

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 14th, 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18th to 25th): With more than 100 years of history, this annual observation involves Christian communities throughout the world. The theme for 2024 is *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."* (Luke 10.27).

The celebration for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso located in West Africa which includes the neighboring countries of Mali and Niger. Burkina Faso is currently experiencing a serious security crisis, which affects all the communities of faith and Christian churches have been especially targeted.

Christians are called to act like Christ in loving the Good Samaritan, showing mercy and compassion to those in need, regardless of their religious, ethnic, or social identity. It is not shared identities that should prompt us to come to the aid of the other but love of our "neighbor".

It is by learning to love one another regardless of our differences that Christians can become neighbors like the Samaritan in the Gospel.

Special Service: *A reminder that we will be holding an Ecumenical Service at Holy Family Church on Thursday, January 18th at 12noon to be followed by a lunch in the Church Hall. Please invite a friend or neighbor of another Christian denomination with you. All are welcome!*

Prayer for the Unity of Christians

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray to you for the unity of Christians,

according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to recognize our failures, and to hope beyond all hope. Amen. (excerpts from the WCC and Living with Christ)

Ecumenical Service & Prayer for the Week of Christian Unity January 18th to 25th. To begin the Week there will be a service at Holy Family Church (1500 Hanwell Road) **on Thursday, January 18th at 12 noon.** This is an opportunity to bring a friend of another Christian denomination with you and for Christians to come together to pray for unity. Following the service there will be a time to get together with a light luncheon of sandwiches, sweets and coffee in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Prayer for Christian Unity Service on **Monday, January 22, 2024 at St. Dunstan's Church** at 12:00 PM noon time. Use Kings Street entrance by Tim Hortons. For more information contact Mary McMahon at 506-457-0093. Everyone is welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTICES:

Grades 1 – 5 Religious Education Classes will Resume, THIS Sunday, January 14th at 10:00am.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast:

The next Knights of Columbus Breakfast will take place on **Sunday, January 14th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Everyone welcome.

Cookie Sunday Weekend: Next Cookie Sunday weekend will be **January 27th & 28th**. In addition to cookies, we will be collecting the following items for the Foodbank: canned brown beans, canned soup, and canned meat. Donations can be dropped off at Holy Family Church the morning of Saturday, January 27th or before Sunday Mass at both St. Ann's Church and Holy Family Church. Thank you for your continued support!

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.

Rosary at Holy Family: Please note there will be **NO Rosary** on Thursday, January 18th as we will be holding an Ecumenical Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (12 noon at Holy Family Church). Rosary will resume the following week, January 25th.

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.



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.

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.

Your 2024 Offertory Envelopes are available to pick up in the back room of the church. 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.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Jan 14th Claudette Grexton
Jan 21st Alton Chessie
Jan 28th Donald Atwin

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Jan 14th Liz Solomon
Jan 21st Elaine Geldart
Jan 28th Carol Ann Doherty

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Jan 13th Lewis Chessie
Jan 14th Charlie Doherty
Jan 20th Eugene & Betty Goodine
Jan 21st Edna Ezeokafor
Jan 27th Alton Chessie
Jan 28th Mary Lynch

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Jan 13th Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright
Jan 14th Noreen Bonnell/Jane Buckley/Maurice Harquail
Jan 20th Mona LeBlanc / William Cormier
Jan 21st Patrick Burgoon/Carl Duivenvoorden and Flora Ederaro
Jan 27th Anna Mae Snider/Joan Sowers
Jan 28th Anita & Ray Allain/Bonnie Deveau

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Jan 13th Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey
Jan 14th Bettyanne McMackin/Sharon Watts
Jan 20th Leslie Carr/ Judy Kelly
Jan 21st Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard
Jan 27th Margie Snell / Lynn Laagland
Jan 28th Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney

READINGS for January 14th

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42

**Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

Summary of your Support for Jan 6 & 7, 2024

Regular/Loose	\$ 4,009.35
PAD (wkly. average)	1,851.75
St. Patrick's Cemetery	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,871.11

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

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 (Parish Office).



The Third Age Centre presents: Frauds and Scams, a talk by Cst. Mike Bamford, Fredericton City Police



The Frauds & Scams presentation offered by the Fredericton Police Force discusses common frauds and scams that are circulating in Fredericton.

The presentation is

designed to be engaging using examples of relevant cases in Fredericton and examples from the audience.

Along with examples of frauds to educate the audience, general red flags to watch out for are discussed as well.

Cst. Mike Bamford has been a Community Liaison Officer with the Fredericton Police Force. He has been a police officer for 20 years, the last 13 in Fredericton.

Thursday, January 25; 2-4 pm at the Willie O'Ree Place, 605 Cliffe St., Room 3. Light refreshments will be served. \$5 for Third Age Centre members, \$10 for non-members, free for students.

Cash/cheque/E-transfer

Wheelchair accessible

A message from Bishop Christian Riesbeck

SPECIAL COLLECTION, INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND – On the last weekend of January, the diocese will be taking up a special collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Monies collected will contribute towards the CCCB's five-year \$30-million National Campaign to support regional and local Indigenous healing and reconciliation initiatives. Special Collection envelopes are included in your parish boxed sets and at the church entrances for the weekend of January 27 – 28. You may also contribute to this fundraising appeal at anytime on our website via cheque or e-transfer at the following link

(<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>) You can read more about the IRF's activities, including updates on 89 of over 130 projects that have been funded to date, on their newly-launched website, <https://irfund.ca/en/welcome/>

Please consult the diocesan website for additional resources at

<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/indigenous-reconciliation-fund>