

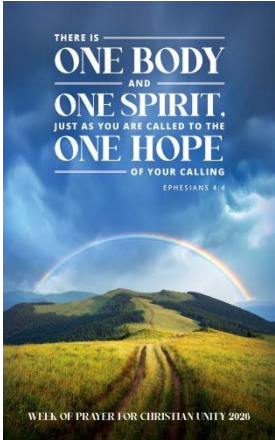
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Mass Schedule: St. Ann's Sunday @ 9:30 am/Holy Family Saturday @ 4:30 pm and Sunday @ 11:00 am

January 11th, 2026 – Baptism of the Lord



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from January 18th to January 25th. Prayers and reflections this year have been prepared by the Armenian Apostolic Church including their sisters and brothers of the Armenian Catholic & Evangelical Churches.

The theme is *“there is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling”* (Ephesians 4:4). This scripture is based on the teachings of Paul about unity. As followers of Christ, we represent “one body and one spirit” united in one single hope. In Paul’s writings he uses the metaphor of the church as being the body of Christ in unity with the diversity of its members. Each of us has a unique role in contributing to the life and mission of the church. And together we are part of one universal body of Christ.

Some historical facts on the foundation of the Armenian Apostolic Church:

- Deeply rooted in the teachings of the Thaddeus and Bartholomew who began evangelizing in Armenia in first century AD.
- First official Catholicos (Patriarch) of Armenia was St. Gregory the Illuminator.
- Armenia became the first nation to adopt Christianity as its state religion under King Tiridates III, distinguishing Armenia as a pioneer of the faith long before the Roman Empire.
- Through a divine vision that St. Gregory received of Christ descending from heaven and striking the ground with a golden hammer, marked the site for the first Armenian Cathedral (Holy Etchmiadzin Cathedral) constructed near Yerevan.

- The Holy Etchmiadzin Cathedral is one of the oldest churches in the world and symbolizes the lasting bond between the Armenian Church and its faithful.

Next Sunday (January 18th) marks the beginning of the eight days of prayer for Christian unity. Prayers and reflections have been provided from the resources for each day and copies will be made available in the lobby of the church. The Week of Prayer for Christian unity extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christian’s worldwide.

Ecumenical Service and Prayer – You’re Invited: The theme for this year’s worship service is *‘light from light for light’*. You are invited to an Ecumenical Worship Service on **Wednesday, January 21st at 2 pm at St. Margaret’s Anglican Church**, 775 Forest Hill Road, Fredericton. A small reception to follow. Come one and all. For more information, please contact Mary McMahon (St. Mary Magdalene Parish) at (506) 478-4080.

Cookie Sunday Weekend: Next Cookie Sunday weekend is **January 24th and 25th**. In addition to cookies the Food Bank is in need of: pasta, pasta sauce and large cans of soup.

We want to thank you all for your continued generosity to help support those in need. Donations can be dropped off at Holy Family Church at the Saturday Mass or Sunday Mass at both St. Ann’s Church and Holy Family Church.

Any donation you can provide is most appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry!

YOUR 2026 DONATION OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Are now available to pick up at the entrance of the church. If there is not a box with your name, please feel free to take a 'NEW' box. Be sure to write your name and address on your envelopes as you offer them.

Parishioners using PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit) for your donations, there are packets of 'Special Collection Envelopes' available as well. Feel free to pick up a packet.

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

Summary of Support for January 3 & 4, 2026 will be available in the bulletin next weekend.

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*

Rosary - Rosary is prayed every Thursday morning at 1030 at Holy Family. During Ordinary Time we will be reciting the Luminous Mysteries. All are welcome to attend.

Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Family Church: A new schedule is available in the entrance of the church for the period January to April 2026. If you have any questions, please speak to Judy Kelly. Thank you for serving in this vital Ministry that supports our Liturgy.

January to June 2026 Holy Family Readers' Schedule - People who are regular readers at Holy Family, please pick up a paper copy of the new schedule in the entryway. The schedule is also available on the St. Kateri website at: <https://stkateri.ca/Lectors.html>

READINGS for January 11th

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Jan 11th Jason MacLeod

Jan 18th For the People

Jan 25th Deceased Members of the Russell Family

Feb 1st For the People

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Jan 10th For the People

Jan 11th Nancy Ross / Michael Bardsley

Jan 17th Gary Llewellyn

Jan 18th David Emmerson

Jan 24th Jean Dufour / Arthurenne Basque

Jan 25th For the People

Jan 31st Martin Clark

Feb 1st Jim Hanusiak

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Jan 11th John Monkhouse

Jan 18th Stacey Chessie

Jan 25th Elaine Geldart

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Jan 10th Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley

Jan 11th Jane Buckley / Doreen Cormier
Maurice Harquail / Chinasa Trinita

Jan 17th William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc

Jan 18th Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden
Mandy Gilmore / Marijke Hurkens

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Jan 10th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell

Jan 11th Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin

Jan 17th Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly

Jan 18th Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon



Development and Peace

Catholic Social Teaching: Common Good

In our actions and societies, we must consider not what is good just for us or for a few, but for all human beings and the planet. We must love our neighbour, locally and globally, above any commercial interest.

“God intended the Earth with everything contained in it for the use of all human beings and peoples. — Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes, 69

EXAMPLE IN ACTION: Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Supports organizations that seek the good of whole communities, rather than any individual or company. Even though God wants all people to enjoy creation equally, profit interests often carve up and privatize creation, turning the gifts of God into commodities to be bought and sold, not guaranteed to all.

Water is a good example. Since 2003, we have supported and advocated for publicly owned water sources both at home and abroad. Traditionally, water was shared between local farmers. Now, however, the World Bank and other international bodies increasingly pressurize countries to privatize the management of water and other natural resources. Our partners work for community-based water management, stronger public control of and access to clean water in rural and urban areas, and the rights of all people to enjoy water bodies like rivers and lakes.

In 2003, our members presented their municipal governments a Water Declaration whose five principles include emphasizing people before profit; access to water as a basic human right; and water as a common good, not a resource to be exploited for individual or corporate gain.

Rather than giving up our individuality, working for the common good allows us to explore and contribute our unique abilities, creating space for others to do the same.

“The demands of the common good...concern above all the commitment to peace, the organization of the State’s powers, a sound juridical system, the protection of the environment, and the provision of essential services to all, some of which are the same time human rights: food, housing, work, education and access to culture, transportation, basic health care, the freedom of communication and expression, and the protection of religious freedom. Nor must one forget the contribution that every nation is required in duty to make towards a true worldwide cooperation for the common good of the whole of humanity and for future generations also.” –Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 166

WHY GIVE? By giving to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, you are helping to **restore dignity** to vulnerable populations, to **advocate for democracy**, to **pray for lasting peace** and **build a more just world**. Donations can be made by clicking on the following link: <https://devp.org/en/give-now-2/> or by calling toll free 1-888-234-8533.

**Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast:
Sunday, January 11th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM
at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street.
Adults \$ 12.00, Children \$ 5.00 and
Families \$ 35.00
Everyone welcome.**

Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at St. Anthony's Church on Friday, January 16 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

Our Sacred Stories
Baptism and Mission: The Incarnation of
God in our World
(Fr. John Jennings)

Can you recall a time when you met someone new? Perhaps it led to a new relationship, a friendship. It might have brought you to a close relationship, a significant one – even a marriage. In so many ways, such relationships are a step into the unknown for us. We set out on many adventures in our lifetimes. Each of these beginnings are marked by anticipation, excitement and sometimes anxiety. Becoming a member of a new faith community means building a new relationship. Baptism can be seen in this light.

Most of us are probably baptized as children, so the impact is not so drastic for us. We grow into the relationship. For adults who enter a community of faith later in life, perhaps through what we call the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), this step is truly a journey or an adventure. Decisions have to be made, our life undergoes a change. In some ways, most significantly, we find ourselves living in new relationships, surrounded by new communities. All of this can better be seen as embarking on new **a mission** in life.

The feast we are celebrating this weekend is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It flows out of the Christmas celebration of the incarnation of God in the person of Jesus. It marks the story of Jesus beginning his mission to bring the Reign of God into our world. As the Gospel writer Matthew tells the story, this mission begins with Jesus walking down to the Jordan River and asking John the Baptist for baptism. After the baptism, Jesus comes up from the water and Matthew (3:13-17) tells us: *The heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.* With this gift of the Spirit, Jesus begins his mission.

What is this mission? The short answer is that Jesus received the call to proclaim and make present the Kingdom or the Reign of God in our world. The whole meaning of the Incarnation is that in Jesus, God shares personally in our humanity and our experience. There has been an entry of God into our world and our lives.

The point of this entry of God is that God's Reign takes root and grows in the midst of creation and our human history.

And now, the "So what" question. What difference does this make to our world? Both of the other readings this weekend help us with this. In our second reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-38) we hear something of the faith of the earliest Christian communities. Acts presents a little homily of Peter. He speaks of the discovery that has come with Jesus.

For him the discovery revealed two things about this Reign of God that Jesus proclaimed. First, that it was to all nations, that is, God is for all – all humanity, all the world, all creation. No one is excluded. It is an inclusive reign. Secondly, Peter preached that the result of this reign is intended to be peace, healing and liberation. What a reign, what a Kingdom, what a world! What a contrast to what we often see around us.

Our first reading today, presents the same image, coming from the Old Testament. The prophet Isaiah (42:1-4, 6-7) describes the Servant of God. This servant reflects many – for Isaiah himself, for the People of Israel and for us it is often taken as a reference to Jesus. What we see here is the call and mission of the servant:

*I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I
have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to
the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the
prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who
sit in darkness.*

What does baptism mean for you and me? It means what it meant for Jesus. We are to be the person of Jesus, the face of God in the world that we encounter. Like Jesus, God's Spirit is incarnate in us, for the sake of our world.