

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 9th, 2026 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Pilgrimage to Saint Francis of Assisi Shrine
Sunday, August 9th, at Skiff Lake.**

This year marks the **800th Anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi's death** and has been designated as a 'Jubilee Year of Saint Francis'.

Prayer of St. Francis

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
when there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying [to ourselves] that we are born
to eternal life."

Schedule for Sunday, August 9th: (see poster for more details)

8:15am: bus leaves from Holy Family Church parking lot*

9:00am: bus leaves Wulastukw Convenient Store parking lot*

3:15pm: Bus Departs after healing service

***Please note that all departure times will be as indicated in the schedule to allow for arrival time for morning Mass and the return trip home.**

All are welcome.



**103rd St. Francis of Assisi Shrine
Sunday Pilgrimage**

August 9, 2026

413 Upper Skiff Lake Road, Skiff Lake NB

Solemn Patronal Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Mass and Healing Service celebrated by:
Most Rev. Christian Riesbeck, CC

10:00 am - Chapel open for Mass

11:00 am - Open Air Mass

12:15 pm - Picnic lunch following Mass

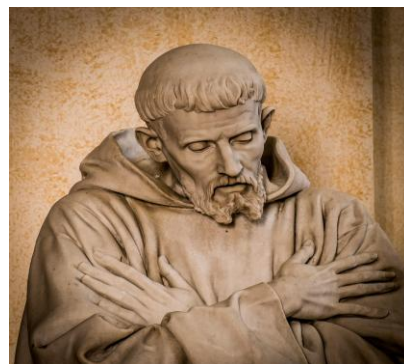
1:00 pm - Rosary prayed in several languages

2:00 pm - Healing Service

Rain or shine, bring your lawn chair. Canteen available with sandwiches, sweets, hot dogs, water and soft drinks...or bring your own lunch.

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 Rd. Follow the signs.

REFLECTION CORNER



"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today."

-St. Francis of Assisi

Save the Date – 4th Annual High School Youth Rally...All high school youth are invited to join us on Sunday, August 16, from 12:30–6:30 pm at the Villa Madonna Retreat House for our diocesan Youth Rally. The day will include inspiring talks, small group discussions, food, fun, and Mass with Bishop Christian. Plan to be part of this joyful gathering of faith, friendship, and community. For information: 506 627-6465...catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org...<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/youth-faith-formation>



FREEDOM

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY

Join us for an afternoon featuring:

- Catholic youth gathering from across the Diocese,
- Snacks, games, music,
- Talks on true Christian freedom,
- Opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession
- Holy Mass with His Excellency, Bishop Christian Riesbeck, C.C.
- BBQ Supper

Free Registration! (ages 13-18)



SUN, AUGUST 16, 2026

VILLA MADONNA RETREAT CENTRE

12:30-6:30 PM

A Summary of Support for August 1 & 2

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,234.90
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
Oromocto Food Bank	25.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	45.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,603.36

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Notice to Parishioners: Envelope User #247, please write your name and address on your envelope. Thank you!



ERB Pow Wow 2026

AUGUST 15-16

Master of Ceremonies: Michael R Denny
Eskasoni, NS

Arena Director: Christian Barnaby
Listuguj, QC

Head Man Dancer: Malcolm Murphy
Window Rock, Arizona

Head Lady Dancer: PrairieRose Jack
White Cone, Arizona

Host Drum: New Agency
Alberta

Invited Drums:
Wabanaki Confederacy, East Boyz, Sipu Boyz, Spirit Bear

For more information contact
D LaBilloy 506-686-0016

August 15th & 16th - Ugpi'ganjig First Nation Annual Pow Wow – Eel River Bar. Annual Celebration hosted by the Eel River Bar First Nation brings together dancers, singers and visitors to honor Mi'gmaq culture, traditions and community. Featured Host Drum this year is New Agency, a first time to bringing their sound East. The Pow Wow will be held at the Aboriginal Heritage Garden, end of route 280/Cover Road at Eel River Bar, NB. Everyone is invited to this special celebration of Indigenous heritage. Eel River Bar looks forward to welcoming you to their community.

The Sabbath Walk: 'For thirty minutes walk slowly and silently – preferably outside in nature, but it can also be done indoors – without trying to get anywhere. It is more of an amble, a stroll. Let your senses guide your walk. If you are drawn to a leaf, a stone, a color, a chink in the concrete, a shape in the floor, the fragrance of the grass, simply stop, and linger, and allow the moment to be, to smell or touch or thoroughly observe whatever is available for you.... When you are called to stop, stop and investigate. When you are called to begin again, move on. After thirty minutes notice what has happened to your body, mind, your sense of time.'

(From Wayne Muller, Sabbath, Finding Rest, Renewal and Delight in our Busy Lives.)

POWWOW SCHEDULE	
AUGUST 20 – 23, 2026	
THURSDAY 20 AUG	Ground Setup • 6AM - Sunrise Ceremony with Denise Ward • 11AM - Tipi Feasting with Denise Ward
FRIDAY 21 AUG	Vendor Setup • 6AM - Sunrise Ceremony with Denise Ward • 9AM - Vendor Registration • 9PM - 9PM Youth Social
SATURDAY 22 AUG	POWWOW • 6AM - Sunrise Ceremony with Denise Ward • 6AM - 10AM Breakfast at Powwow Grounds • 10AM - 12PM Vendor Registration • 12PM - 1PM Crafts with Denise Ward, Denise Jen & Storytelling with Denise Ward • 1PM - 2PM Grand Entry/Setting of the Prizes/Categories/Specs • 2PM - 4PM • 4PM - 5PM Live Entertainment: The Relatives
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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.



Bilijk Community Bingo

**Mark your calendars! Bingo resumes on:
Monday, August 24th
at St. Ann’s Church in collaboration with
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.**

**Doors open at 5pm and games begin at
6pm. The canteen will be available for
light snacks and refreshments. Cash
only for the canteen and the Bingo.
Eighteen years and older only and
everyone is welcome!**

**All funds collected will be used to
support Bilijk Elder Annual Ste. Anne de
Beaupré Trip in June 2027.
More details to come.**

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish
SCHOOL SUPPLY
Drive**
DURING THE MONTH OF **AUGUST**

We are collecting school supplies to support local food banks for distribution to families in need in our community.

Every donation helps a child start the school year with confidence!

WE NEED EVERYTHING!

- ♥ Backpacks
- ♥ Pencil Crayons
- ♥ Note Pads
- ♥ Calculators
- ♥ Crayons
- ♥ ...and whatever you may wish to donate!
- ♥ Earbuds
- ♥ Duo Tang Folders

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our children and families. Thank you for your generosity!

Special envelopes will be available for those who wish to make a financial donation.

Thank you!

Summer Readers Schedule at Holy Family: Thank you to everyone who signed up for time slots for reading over the summer months. You will find a copy of the Summer Readers Schedule in the lobby of the Church.

Readings for August 9th

1st: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

2nd: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Psalm: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

READERS AT ST. ANN’S

Aug 9th Elaine Geldart

Aug 16th Carolanne Doherty

Aug 23rd Betty Colligan

Aug 30th Mike Solomon

Mass Intentions at St. Ann’s

Aug 9th Fred Sabattis

Aug 16th Alden McLenaghan

Aug 23rd For the People

Aug 30th Shelley Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Aug 8th Vaughn McManus
Shirley, June, Pauline Cashen
Mary Albuquerque
Aug 9th For the People
Aug 15th Bernie McCann
Aug 16th For the People
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 8th Judy Kelly / Margie Snell
Aug 9th Ray and Anita Allain
Aug 15th Paula Ryan / William Cormier
Aug 16th Oma Okoye / Chinasa Trinatta

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Aug 8th Ron Breau / Judy Kelly
Aug 9th Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon
Aug 15th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
Aug 16th Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange

Our Sacred Stories

Imitation of Jesus: The Demands of Discipleship (Fr. John Jennings)

Think Christmas! This is a bit of a stretch as we sit almost five months from this great Christian Feast and the Canadian weather is not at all anything like we might have in five months – cold, frosty, snow. But it might be a great way to begin reflecting on the Gospel we are given for this Sunday (Matt.14:22-33).

At the center of our Christian faith is the wonder or mystery of the Incarnation, our belief that God so loves us that God has come to share in our humanness in the person of Jesus the Christ. As the Gospel of John begins to relate the story and meaning of Jesus, the writer proclaims this truth of our faith. He puts it this way: *The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of a father's only son, full of grace and truth* (John 1:14).

This Jesus had a mission, and the mission had a message that Jesus shared with others. These others were his disciples. What does it mean to be a disciple of someone? The role of a disciple is to follow the master, the teacher. The disciple learns from the master. More than this, the disciple seeks to be like the master or teacher. To be a disciple of Jesus we seek to imitate Jesus in how we live. Jesus is the Christ, the incarnation of God, i.e. God expressed in our shared humanity.

If we, as disciples of Jesus are seeking to be like him, then we are aspiring to be the image of our God, in the midst of our world. What a call! What a challenge for us!

To accept the call to be a disciple of Jesus and truly live as a disciple is a leap into the unknown. We really cannot know all that will be demanded of us. And we do not know if we have the “stuff” to carry out what we are called to be. We may not even be certain that we want to be a disciple of Jesus. Such a step calls for faith in God who calls us and trust in ourselves as we respond.

Can you recall a time when you embarked on some new endeavour in life. Perhaps it was moving from one level of education to another, the move from elementary to middle school, or to high school or to university. Perhaps it was taking on a new job or a new position at work. And one of the big adventures in our lives, perhaps it was deciding to get married. These can be anxious times. They are a leap into the unknown, often filled with fears. Such steps in life call for faith in ourselves and others.

Matthew in his Gospel (Matt.14:22-33) captures the disciple Peter facing just this challenge. In so many ways, Peter is us. The Gospel story describes Jesus as going to a mountain to pray. The disciples take a boat to the other side of the lake. Caught in a storm, the disciples can't get the boat to shore. Jesus comes to them on the water. Impetuous Peter shouts to Jesus asking that he be called to join him on the water. Jesus does so and Peter steps out in response. Like any good disciple, Peter sought to do what his master was doing.

As he walked toward Jesus, Peter suddenly felt the high winds and he loses his nerve. Filled with fear, he began to sink. Calling out to Jesus, he appeals for help. Jesus reaches out his hand and saves him. Like any good master, Jesus recognizes the challenge that his disciple has in stepping out where he has gone. As any good master as well, Jesus continues to reach out and touch his disciple. He does not desert Peter but remains the caring and supportive teacher. Peter reveals his trust in Jesus.

As a Church, a Christian community, we seek to make Peter's trust our own. From October 2021 to October 2024, our faith community has been invited to participate in a Synod on Synodality. Placing our faith in the Spirit, our Church sought to gather laity and clergy, from around the globe in an effort marked by listening and discerning. The process began in local Churches around the world and led to two assemblies of bishops, clergy and laity from around the world in October 2023 and 2024, in Rome. The process did not end there. In a rather large “Final Document” the considerations of the two assemblies were passed back to the global local churches as “an authoritative orientation for the Church's life and mission.”

Pope Francis attached a note to this “Final Document”. Among other things, Francis stated: “The local Churches and groupings of Churches are now called upon to implement in their different contexts, the authoritative proposals contained in the “Document” through the processes of discernment and decision-making provided by law and by the ‘Document’ itself.”

It is obvious that the “Synod on Synodality” was not an end, in itself. It was only a beginning.