

# 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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## Coldest Night of the

### Year Fundraiser:

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, the Confirmation Class from Holy Family St. Kateri will be walking in the Coldest Night of the Year, a fun,

family-friendly walkathon to raise money to support the John Howard Society of Fredericton and their work with people in our community experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness.

The John Howard Society of Fredericton (JHSF) runs a variety of programs for youth and adults in our community to help them make better life decisions and lead happy and productive lives.

JHSF owns five residential buildings, scattered across Fredericton, that provide supportive housing for 58 individuals who were previously experiencing homelessness, including five youth between 19 and 24 years of age. Residents all have a case manager who helps them with personal challenges in their lives. They also have access to peer support and a mental health and addictions worker.

In addition, the John Howard Society of Fredericton operates a 30-bed housing-focused shelter for people currently experiencing homelessness and has a Street Outreach Team that engages directly with clients who are living in public places or accessing the emergency shelters, helping clients navigate the paperwork and systems that will help them secure long-term and sustainable housing.

Funds raised from Coldest Night of the Year help the John Howard Society of Fredericton provide services that otherwise would not be available. Funds raised from last year's walk allowed the JHSF to:

- support youth in crisis with housing and supports,
- provide inclement weather response during times of extreme heat or cold to people experiencing homelessness and living rough,
- provide snacks and beverages to people experiencing homelessness who are clients of our Ironwood Resource Centre,

- deliver family programs to help kids do better in school,
- provide a lunch snack program to kids in need/provide breakfast to our shelter clients,
- run our peer support group that is free to anyone in the community who needs support in the topic areas of mental health, addictions, homelessness, grief and loss,
- cover some of the construction costs of our new family housing units for families experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence
- and much more.

**How to donate to the fundraiser:** Our confirmation students are having a **fundraiser** for their team at Mass at Holy Family Church on **Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**. Craft and bake sale items will be for sale or you can donate directly to the Holy Family St. Kateri confirmation class team by going to [cnoy.org](http://cnoy.org) and typing "Holy Family St Kateri" in the search bar, then clicking on their team name. In this year of Jubilee 2025, we are called to be *Pilgrims of Hope*. Please support our students who are helping bring dignity to those who have lost all hope.

## Monthly Indigenous Rosary:

This monthly gathering meets virtually to pray the Rosary in 5 Indigenous languages spoken across Turtle Island. "The Holy Rosary is a prayer that is common to all Catholics in this land and has been prayed for generations in every Indigenous language. This gathering is an opportunity to pray as one with the intention that all who live in this land, Indigenous and non-Indigenous may experience healing and reconciliation on a renewed journey of justice and peace for our children." (Intention courtesy of Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle).

The next Rosary date is scheduled for **Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at 1:30pm Atlantic time**. New participants can [click here to register](#) and receive the Zoom link. Registration is required only once. Zoom links will be sent the day before and the morning of the event. The upcoming Rosary events will take place on the 4th Saturday of the month through June 2025.



**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Sessions on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 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: Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> – Time 7 pm.



**Yorsalim and Dawit Say "Thank you so much!"**

Thank you for your whole-hearted response. Thank you for providing so many of the kinds of items requested. Thank you for the quality of items you brought to the church.

This weekend marks the end of this - ever so successful - campaign.

**A few of the items have not yet been received at Holy Family.** If you signed up for something, please talk to Chris Robbins at the campaign display in the entryway. Perhaps we can assist you in getting those items to the church.

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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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!**

**Summary of your Support for February 1 & 2**

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 3,951.25</b>
<b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>	<b>2,073.90</b>
<b>New Year's</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>St Patrick's Cemetery</b>	<b>65.00</b>
<b>Indigenous Reconciliation Fund</b>	<b>1,360.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>680.00</b>
<b>Poor &amp; Needy</b>	<b>260.00</b>
<b>Food Bank</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,465.15</b>

**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](mailto:office@stkateri.ca)*

*Your 2024 Donation Receipts are now available to pick up at the church entrances. If you wish to have your receipt mailed, please call the parish office at 506-444-6021. 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](mailto: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



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 9<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm: Before the Angels, I sing your praise, O Lord.**

## Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Don Cameron Jr.  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Jean Murphy  
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Pauline Francis

### READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Betty Colligan  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Mike Solomon  
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Lawrence Cameron

## Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Gerald Hoogendyk  
Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Ann Hawkins / Ralph O. Christie  
Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Henry Whalen  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Jackie Daley  
Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Helen O'Connor  
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> The Holland & Doucet Families

### READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley  
Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden / Flora Ederaro  
Feb 15<sup>th</sup> William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Anita & Ray Allain / Bonnie Deveau

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell  
Feb 9<sup>th</sup> JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey  
Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin

**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.

**Franciscan LEAD** is for high-school aged youth who are passionate about their Catholic faith, active in their youth groups, and ready to step up to the next level of leadership through evangelization and discipleship training. <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/franciscan-lead/> **First round applications due April 1st, 2025. LEAD week is held prior to Steubenville Atlantic, (July 11-13, 2025) in Halifax, Before applying please contact Patricia at 506-627-6465 or by email: [Catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:Catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org)**

## Our Sacred Stories

### How About Fishing: Call and Conversion (Fr. John Jennings)

Very Shortly, Ash Wednesday will be upon us (March 5) and we will enter the Lenten Season once more. Lent is all about conversion. It can be about the conversion process embarked upon by a new member of the Christian community. Or it can be about the ongoing conversion that is the part of the life of those of us who were baptized as infants or long ago. In every case, conversion is an invitation offered to us. And it is the acceptance of this invitation, when it is offered and in a continuing fashion throughout our lives.

This Sunday, Luke tells us a story of invitation (Luke 5:1-11). Jesus gathers all kinds of people around him. To deal with the crowd, Jesus makes use of the setting and the situation in order to reach out to them. It is in a fishing area and so Jesus makes use of one of the fishing boats from which to teach. When he had finished speaking to the crowds, he asked the boat's owner, Simon to go fishing with him.

For Luke, the occasion of fishing becomes an opportunity to illustrate the conversion of Simon and his partners. What can we learn about *call and conversion* through fishing? In Luke's story, we can see several stages of the fishing enterprise. First of all, Jesus invites Simon to go fishing. Then accepting to do so, Simon and Jesus together set out in search of the fish. They let down the nets in hope of finding them. Secondly, many fish are caught in the nets, so many that Simon need the help of his partners. Thirdly, with this cooperative effort they pull the fish into the boats and take them ashore.

*Call and conversion*, follows something of this experience. There is an initial quest – setting out to find. It is seeking, questioning, wondering and searching, always with much uncertainty. Then, somehow, we have an encounter. We find something of what we are seeking – we are hooked or netted. This is the first discernment of a call, a surface conversion. But it needs to go deeper. Having been touched by God, we need to allow this first contact to touch our very heart – a conversion of life. Simon simply went fishing. Ultimately he was touched in the depths of his heart – and became a committed disciple.

In our fishing image from Luke, at each stage of the fishing or the conversion process there are others who are involved, partners. In our own *call and conversion*, there are always partners. Conversion is not a solitary experience. Nor is conversion just for "me". Like Simon and his partner's conversion leads us to share with others who are also "fishing" or seeking.

Luke closes this story with Jesus issuing an explicit invitation to Simon and his partners to join him in his mission. Like the fish, they are caught, like the fish, they are brought on board with Jesus. Having been brought on board, they leave what they have been about and follow Jesus as disciples and ultimately as partners, sharing the mission.

In our own conversion process, as we see in Luke's story, the conversion, the quest is repeated, again and again.

**Q. As we approach Lent 2025, where are we in our own "fishing", our own conversion?**

**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 when attending Mass. Thank you!**