

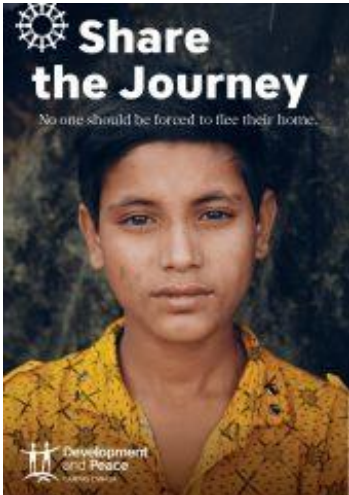
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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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 3rd, 2025 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Development and Peace – Catholic Social Teaching

Solidarity: Each of us is part of the human community, and we are all interconnected and interdependent. When one part of the community suffers, all of us suffer.

Solidarity is a recognition that we are “**all in this together**” and forms a commitment to strengthen

community and promote a just society.

“Solidarity...is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.” –Saint John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 38

“Solidarity... means much more than an occasional gesture of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all take priority over the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means fighting against the structural causes of poverty and inequality; of the lack of work, land and housing; and of the denial of social and labour rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money: forced dislocation, painful emigration, human trafficking, drugs, war, violence and all those realities that many of you suffer and that we are all called upon to transform. Solidarity, understood in its deepest sense, is a way of making history, and this is what the popular movements are doing.”

— Pope Francis, *World Meeting of Popular Movements*, 2014

EXAMPLE IN ACTION:

Living out solidarity is at the heart of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s mission of standing against injustice with our partners as equals, and supporting their efforts through fundraising, education, mobilization and advocacy in Canada. Our international programs, based on partnerships of solidarity, are conceived and realized by

local organizations that best understand their communities’ realities and how to address them.

In Canada, our members make personal commitments to advocate for change. Whether it be travelling an extra 100 kilometres to meet an MP, addressing their parish, or joining a climate justice rally, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada members make solidarity part of their daily lives.

While giving charitably is important, solidarity means building strong bonds of connection that can confront the root causes of injustice. To be in solidarity is to **do things *with* others**, rather than simply **for** others, taking on each other’s struggles and working together in mutual cooperation.

Ugpi’ganjig First Nation Annual Pow Wow – August 15th - 17th.

The Pow Wow will be held at the Aboriginal Heritage Garden, end of route 280/Cover Road at Eel River Bar, NB.

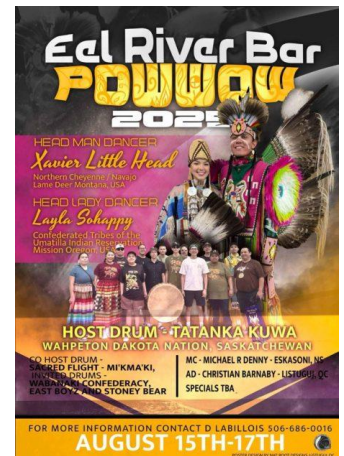
The Ugpi’ganjig First Nation invites us to come together to celebrate tradition, honour the drum and dance as one. Come and witness all the incredible performances. Everyone is welcome!

Other upcoming Pow Wows include:

Aug. 23-24: Esgenoopetitj Powwow (Burnt Church).

Aug. 30-31: Elsipogtog Powwow (Big Cove)

More information to come in a future edition of the Bulletin. For a full schedule of Pow Wows visit our Parish Website at stkateri.ca or click on the following link: [2025 Pow Wow Schedule](#)



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimages.

Saint Francis of Assisi Shrine in Skiff Lake (St. John the Baptist Parish). Annual Shrine Mass, **Sunday, August 10th 2025, 11am.**

Schedule:

10am-11am: Chapel open for prayer

11am-12noon: Open-air Mass

12:15pm: Picnic Lunch: You may bring a bag lunch or there will be a canteen open for sandwiches, sweets, hot dogs, water and soft drinks.

1pm-2pm: Rosary ~ 2pm: Healing Mass

All are welcome to join in this Spiritual Journey. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the day. The event takes place rain or shine.

(Directions: Civic address is 413 Upper Skiff Lake Road. For driving directions: take Exit 212 at Meductic, turn on to Route 122 towards Canterbury. Take Mill Street to Upper Skiff Lake Road, follow the signs or drive on Route 122 to just past Skiff Lake, turn right onto the Upper Skiff Lake Road, follow the signs.)

DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC PLACE: The Shrine to Saint Francis of Assisi is comprised of a small 19th-century wood frame chapel situated in an isolated spot within a pastoral setting. With the shrine and its collection of religious statues and artefacts.

The Shrine to Saint Francis of Assisi was designated a Provincial Historic Site to commemorate the construction of a place of worship by Irish Catholic settlers of the area circa 1865. The Shrine to Saint Francis of Assisi is also recognized for commemorating the 17th-century Franciscan Mission to the Wolastoqiyik people. Originally named after St. Joseph, in 1923 the chapel was dedicated to Saint Francis of Assisi, to celebrate relations between the Franciscans and Wolastoqiyik people.

This location still is a place of devotion and pilgrimage and holds significant religious import to Wolastoqiyik peoples and others of the Catholic faith. Credited with healing the sick and infirmed for almost a century, the Shrine to Saint Francis of Assisi is the site of an annual Pilgrimage on Shrine Sunday, the second Sunday of August. Source: Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport - Heritage Branch - Site File: Vol. VII-76

St. Michael's Basilica (St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Miramichi). Mass for the Vigil of the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 28, 2025, 5:30pm.

Shelter & Foodbank Donations. A huge **THANK YOU** to parishioners from St. Ann's Church, Holy Family Church, and Residents from Shannex for your generous donations at last weekend's Cookie Sunday! In this Jubilee Year, you continue to provide hope to those in need and your donations are a wonderful gift. As in previous years, stay tuned for information on our upcoming school supply drive.

READINGS for August 3rd

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

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.

Summary of Support for July 26th & 27th

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,485.60
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
St. Patrick's Cemetery	35.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,835.22

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*

The Annual Parish Pastoral Report and Parish Financial Report are available at the church entrances.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Aug 3rd For the People
Aug 10th James Andrew McAllister
Aug 17th For the People
Aug 24th Pauline Francis
Aug 31st Claudette Grexton

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Aug 3rd Carolann Doherty
Aug 10th Betty Colligan
Aug 17th Mike Solomon
Aug 24th John Monkhouse

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Aug 2nd Mona LeBlanc / Anna Mae Snider
Aug 3rd Maurice Harquail / Alozie Chinyese
Aug 9th Margie Snell / Sophia Oki
Aug 10th Flora Ederaro / Sophia Oki

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Aug 2nd Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
Aug 3rd Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange
Aug 9th Lynn Laagland / Rita Maxwell
Aug 10th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Aug 2nd For the People
Aug 3rd Ann Hawkins / Patricia Okoye
Aug 9th Mona Orem
Aug 10th Leah Devlin
Aug 16th Tyler Messer / Mary Albuquerque
Leona Murphy
Aug 17th Roy & Eileen Hubbard
Aug 23rd Graham & Walter Randall
Aug 24th Pauline Asterino
Aug 30th Shelley Cameron / Patricia Okoye
Aug 31st For the People

Journey With the Pope

His Words, Your Journey, Together

"Today, so often, we lose the ability to listen, to really listen. We listen to music, we have our ears flooded constantly with all kinds of digital input, but sometimes we forget to listen to our own hearts and it's in our hearts that God speaks to us, that God call us and invites us to know him better and to live in his love."
Pope Leo XIV (July 20th, 2025)

Update - New Settlement Team.

We are in the final stages of applying to bring 3 Eritreans to Fredericton. We need to form a Settlement Team as part of the application. They would arrive in 2027-28.

These applicants will be supported heavily by family already in Fredericton, with the biggest expenses, housing and food covered by family.

Here are the areas where help is still needed:

- Finance
- Medical
- Education
- Social

Please see the Sign-Up Sheets in the entryway.

If you have questions about the Settlement Team, please e-mail chris.robbs@bellaliant.net



Gimja Gebretensae Woldazgi Woldemariam



Happy New Brunswick Day

Our Sacred Stories
Seeking Holiness: Finding Happiness
(Fr. John Jennings)

*REJOICE AND BE GLAD (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. The call to holiness is present in various ways from the very first pages of the Bible. We see it expressed in the Lord's words to Abraham: "Walk before me and be blameless" (Gen 17:1) [Pope Francis. *Gaudete et Exultate* March 2018 1]*

With these words, Pope Francis begins a reflection on holiness. He connects it immediately with happiness, joy and contentment and in life. We are most full of life, most contented when we are with others. It is in these circumstances of our relationships with one another, living in contentment and sharing it with others that we call "Holiness".

Am I holy? Do I even want to be holy? Often, I think that we regard "holiness" as being "other worldly", somehow removed from regular, ordinary life. What we sometimes call "fundamentalism" even has our Christianity fighting with our world, denying that holiness can have a place in it. Doing so, is to deny our humanity and the wonder of creation with which God has surrounded us.

Christian holiness lives with gratitude in this world. Acknowledging the marvel of our humanity as God's gift, this is true holiness. We recognize the wonder of God's love with our faith in the Incarnation: that our God so loves the world that in Jesus, God shares our humanity (John 3:16-17).

In one of his online reflections, Franciscan spiritual writer Fr. Richard Rohr shared a thought on holiness by another spiritual writer, Barbara Holmes:

"Holiness is a concept that makes ordinary people nervous.... The holiness that Jesus describes has less to do with pious character traits [and practices] and more to do with the hosting of God's abiding presence. It is not effort but invitation that opens the human spirit to the possibility that God may sojourn with us". (R. Rohr Meditations@cac.org July 29 2019)

In Luke's Gospel (Luke 12:13-21), Jesus tells a story, a parable of a person whose crops thrived, and he wondered what to do with this abundance. So great was his crop that he decided to build larger barns to store it all for the future.

But his future was brief, and he could not control it. Great as his crops might be, his true richness and happiness rested not in them, but in his openness to God's abiding presence. Seeing and appreciating the present blessings is what makes life meaningful and brings happiness. Such vision is the stuff of holiness.

Sacred moments and sacred persons surround us. They represent the constant presence of God in ordinary and everyday life. Pope Francis expressed the immediacy of holiness when he stated: "Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them 'the middle class of holiness'." (*Gaudete et Exultate* March 2018 7)

Real holiness, for life, is found in our relationships. Such holiness follows the pattern of Jesus. It offers the face of God's mercy and love. It heals and reconciles others. It feeds the hungry, frees the captive, gives light to those in darkness. We live holiness when we live with love, in word and in action. Holiness is not a future hope, but a present reality. We see it, when we respond to the invitation from God to be present with us where we are.

We are all God's children, God's People.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH TO THE 3RD ANNUAL:
DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY 2025

IMMERSED

ROMANS 15:13

Join us for Christ, Community & BBQ!

AUGUST 17
12:30-6:30PM
VILLA MADONNA

Scan QR to register