

# St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

Office: 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3 Phone (506) 444-6021

Father Bill Brennan, Parish Priest Website: [stkateri.ca](http://stkateri.ca) Email: [office@stkateri.ca](mailto:office@stkateri.ca)

Mass Schedule: St. Ann's Sunday @ 9:30 am/Holy Family Saturday @ 4:30 pm and Sunday @ 11:00 am

## August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

It's time for our **Annual Parish BBQ**

**When:** Sunday, September 7th

**Where:** Holy Family Church

**Time:** Immediately following the 11 AM Mass

Join us for a free BBQ with **hot dogs, hamburgers,** and maybe even the return of the **popcorn machine! Fun for All Ages:**

- Games and activities for our youth
- Family registration for **Catechism (Gr. K–7)**
- Registration for **Confirmation Candidates (Grades 8–9)**

### Want to help?

Volunteers are needed for the BBQ, youth games/activities, and clean-up. please contact **Sharon Watts** at [office@stkateri.ca](mailto:office@stkateri.ca) if you'd like to lend a hand. **Everyone is welcome.. come celebrate with us!**



**Cookie Sunday & School Supplies: August 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.** In addition, to cookies we continue to collect school supplies for the Foodbank. 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. Donations of backpacks, calculators, earbuds, pens, pencils, color pencils, crayons, erasers, highlighters, and glue sticks would be greatly appreciated. **(Please note: Notebooks (scribblers) and looseleaf paper are not required as the Foodbank already has a good supply of these items).**

Continued ....

We will be **collecting school supplies until Labour Day weekend**, and for those who wish to donate funds towards school supplies, envelopes available in the lobby of the church.

### UPCOMING POW WOWS:

**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

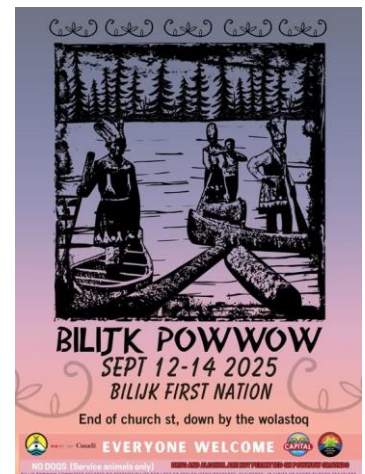
ceremonies, delicious food, talented dancers, host drums, crafts, fireworks and more! Everyone is welcome! Let's reconnect, dance, sing and celebrate together. The grounds are located at the end of the Diggle Point Road. Free admission.



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!

**Bilijk Annual PowWow – September 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, Bilijk PowWow Grounds,** along the Wolastoq, 729 church Street, Bilijk (Kingslear) First Nation. Everyone is welcome! More information to come.



## READINGS for August 24th

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

**Responsorial Psalm: Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.**

**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.

## Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Pauline Francis

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Claudette Grexton

## READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Lawrence Cameron

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> John Monkhouse

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> Stacey Chessie

## READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

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

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Joan Sowers/Paula Ryan

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> Flora Ederaro/Jane Buckley

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

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

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Rita Maxwell/Harold DeCoursey

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Joanne Linton/Annie Zdyb-Rinne

## Mass Intentions at Holy Family

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

## Sign-Up for New 2025-26 Readers at Holy

**Family** – In the entryway, you will see a sign-up sheet for new Readers at Holy Family, for the period September 2025 to June 2026.

If you were a Reader in 2024-2025 or if you were a Reader this past summer, there is no need to sign-up. You will be contacted by phone to ask if you still want to be a Reader for the coming year.[]

## Sign Up for New Settlement Team Complete:

The sign-up campaign for new settlement team members has been completed successfully.

In the near future the applications will be submitted to IRCC (Immigration Canada).



Gimja Gebretensae



Woldazgi Woldemariam

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 2,674.75</b>
<b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>	<b>2,314.62</b>
<b>School Supplies</b>	<b>405.00</b>
<b>St. Patrick's Cemetery</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,439.37</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)

## Development and Peace: Gaza Crisis – Part II

*"We always try to reach Gaza in all possible ways... certainly we will never leave them alone."* — Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa



### OUR CALL TO ACTION:

Caritas Internationalis joins Pope Leo XIV in "calling for an immediate halt to the barbarism of the war and for a peaceful resolution of the conflict." We also join Pope Leo XIV in "renewing his appeal to the

international community to observe humanitarian law and to respect the obligation to protect civilians, as well as the prohibition of collective punishment, the indiscriminate use of force and the forced displacement of the population. For the love of the God of Abraham and in the name of humanity, Caritas Internationalis, as the humanitarian arm of the Catholic Church, demands:

1. The Israeli Government immediately stop its atrocities and persecution of the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
2. Immediate, permanent ceasefire to end the unbearable loss of life and human suffering.
3. Immediate release of all Israeli hostages and all Palestinians held under arbitrary detention.
4. Immediate, safe, large-scale humanitarian access for independent, professional humanitarian organisations.
5. To guarantee the protection of all civilians, with a particular focus on children, women and families.
6. The end of the State of Israel's unlawful occupation of Palestinian territory, in accordance with the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) of July 19th
7. All other countries to stop the military support to the state of Israel or any other support that aids or abets it in these atrocities.

The current situation goes beyond any legal and moral boundaries. It is not only for the very survival of Palestinians' lives and dignity that we make these demands, but also out of friendship, respect and concern for the honour and dignity of Jews worldwide.

We want peace. We must stop the seeds of hatred being sown in the hearts of young Palestinians and Israelis, and elsewhere in the region. These will fuel wars in the Middle East for decades to come. We must break the cycles of hatred, violence and international indifference to immense human suffering. Silence in the face of this situation is complicity.

Meanwhile, Caritas Jerusalem, with Caritas Internationalis, all our Members worldwide and the whole humanitarian community is ready to respond to the horrific humanitarian conditions in Gaza immediately and at scale as soon as safe access is granted. We proved during the ceasefire we could do this and we must be allowed to do it again.

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

## 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)





**Our Sacred Stories**  
**A Disciple of Jesus: So What?**  
**Fr. John Jennings**

Most of us have been Catholic from birth. Our families took us to be baptized as infants. We may have had religious formation (catechism) as children. Probably at some point in our youth, willingly or reluctantly or with little thought, we took the step of Confirmation. As adults we regard ourselves as Catholics with various levels of commitment and certainly often with many questions. But have we ever given much thought to seeing ourselves as *disciples* and if so,... so what? For, that baptism we received so many years ago was in fact a call into discipleship.

The gospels reveal much about the relationship Jesus had with his disciples and this is the model for our own discipleship. What do we see there? First of all we see that Jesus called his disciples where they were, in the midst of their world. Simon and Andrew were fishing on the Sea of Galilee when they were called and they left to follow Jesus (Matt.4:18-20). Jesus called James and John when they were doing maintenance on their nets and boats (Matt.4:21-22). Luke tells us of the call of the disciple Levi who was at work as a tax collector for the Roman authorities when he was called by Jesus. (Luke 5:27-28; Matt.9:9). Discipleship begins and is lived in the world, where we live and work and play. The call comes in the midst of all our relationships and even, through these relationships.

The Gospel accounts are brief and often look as if there is a sudden and total conversion experience. However, the process is probably more gradual than it appears. Initially most come to it after a period of hearing about Jesus. They may have met him as part of the crowds that gathered around him. They listened and watched him for a time. Then at some point their interest grew and they had a need for more, a call to step up and follow as disciples.

In Luke's Gospel (Luke 13:22-30), Jesus is asked: "Lord, will only a few be saved?" In response, Jesus does not give a direct reply. Rather as he often does, he puts out a challenge: "Strive to enter through the narrow door." He does not advise following the simple, conventional path of following all the rules. Rather he calls for a conversion of heart. Discipleship

is all about a life decision – to attach ourselves to Jesus in a way that we gradually become like Jesus.

To follow as a disciple is to enter into a close and personal relationship with Jesus. The disciples in the Gospel would discover that the call is to become more like this Jesus they are following. Being a disciple is certainly not about a body of beliefs and doctrines. It is a very personal relationship that grows between the disciples and their master, Jesus. In that relationship we learn who Jesus is and we strive to become more like Jesus ourselves.

Eventually disciples come to see that they are being given the mission that Jesus has – to plant and nurture the reign of God, the face of God in our world. This mission means that in all we are and all we do, we reveal the love and compassion, the peace and justice, the healing and forgiveness of God to all our world. This is the full meaning of evangelization, sharing the Gospel, the good news.

The great question of faith for us is: *Am I becoming more like Jesus in my life and how can I share this with others?* Jesus lived his life as the face of God's love and mercy for all peoples, everywhere. Is this the face others see in you and me. Do we make a difference in our personal world?

## **Film Screening: Permission**

You are invited to a special screening of the film *Permission*: Fr. Bob Bedard's Vision for the Church, on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 3pm (doors open at 2pm) at the Villa Madonna Retreat House. On this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of their founding on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, come discover the heart of Fr. Bob Bedard the founder of the Companions of the Cross and a major figure of renewal in the Canadian church. See why so many in the church continue to find inspiration in his vision of a church explosively alive. See poster in the lobby of the church.

For more information, please contact:  
**[info@immaculateconception.ca](mailto:info@immaculateconception.ca)**.

Space is limited, register today!  
**<https://form.jotform.com/252294613131046>**