

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

February 2nd, 2025 – Presentation of the Lord

LORD'S PRAYER FOR JUSTICE: As Fr. Bill expressed in his homily last weekend, we are living in uncertain and worrisome times given the political unrest we are and will continue to experience. To help us in our prayer and our reflections, Fr. Ron Rolheiser provides us with the 'Lord's Prayer for Justice'. "God always stands on the side of the weak and it is there, among the weak, that we find God. Given the truth of that, let us pray the Lord's Prayer for Justice:

Our Father who art in heaven ... you always stand with the weak, the powerless, the poor, the abandoned, the sick, the aged, the very young, the unborn, and those who suffer.

Hallowed be thy name ... May the reverence we give your name pull us out of selfishness that prevents us from seeing the pain of our neighbour.

Your kingdom come, your will be done ... help us to create a world where, we will act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with you and each other.

On earth as in heaven ... may the work of our hands, reflect your glory so that the joy, graciousness, tenderness, and justice of heaven will show forth on earth.

Give us this day our daily bread ... so that each person in the world may have enough food, enough clean water, enough clean air, adequate health care, and sufficient access to education so as to have the sustenance for a healthy life. Teach us to give from our sustenance and not just from our surplus.

And forgive us our trespasses ... forgive us our blindness towards our neighbour, our obsessive self-preoccupation, our racism, our sexism, and our incurable propensity to worry only about ourselves and our own. Forgive us our capacity to watch the evening news and do nothing about it.

As we forgive those who trespass against us ... help us to forgive those who victimize us. Help us to mellow out in spirit, to not grow bitter with age, to forgive the imperfect parents and systems that wounded and ignored us.

And do not put us to the test but deliver us from evil ... do not judge us only by whether we have fed the hungry, given clothing to the naked, visited the sick, or tried to mend the systems that victimized the poor. Spare us this test for none of us can stand before this gospel scrutiny. Give us, instead, more days to mend our ways, our selfishness, and our systems. Amen."

An opportunity for Adult Faith Formation in our Parish:

The Parish Survey (the Disciple Maker Index) results indicated a strong desire of adults in the parish for opportunities to learn about their faith, discuss their faith and connect with others on the faith journey. In response, there will be six evening sessions for Adults scheduled between January 21st and into the Easter Season. These sessions will be 90 minutes in length and will each have a theme. You are welcome to attend any or all of these events. There will be input on a particular 'theme' or 'aspect' of our faith followed by an opportunity for small groups to have conversation. This is for those who are newly inquiring about the Catholic Faith or those who want to learn more and deepen their faith journey.

The Next Two Sessions on Tuesday, February 4th and Thursday, February 27th will focus on Prayer. The Theme will be: "Praying With Our Life Experiences in Ways That Connects Us More Deeply to God and Others".

Input and facilitation of the process for the session will be with Pam Breau and Fr. Bill Brennan.

Future Dates: Tuesday, February 4th, Thursday, February 27th and Wednesday March 12th.



BRINGING IT HOME - Household items for Yorsalim and Dawit – The sign-up sheet in the entryway is changing. It now shows who promised what, so we can track items that have been delivered to the church . . . or not, yet.

If you signed up for something(s) on the list, now is the time to bring those items to the church.

If your item(s) are large, like furniture or carpet, please put your phone number or e-mail address on the list in the entryway, so **a pick-up can be arranged.**

Let's wrap this campaign up by the weekend of February 8-9.

There are a few items not yet spoken for. They are highlighted in yellow on the list in the entryway:

Living Room	Bedroom 2
1 or 2 living room chairs	2 bedside Lamps
1 coffee table	2 bedside tables
Dehumidifier	1 desk

This is the last weekend when we will be asking people whether they have one or more of these few remaining items.

Knights of Columbus Community

Breakfast: Sunday, February 9th, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Everyone welcome.



Jubilee 2025 – Prayer Cards: In his recent letter to the Parishes, Bishop Riesbeck asked that

throughout this Jubilee Year we join him in praying our Diocesan Jubilee Prayer. Copies of the prayer cards are now available at the entrance of our churches.

Rosary: Please join us every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. Everyone is welcome!

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!

Also, a very special thank you for all the donations of mitts, gloves, hats, socks, etc. for the Shelters. Each time we made a delivery we were met with overwhelming appreciation and gratitude. Please see the 'Thank You' card from the Shelter in the lobby of the church.

In this Jubilee Year may we continue to find ways to be Pilgrims of Hope!

Summary of your Support for January 25th & 26th

Regular/Loose	\$ 4,102.95
PAD (wkly. average)	2,073.90
New Year's	100.00
St Patrick's Cemetery	25.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund	1,160.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,461.82

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*
Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parish.

Fabric and Yarn Sale, 2025: Grandmothers

Helping Grandmothers will be selling fabric (mainly cottons) and balls of yarn. If you wish to donate fabric, please bring it to Wilmot Church, Tuesdays to Thursdays, and in the afternoon there is usually parking available in the church's Carleton Street parking. If you have friends in quilting groups or guilds, please let them know about the sale. **If you have any questions, please call Terri MacLean at 506-457-1851**

or tmac3938@gmail.com The proceeds will be divided evenly between The Stephen Lewis Foundation & Help Lesotho. Set up on Friday, February 21 - 1:00 to 4:00. Sale on Saturday, February 22 - 9:00 to 2:00



Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly walk fundraiser that takes place in communities across Canada each year on the

last Saturday in February to raise money for local charities serving people who are experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. In Fredericton it is hosted by the John Howard Society and will take place on February 22nd at Monsignor Boyd Family Center.

Holy Family Confirmation students have a team participating again this year. Our team name is **Holy Family St Kateri**. If you would like to show support the students fundraising - you can go to the team page at: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1025993>

or go to the Coldest Night of the year walk Fredericton page and search for our team - Holy Family St Kateri

The confirmation students will also be having a **fundraiser** for their team at Mass **Saturday, February 8th and Sunday, February 9th**. Craft and bake sale items will be for sale.



This Lent you will have an opportunity to join Development and Peace as part of this global campaign. Pope Francis has declared 2025 the Year of the Jubilee, calling on us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope.' Echoing the Jubilee campaign of

2000, he asks us to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them (Spes non confundit, 16)". We can respond to his call by joining the Caritas Internationalis campaign to stop the debt crisis by cancelling or remedying unjust debts, and by preventing debt crises from happening again by addressing their root causes. Watch for more information this coming Lent.

"In this reference from the Gospel of John, "Do you believe this?", Jesus speaks of being the resurrection and the life. This hope that lies within us unites Christians everywhere. May the work of Caritas and the united Christian organizations be a source of the flame of hope described by Pope Francis. This week of prayer has been an invitation to us all to break the bonds of oppression and create a year of jubilee.

Can we truly be Pilgrims of Hope? Do you believe this?"
(Novalis *Seeds of Faith*, Jan. 18, 2025)

READINGS for February 2nd

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:10-11, 13b-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord of hosts, he is king of glory!

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Feb 2nd Claudette Grexton
Feb 9th Don Cameron Jr.
Feb 16th Jean Murphy
Feb 23rd Pauline Francis

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Feb 2nd Carolann Doherty
Feb 9th Betty Colligan
Feb 16th Mike Solomon
Feb 23rd Lawrence Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Feb 1st Gary Stewart
Feb 2nd Father Jack Dolan
Feb 8th Gerald Hoogendyk
Feb 9th Ann Hawkins / Ralph O. Christie
Feb 15th Henry Whalen
Feb 16th Jackie Daley
Feb 22nd Helen O'Connor
Feb 23rd The Holland & Doucet Families

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Feb 1st Paula Ryan / Margie Snell / Beth Wright
Feb 2nd Jane Buckley / Maurice Harquail / Chinasa Trinitta
Feb 8th Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley
Feb 9th Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden / Flora Ederaro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Feb 1st Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey
Feb 2nd Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard
Feb 8th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
Feb 9th JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey

Note Regarding Offertory Envelopes: PLEASE DO NOT use envelopes from previous years as the numbers may have been reassigned to another parishioner and you will not get credit for the donation.

Our Sacred Stories
Recognizing the Prophets Among us
(Fr. John Jennings)

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up.... Truly, I tell you, no Prophet is accepted in his hometown. (Luke 4:14ff)

How often we miss the prophets that are right in our midst – they are so obvious and so common that we take them for granted. The little piece of Scripture above is drawn from the Gospel of Luke. Following Jesus' baptism in the Jordan by John, Jesus went into the desert. After a time of being of being tempted there, he began his mission.

The mission of Jesus was to bring the hopes of God's People to fulfillment – to proclaim the coming of God's Reign. This is what we call the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Luke describes how as he began to proclaim this Good News, Jesus immediately faced challenges. Not the least of these challenges was that he was too common. People knew him, they knew his family. Beginning in Nazareth, he was in the midst of his hometown people. Luke notes: *No prophet is accepted in his hometown.*

The role of a prophet, contrary to what many hold is not to predict the future. Rather, it is to announce to our world word and action how God is present among us. The prophet reveals the presence of God to a particular time and place. This prophetic role for Jesus begins at the time of his baptism in the Jordan by John. But in Luke's Gospel, there is an earlier reference to it as Luke relates the story of Mary and Joseph presenting the infant child in the Temple (Luke 2:22-40). This tradition was common among Jews of the time.

As the Jesus is presented in the Temple, there is an encounter with two persons. First there is Simeon, a man of strong faith who came into the Temple and saw Jesus's presentation and announced the significance of the child.

Then there was a female prophet, Anna. She saw and recognized in him the fulfillment of the promises made to Israel through the prophets of Israel's past.

The difficulty of recognizing the prophets that surround us in life, is that often they are too much like us, or too commonly available. Jesus faced this challenge and so do we. It is hard to see the ordinary as exercising a prophetic role for us.

There is an old saying: "An expert is someone from away." How often we fall into this way of seeing those around us, those who share our life and our community. The prophetic people who walk with us do not stand out. Nor do we. In fact, we share in the prophetic role of Jesus the Christ.

There is an acknowledgement of this prophetic role at our baptism. Following the immersion or the pouring of water on the person being baptized, there is an anointing with the oil of chrism. This is the same oil used at the coronation of monarchs and for the ordination of priests. The words that are spoken with this anointing express the meaning and significance of the anointing in the context of a baptism. *As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live always as a member of his body....*

Are we ever aware that we are a priestly people of God? Do we acknowledge that we are called to be individually and communally a prophetic people? As prophets, can we accept that in word and action each and all of us are prophets to our world? As such prophets we are called to make a difference in our world, building God's Kingdom of justice and peace, compassion and love for all humanity.

Our Lady of Peace Parish (St. Theresa's Church)

St. Theresa's CWL are hosting a Bridge Luncheon at the Church Hall on Royal Road. Date February 20th, Time 12-3 pm. To register please call Elizabeth MacNeil at 506 260-4680.

Note to Parishioners: Please be mindful of those who are sensitive to scented products and refrain from wearing perfumes/colognes while attending Mass. Thank you!