

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 25th, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

During Lent there will be Mass every Friday beginning February 16th at 10:30 am at Holy Family

Saint John Chrysostom (c.347-407)

Patron of Lecturers, public speakers & preachers

Saint John Chrysostom was born in Antioch, he studied the Greek classics and was trained as an orator. He left his studies and began to study the ascetic life, prayer and scripture. He was baptized and underwent a profound conversion which led him to a life of great solitude and prayer.

He joined a community of hermits in 374 and began rigorous fasting, penance and a continual study of the Bible to the point of having memorized a good portion of it. Because of this he became well versed in the Bible. After several years his health began to deteriorate and he returned to Antioch to regain his health back.

Ordained in 386, he wrote many sermons and commentaries and was famous for his eloquent sermons. These contained dogmatic, moral and historical teachings from the early church. Appointed Archbishop of Constantinople in 398. Even though his position gave him power and wealth he lived a simple life and cared for the poor.

He preached on moral and spiritual guidance and against materialism of the imperial court and against pagan activities. Because of his preaching he made enemies in very high places and was exiled on more than one occasion. The last was complete banishment from the Roman Empire.

After his death because of his powerful preaching, he received the title "Chrysostomos" (golden mouth). He also left behind around 700 sermons, close to 250 letters, as well as commentaries on Scripture and important teachings on the Eucharist. His homilies, for the most part, held emphasis on care for the poor. His best-known homily, though quite short, was the Paschal Homily.

Prayer Saint John Chrysostom, we pray for the strength to follow the example of your unwavering faith. Please intercede for us and guide us in our spiritual journeys and may we be filled with your compassion and your love. Saint John Chrysostom, pray for us. Jesus, we trust in you. Amen.

Fasting Try giving up social media on Fridays in Lent or maybe make a point on Fridays to watch YouTube videos created by Fr. Mike Schmitz, Fr. Mark Goring, Fr. Columba Jordan and Catholic Women Preach. They are not long videos but are very informative about the Catholic faith in a relaxed manner.

Almsgiving Saint John Chrysostom constantly preached about helping the poor and needy. Try donating food, clothing or time to organizations who help clothe feed and assist those in need and if that is beyond your ability at this time then say a special prayer that they will receive what they need to sustain them.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish is offering an opportunity to enter into Lenten reflection by support of the Truth and Reconciliation 94 Calls to Action. "Recognizing that all Canadians, as treaty peoples, share responsibility in establishing and maintaining respectful relationships", we will offer a learning and listening opportunity. We will watch a documentary, engage in discussion and learn about and experience Indigenous Spiritual Ceremony.

Series 2: "Ntoliwis Nil Wolastoq (My Name is Wolastoq) Wednesday, February 28th at 7pm at Holy Family Church.

Riley Gaffney goes on a journey to explore and claim his Indigenous cultural identity while elders work to create awareness and momentum to reclaim the original name of the Wolastoq (Saint John) River.



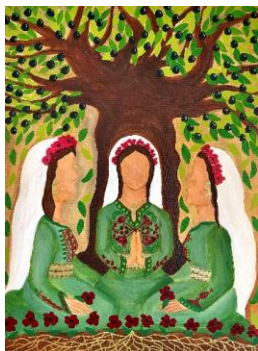
It's cold out there! And on February 24, our team "Holy Family St. Kateri" - is going to do something about it. Together with thousands of Canadians

across the country, we're walking and fundraising to support and serve people and families experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness in our community. To support them in their goal, parishioners can sponsor one of our youth at the link below. Or stop into the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre on Feb 24th and offer your support. Thank you!

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1011027>

World Day of Prayer 2024

Please join us for World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine.



Being held at
St. Andrews United Church. 1985
Route 3, Harvey Station

Wednesday March 6 at 2:30 p.m.
More information about our
community's service is available
from Janet Blair 506-461-5303 or
lakesider26@gmail.com.
This service is organized by
St. Andrews United Church Women

READINGS for February 25th

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
2nd Reading: Romans 8:31b-35, 37
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

**Responsorial Psalm: I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

There will be a Lenten Regional Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3pm on Sunday, March 10th at St. Dunstan's Church. This is a communal gathering with the priests of the region available to celebrate Reconciliation with you.

Shelter & Foodbank Donations: IT'S Cookie Sunday Weekend - February 24th and 25th. Donations can be dropped off before each Mass at St. Ann's Church or Holy Family Church.

Foodbank: Throughout Lent we will be collecting the following items for the Foodbank: canned vegetables and tomato soup. Let's keep living in the light of Jesus as we continue our collection for those in need. Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Feb 25th Pauline Francis
Mar 3rd Randy Murphy
Mar 10th Wayne McCarthy

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Feb 25th John Monkhouse
Mar 3rd Liz Solomon

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Feb 24th Special Intention
Feb 25th Jacques Ajaltouny and Family
Mar 2nd Mary Lynch
Mar 3rd Charlie Doherty
Mar 9th Leo and Roxie Burgoyne and DFM
Mar 10th The Khoury Family

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Feb 24th Anna Mae Snider / Joan Sowers
Feb 25 Noreen Bonnell/Jane Buckley/Maurice Harquail
Mar 2nd Mary Beth Gorey/Roly McSorley
Mar 3rd Patrick Burgoon/Carl Duivenvoorden/Flora Ederaro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Feb 24th Lynn Laagland / Colleen Hamilton
Feb 25th Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney
Mar 2nd Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey
Mar 3rd Joanne Linton / Verna McCloskey

Your 2023 Donation Receipts are available to pick up at the church entrances. If you are not able to pick up, please call the parish office (506-444-6021) and it will be mailed out to you. If you have a change of address please advise the office. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Divine Mercy: Divine Mercy is held every Friday at 3pm at St. Ann's Church. Please call Nelson Solomon at 363-4493 for further information. All are welcome.

Offertory Envelopes available at the church entrance. Please take a new box if there is not one with your name. Remember to write your name & address on envelopes.

Summary of your Support for Feb 17th & 18th

Ash Wednesday	\$1,205.30
Regular/Loose	\$ 3,074.61
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
Indigenous Solidarity Fund	260.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	5.00
Building Fund	10.00
Poor and Needy Fund	5.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,387.60

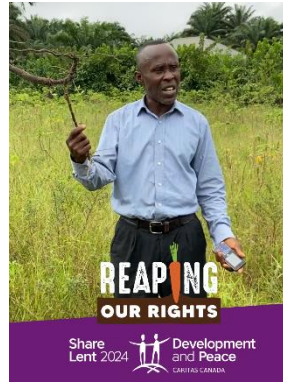
Thank you for your continued and generous support.

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

1. Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD). Forms are at the entrance of the churches. Return to parish office.
2. Mail your envelopes St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.
3. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) You may send your donations by Electronic Funds Transfer to office@stkateri.ca
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Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers (GHG) Bridge Luncheon; April 25, 2024. GHG will be hosting a Bridge Luncheon on Thursday, April 25th at St. Theresa's Church Hall, 1 William St., Fredericton, from 12:00 to 3:00pm. \$60.00 per table. Proceeds to support the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho. Please call **Mary Waters** at **506-455-0574** to reserve a table. (please leave a message if no answer).

Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign: Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria



Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) works on issues of climate justice, food sovereignty and oil pollution. HOMEF defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands from pollution and contamination by the oil industry in southern Nigeria.

"This cassava (pictured above) has been planted for over a year, but there has been no yield and now the roots have decayed in the soil. When the river overflows due to poor drainage, it affects the farm. When the water leaves, the oil remains on the farmland. Our aquatic life is gone. I wonder what will happen for the generations to come." Abasinobong John, farmer, Ibeno

"After more than six decades of reckless, mindless, irresponsible, oil and gas extraction, communities are struggling for survival. It's about regaining land for farming; it's about getting clean water for fishing and for potable use; it's about regaining their dignity. It's a struggle for the right to life." -Nnimmo Basey, Executive Director, HOMEF.

To learn more about the work of HOMEF and the struggles of farmers in Nigeria, read our [Mini-magazine](#) (available in the lobby of the church) and watch the video at devp.org/lent.

"In the past, farming was easy. My mother was a farmer. She used to have good harvests of cassava, cocoyam, and plantain. Now on our farm, the cassava is dying. When we uproot it, we notice the sheen of oil. We face health challenges; houses filled with cracks from extractive activities; and a poor water system, among many other challenges." -Akpanikan Felix, Okoro-Utip Indigenous farmer.

The fifth Sunday of Lent is **Solidarity Sunday which falls on the weekend of March 16th-17th** this year. On this weekend our Parish will hold a **special collection** to assist our sisters and brothers in the Global South including farmers in Nigeria, Indonesia and Bolivia. Please give what you can. Your support will transform lives.

Our Sacred Stories

Going to the Mountain – Visions & Dreams

(Fr. John Jennings)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. There he was transfigured before them....

Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent we listen to the story of the *transfiguration*. This year we hear the account as told by the Gospel writer Mark. *Transfiguration* is not a common word for us, but it does describe something that is quite often part of our experience. *Transfiguration* expresses change, transformation. It describes someone showing a different side or image of themselves. On that “high mountain apart, by themselves” this is what Mark describes happened for those three disciples. They had a vision of who Jesus is.

But *Transfiguration* also involves self-discovery. The experience shows the disciples beginning to see who they are. It reveals a transformation in their own lives. Accepting this change is more than taking on something new. It also involves a letting go of who they have been and accepting that their lives have in fact changed. New vision will always have this result and this challenge.

This is a story of vision. Peter and James and John have a vision. They glimpse Jesus in radiant light, expressing the presence of God in their midst. He is accompanied by the prophets Elijah and by Moses who led God’s People into covenant with God and brought them from slavery to liberation. These were the twin pillars of the faith of Israel in God – the law and the prophets. The vision of Peter, James and John now brought them to see this faith fulfilled in Jesus.

Jesus is the power of God revealed in human flesh. What Mark presents as happening to these disciples on that mountain acknowledges the faith of Christians down through the ages. Jesus reveals the Spirit of God showered upon humanity. It is a vision of God’s dream for us, what we can be.

This Sunday which focuses on the *transfiguration* is sometimes referred to as the “day of dreams.” As the Gospel writer anticipates the resurrection, God’s dream for creation and for all humanity is revealed in Jesus, the risen one. It is a dream of life and of light, of healing and reconciliation, of liberation and renewal. It is a dream of transformation, shown in the *transfiguration* that the disciples experienced on the mountain.

The *transfiguration* is not only about Jesus. The vision is also about the disciples and their mission. And, it is about us and the way of life we are called to imitate. It is about our own transformation and becoming. Whether we realize it or not, following in the steps of Jesus and blessed

with the Spirit, we are meant to transform and transfigure all creation. In our own time and world, our mission is to transform our relationships, our Church, our community and our world.

This is quite a vision and it has all kinds of risks and challenges for us, as it had for Jesus. But what a dream, what a vision for our world! It is our glory and salvation – A world transformed, *transfigured*. Getting there will involve many challenges – from taking on something new and also, letting go of what has been our world. We are to bring life out of suffering and death, liberation out of bondage and injustice, healing out of division and hurt for all.

Our Church is currently working to grow as a dynamic, synodal Church. The next session of the Synod will occur in October. Around the world we are all asked to reflect on this question: “HOW can we be a synodal Church in Mission?” In this transformation, are we open to the new and ready to let go of what has been?



Third Age Centre
presents: Exciting Changes to
Fredericton’s Transit a talk by
Charlene Sharpe

Charlene Sharpe, manager of Transit and Parking Services for the City of Fredericton, will tell us about recent and planned changes to Fredericton Transit – technical upgrades, new routes, Sunday service and more. In the Q & A, she will address your issues and answer your questions on transit in our city. On Wednesday, February 28th 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Forest Hill United Church, 45 Kimble Court. Light refreshments will be served. \$5 for Third Age Centre members, \$10 for non-members, free for students. Cash, cheques and E-transfer accepted. (Fees are to cover the cost of the hall rental and refreshments.) Wheelchair accessible

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 - Friday, March 1st
Ecumenical Worship Service at 2 pm at St. Theresa’s
Church, William Street and 7 pm at Brunswick Street
Baptist Church - Theme: “I Beg You Bear With One
Another in Love” Ephesians 4:103. Service written by
the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine,
prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the
Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada.**