

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 4th, 2024 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peace and Peacemaking. With so much of our world in turmoil, with so much distrust, anger, and division, all of which is so readily visible through social media, let us take some time today, tomorrow or in the days ahead to contemplate on where in our daily lives can we be instruments of peace. Henri Nouwen a Dutch Catholic priest, professor, and influential spiritual writer offers some thought-provoking reflections on peace and peacemaking:

- “Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.
- We cannot love issues, but we can love people, and the love of people reveals to us the way to deal with issues.
- When peacemaking is based on fear it is not much different from warmaking.
- Only those who deeply know that they are loved and rejoice in that love can be true peacemakers.
- Prayer—living in the presence of God—is the most radical peace action we can imagine. Prayer *is* peacemaking and not simply the preparation before, the support during, and the thanksgiving after.
- Prayer is not primarily a way to get something done. In prayer we undo the fear of death and therefore the basis of all human destruction.

- Peacemaking begins and ends with Jesus. Jesus embodies peace, makes peace, shares peace, and blesses peacemakers. We must, therefore, become more and more like him -- ourselves embodying peace, creating peace, sharing peace.
- For Jesus, there are no countries to be conquered. No ideologies to be imposed. No people to be dominated. There are only children, women, and men to be loved.

Christ is the first peacemaker since he opened the house of God to all people and thus made the old creation new. We are sent to this world to be peacemakers in his name.” (excerpts from Peacework)

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – FEBRUARY 14TH

10:30 am at Holy Family

3:00 pm at St. Ann's

7:00 pm at Holy Family (this Mass will be live-streamed).

Weekday Masses during Lent starting, Friday, February 16th at 10:30 am at Holy Family.

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.

Shelter & Foodbank Donations. A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to parishioners from St. Ann's Church, Holy Family Church, and Residents from Shannex for your generous donations last weekend in support of Cookie Sunday! We collected over 178 dozen cookies donated to the Shelters & Foodbank and enough canned items, pasta and much more to assist in making several hundred meals for those in need.

When we give to those less fortunate, we live in the spirit of Christ. For those who offered prayer, he has listened.

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. There will be two evenings during Lent to watch a documentary, engage in discussion and learn about and experience Indigenous Spiritual Ceremony.

Wednesday, February 21st @ 7 pm and Holy Family Church with the documentary, 'Telling Our Story'.

Wednesday, February 28th @ 7pm a@ Holy Family Church with the documentary, 'My Name is Wolastoq'.

Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Family Church: A new schedule is available in the entrance of the church for the period December 30th, 2023 to May 12th, 2024. Please see an important note at the top of the schedule. If you have any questions, please speak to Judy Kelly. Thank you for serving in this vital Ministry that supports our Liturgy.

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.

New Holy Family Readers' Schedule - The schedule for Readers at Holy Family for the months of January to June 2024 is now available in the Church entryway. If you are a regular reader, please take a copy home with you. A version of this schedule is on the Parish Website under Ministries Lectors.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast Sunday, February 11th at 10 am to 1 pm at the Knicol Hall. Adults \$10, Children \$5., Families \$30. Please notice the price increase due to the cost of groceries.

Everyone is welcome!

Saint John Diocese Development and Peace - Caritas Canada Share Lent 2024 Workshop. Saturday, Feb. 3, at **Holy Family Church from 10 am to 2 pm**, lunch provided, refreshments available throughout the day.

Theme: **Create Hope--Reaping Our Rights** Presented by **Adah Ogbe**, Maritime Animator for Development and Peace. Members and non-members invited to attend in person. Virtual attendance is available via Zoom.

Register at the Zoom link below

, https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEucuGhqjvH9LsLJkZ_muZeeC7PR1HWEB3

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPERS

St. Dunstan's Church – February 13th from 4pm to 6:30 pm. \$10 adults / \$5 children. Pancakes, sausages, baked beans, syrup, coffee/tea/juice and desserts. In the Monsignor Boyd Family Center gym.

St. Theresa's Church - February 13 from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM. **MENU:** Sausages & Ham, Bake Beans, Pancakes, Syrup, Coffee/Tea/Beverage & Dessert. Sponsored by **Knights of Columbus Council 8654.**

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Feb 4th Lynn Dunbar
Feb 11th Henry Colford
Feb 18th Jonathan Feeney
Feb 25th Pauline Francis

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Feb 4th Betty Colligan
Feb 11th Mike Solomon
Feb 18th Lawrence Cameron
Feb 25th John Monkhouse

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Feb 3rd Timmy Toner
Feb 4th Brandy O'Donnell
Feb 10th Lewis Chessie
Feb 11th Ralph Christie
Feb 17th Deceased Members of Murphy Family
Feb 18th Pat Blanchard
Feb 24th Special Intention
Feb 25th Jacques Ajaltouny and Family

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Feb 3rd Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley
Feb 4th James McGroarty/Claire & Genevieve Obi
Feb 10th Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright
Feb 11th Norma Downing / Linda Hubbard / Debbie Landau

Ash Wednesday Feb 14th

10:30 am Marijke Hurkens / Chris Robbins
7:00 pm Laura McCarron / Margie Snell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Feb 3rd Colleen Hamilton/Joan Sowers
Feb 4th Joanne Linton/Verna McCloskey
Feb 10th Harold DeCoursey/Leslie Carr
Feb 11th Bettyanne McMackin/Sharon Watts

Ash Wednesday Feb 14th

10:30 am Judy Kelly / Pat Burgoon
7:00 pm Leslie Carr / Dorothy Blanchard

READINGS for February 4th

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Responsorial Psalm: Sing praises to the Lorde who heals the broken hearted.

Thank you for *standing for the land!*
Development and Peace Caritas Canada Fall Campaign.

Thousands of Canadians signed the letter in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Honduras who are protecting their water and fighting for their rights. The

Create Hope – Stand for the Land campaign aims to collect **32,000 signatures by February 25, 2024**. A delegation of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada members and staff will then meet with the Honduran ambassador to Canada to show our support and solidarity.

On behalf of all those struggling to preserve their land, their water, their culture and their lives, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for your continued commitment and mobilization. Together, we are building a world of justice. To **sign our petition** and to continue supporting our campaign, visit devp.org/act. To **become a member** and support our mission, visit devp.org/joinus.



Summary of your Support for Jan 27th & 28th

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| Regular/Loose | \$ 3,286.65 |
| PAD (wkly. average) | 1,827.69 |
| Indigenous Solidarity Fund | 640.00 |
| St. Patrick's Cemetery | 20.00 |
| Building Fund | 315.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 6,089.34 |

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

Your 2024 Offertory Envelopes are available to pick up at the church entrance. If there is not an envelope with your name on it, please take a new box of envelopes. Please remember to write your name and address on your envelopes as your offer them.

Our Sacred Stories

Being a Disciple of Jesus in the Midst of Life (Fr. John Jennings)

Busyness – it is truly the character of our lives. The little piece of Mark's Gospel that we hear this Sunday (Mk.1:29-39) expresses this as part of the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus has just left the Synagogue where he had been speaking and had healed a person. Now he goes to the house of two of his disciples, Simon and Andrew. Immediately they tell him that Simon's mother-in-law was ill. He goes directly to her and heals her.

Shortly after that, when Sabbath was over at sunset, they brought a host of others in need of healing. We can imagine the crowd around the door. Jesus healed many again. Early the next morning Jesus went apart to pray. His disciples soon were chasing after him. They reported that everyone was looking for him. Jesus proposed that they moved on to other places and there he continued to proclaim the message of God's Reign. As elsewhere, he also healed those in need.

All these many instances of reaching out in care and healing people have a meaning attached to them. Jesus not only preaches the nearness of the Reign of God. He also reveals that reign is truly present among us and around us. God's dream is that all creation be saved from death, evil and sin, that it be restored to wholeness. Each healing represents this movement to wholeness, each in its own way. This is the ministry of Jesus.

The disciples with Jesus are following a call to do as he does. Their lives are a call to listen, to watch, to imitate and to undertake the same mission. Their mission will be busy. It will be filled with demands and will also have moments of prayer and restoration. The mission will not always be following their own plan. Often, like Jesus, they will be responding to the occasions that come to them – at the time unexpectedly and often in unplanned ways.

In the midst of our own busyness, God's Reign enters our lives and calls us to respond. It will not always be convenient. It will not be when we plan to receive it. It will challenge us and it will fulfill us. It is an invitation to be part of God's Dream, to help build the Reign as Jesus did. To do so, we work with the busy schedules that we all have. They do not stand in the way. Rather, this is the life in which we are to be disciples. Like Jesus, our busyness will be the place where we work.

Q/ What are the busy things that we must work with to pray, to care, to serve as disciples?

Assisting Asylum Seekers: There has been a call-out invitation to our parish seeking an interested volunteer or volunteers to participate in a newly formed city-wide outreach committee. This committee will focus on researching how church communities in Fredericton might play a role in assisting asylum seekers who land in the city. Asylum seekers currently face many hurdles when they declare asylum inland; accessing short term support when they arrive in Fredericton is very challenging. The committee, represented by parishioners from different churches in our city, will look at the existing gaps in support and how church communities might work to fill them. Pastor Scott Wood of Journey Church is the chair of this committee. If you are interested in sitting on this committee, please let Fr. Bill know at 506-444-6021.

Lenten Silent Eucharistic Retreat Weekend Hosted by Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Society - February 16th, 17th, 18th at Villa Madonna Retreat House. TO REGISTER or for more information, contact Mary Wallace at: maryadele.wallace@gmail.com 506-633-0172. Cost: \$245.00.