

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 30th, 2026 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Living Water Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Season of Creation 2026 – Living Water! This year's theme for the Season of Creation "**Living Water**" comes from Ezekiel 47: 9 and 12, a scripture passage filled with vision of hope and ecological restoration, "*Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. I will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes.*" And "*On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for good, and their leaves for healing.*"

The Season of Creation Ecumenical Steering Committee reminds us that, "as followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth."

The **Season of Creation** is observed from September 1st to October 4th. It begins on World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of Ecology. Pope Leo issued a powerful statement to the importance of this season. As season not only of prayer but of action for Creation.

"Environmental justice – implicitly proclaimed by the prophets – can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment.

For it is a matter of justice – social, economic and human. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed." (Pope Leo XIV)

Ecological Rosary – The Luminous Mysteries. As we continue to pray the Rosary every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church, please join us during this special Season as we pray the 'Ecological Rosary' as a way to nourish our commitment to care for the earth and its living waters.

Beyond our prayers, let's build upon this Season of Creation and make it our responsibility to become good stewards, seeking justice, reconciliation and the healing of the earth, for all.

Watch this video from ecumenical faith leaders from around the world: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Where water flows, Lord, let everything live, trees for food and leaves for healing.



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.

Summary of Support for August 22 & 23

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,171.25
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
School Supplies	620.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	35.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,124.71

REFLECTION CORNER



“Jesus is happy to come with us, as truth is happy to be spoken, as life to be lived, as light to be lit, as love is to be loved, as joy to be given, as peace to spread.”

-St. Francis of Assisi



We hope to see you at the next Bingo night which is scheduled for:

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 Beaupré Trip in June 2027. 18 Years and Older only and EVERYONE WELCOME!!

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 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



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.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts will resume in September. The next breakfast will be on Sunday, September 13th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 12.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 35.00. Proceeds will be used to support the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Everyone welcome.



Bilijk Mawiyamok ~ Mark your calendars! Get ready to join us for Bilijk MAWIYAMOK 2026, taking place September 11th, 12th, & 13th, 2026, Kingsclear New Brunswick along the beautiful Wolastoq, 729 Church Street, Kingclear First Nation.

Friday, September 11th:

- 10am: Naming Ceremony
- 6pm: Night Social

Saturday, September 12th:

- 1pm: Grand Entry

Sunday, September 13th:

- 12noon: Grand Entry

Stay tuned for more details. Everyone is welcome!

Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Family Church: In the next couple of weeks, I will be preparing a new schedule for Eucharistic Ministers for the months of October to December 2026. If you are not presently a Eucharistic Minister but are interested in joining this Ministry at Holy Family Church, please contact July Kelly (506-478-7274) September 10th to be added to the new schedule. For existing Eucharistic Ministers, the schedule for September 2026 is available in the lobby of the Church. Thank you for serving in this vital Ministry that supports our Liturgy.

Readings for August 30th

1st: Jeremiah 20:7-9
2nd: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27
Psalm: My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Aug 30th Mike Solomon
Sept 6th Lawrence Cameron
Sept 13th John Monkhouse
Sept 20th Stacey Chessie
Sept 27th Elaine Geldart

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Aug 30th Shelley Cameron
Sept 6th James Andrew McAllister
Sept 13th For The People
Sept 20th Jean Murphy
Sept 27th For The People

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Aug 29th Patricia Okoye
Aug 30th Fred and Bethany Burgoon
Sept 5th Mary Holland
Sept 6th For the People
Sept 12th Sean Richards
Sept 13th Bert Holland and Family
Sept 19th Dr. Joe MacDougall
Sept 20th Earle and Annetta McGuire
Claudia & Anthony Bourque and DFM
Ewdna & Armand Dube and DFM
Sept 26th For The People
Sept 27th Carolyn, Donna & Claude Roy

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

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 29th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
Aug 30th Annie Zbyb-Rinne / Verna McCloskey
Sept 5th Ron Breau / Judy Kelly
Sept 6th JoAnne Linton / Laura McDonald

Our Sacred Stories The Cost of Discipleship

The spiritual writer Henri Nouwen spoke often of the how love plays a part in our lives. He noted that love has a cost and that cost is often the pain and suffering that comes into our lives. A life of real and deep love includes sacrifice, pain and often loss. As Nouwen expressed it: *Those you have deeply loved become part of you.... As you love deeply the ground of your heart will be broken more and more, but you will rejoice in the abundance of the fruit it will bear.* (quoted in, Pritchett and Thompson On Retreat with Henri Nouwen 66)

Selfless commitment and sacrifice play a huge role in human life and happiness, perhaps more than we normally might expect. The married couple, each of whom sets aside their own wants and preferences for the sake of the other certainly shows commitment born in love.

The parents who give up their own comfort and wants for the good of their children can often be heroic in their sacrifices. Committed love calls for sacrifice.

When we lose a spouse or a friend, when our children grow up and leave the nest, we sense the loss of some of ourselves. At the same time, we come to recognize how much the other person has been part of our lives and of who we are. Building and nurturing such relationships has a cost, a sacrifice. But it also has its rewards. We are richer for them.

It is such selfless commitment that is called for in Christian discipleship. It is the *cost of discipleship*. One cannot live as a disciple of Jesus without making a commitment in love that has demands on our time, talent and treasure. It asks much of us to live as a disciple of Jesus whose sacrifice was so great.

In the Gospel of this Sunday (Matt.16:21-27), we hear Jesus tell his disciples that he is to face suffering and death. He also reassures them that he will rise again. His selfless commitment to sacrifice himself for us will ultimately lead to resurrection. That is, through his commitment he will bring life.

As Matthew relates this story we hear Jesus tell his disciples that they are called to do as he does. They will follow him: *If anyone wants to become my follower, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me* (Matt.16:24). To be a disciple of Jesus demands sacrifice, a willingness to give of ourselves comms. Like Jesus himself, we disciples are asked to have the same commitment as he showed. In doing so, we, like Jesus have the power to bring life to others and to our world. But it does make demands of us. Being Christian is not just about receiving. More important is our willingness to give, to offer our own life, time, energy and attention for the Gospel.

But isn't this commitment and dedication what is asked of us in any life-giving relationship? In all our friendships, our marriages, our families and so many other relationships there is a call for commitment and a call for setting ourselves aside for the sake of the other person. It is this self-giving that brings life to our relationships and allows them to continue and grow. As we grow in life, we discover that *it is not all about me*. Every relationship is richer and more life-filled when we sacrifice for the other. It is the cost of relationship.

If the Gospel, if our faith is to have value for us, it has a cost. The cost is the sacrifice Jesus revealed in his own life. In his commitment, he set himself aside for the sake of others, for us. This is our cost of being disciples – sharing time, energy and gifts for others – that they may have life and have it abundantly. In this we become the spirit of Jesus in our world and what a difference we can make!

Looking at my own life, what cost must I pay to live as a disciple of Jesus? What are some specific, practical things I can do to express my commitment and dedication as a disciple of Jesus?