley Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

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 22nd Joan Sowers / Willian Cormier

Aug 23rd Maureen Hawthorne / James McGroarty

Aug 29th Paula Ryan / Mona LeBlanc

Aug 30th Chinyere Alozie / Oma Okoye

Sept. 5th Paula Ryan/Margie Snell

Sept 6th Chinasa T/Jane Buckley/Doreen
Cormier/Maureen Hawthorne

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Aug 22nd Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey

Aug 23rd Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

Aug 29th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell

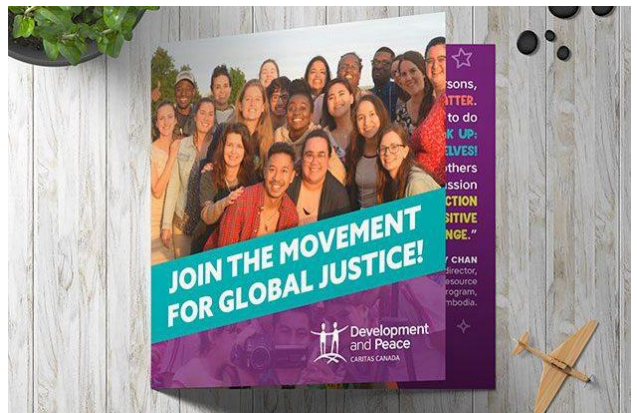
Aug 30th Annie Zbyb-Rinne / Verna McCloskey

REFLECTION CORNER



"If you follow Mary, you will not go astray; if you pray to her, you will not despair; if she holds you, you will not fall; if she protects you, you will not fear; if she guides you, you will not grow weary; if she is gracious to you, you will surely reach your destination."

-St. Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort



YOUTH BROCHURE JOIN THE MOVEMENT FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE!

Interested in making a significant difference in the world? The Development and Peace – Caritas Canada team invites you to dive into their brochure specially designed for young people.

Download the Youth Brochure and share it with your friends and family, together for a better world. Click here to view the brochure: [Youth Brochure](#)



Development and Peace – Colombia Earthquake

Assistance. One of the hardest hit regions and poorest is Chocó. The Chocó region is

home to Afro-Colombians and Indigenous residents who already struggle daily and are now dealing with the devastating effects of the earthquake which has killed hundreds and left thousands injured.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada local partner, Cáritas Colombiana has provided initial assistance by moving its staff and volunteers into the region to provide food, water, shelter, clothing, hygiene supplies and medications to the vulnerable. Already \$50, 000 has been provided to support these initial needs. But much more is needed as work continues on recovery and rehabilitation.

If you wish to donate to help the earthquake-affected families in Colombia, please click on the link below. Pope Leo XIV is calling all of us to be a *vehicle of the Christian hope*.

Link to donate: <https://devp.org/en/colombia-earthquake-how-to-help/>

Our Sacred Stories

Faith: Living in Questions & Uncertainties (Fr. John Jennings)

A friend of mine was fond of repeating a piece of wisdom that was part of his life. When things were unsure, when it seemed no one had a clear answer, he would say: “It’s important that we live in the question.” There is great truth to this. Not every question, has a quick and simple answer. In life, we have many dilemmas, and it is not a simple answer that will be the appropriate response to all the questions.

At the moment, our country is discovering how complicated and complex is our relationship with our closest neighbour to the south. There are many ambiguities in the relationship, with a host of questions that arise from it. In the search for how to address what is taking place, we can find ourselves hoping and searching for a direct and straight forward solution. Some claim to have the answer, but perhaps a single response will not serve. Like all relationships, what we are experiencing is complex with many different directions and demands.

This ambiguity is part of life. Life is complicated and a simple answer to our question and our problems is normally not appropriate. Wisdom calls us to think more deeply, to examine more thoroughly, and be open to new questions and views. Such complexity is characteristic of all relationships, at the least the meaningful ones, including our faith.

In fact, to have faith is to have questions, and we all have them, lots of them. To believe is to want to understand and this necessarily raises questions in us. Such faith discovery is not unlike any of our relationships. When we first meet someone, we begin to ask questions. If they are someone with whom we want a relationship, questions arise, maybe even doubts about them, about us, about our relationship. To question is part of human life and part of faith.

To live in the Catholic faith means we are on a life-long journey. As we identify our doubts

and ask our questions we are led to changes in our lives, and to action, living the faith that we are coming to understand.

It is not possible to have faith in what God is revealing to us in Jesus, his life and his mission without accepting changes in the way we live. Our Faith starts with knowing, with grasping words and teachings. Then it grows into a “living faith”, that is a relationship, touching not only our head, but our heart. Like all relationships, it is alive. It grows over a lifetime.

When Jesus asks his disciples in Matthew’s Gospel “Who do you say that I am?” there was a variety of responses (Matt 16:13-20). Peter gave a remarkable one, but we can be sure that he did not fully understand what he said. Every expression of our faith is more a beginning than a conclusion. It leads us to more uncertainties and further questions. As well, like a couple in a marriage, the commitment of faith will take us to action and to places that we would not otherwise have gone. When it does, then we can say we have a “living faith”. In doing so, we discover the wonder of building a new world in which we live – the Reign of God takes on a reality for us and we other.

Whether it is the questions, fears and uncertainties of any new discovery or change in our lives, or the doubts and challenges we face in faith, they are often the route to discoveries and new ways of acting and living. The challenges, uncertainties and questions open the door to discovering new life.

Hope House Maternity Home. On Saturday, September 26th from 10am to 2pm **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!