

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 18th, 2026 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts this Sunday, January 18th and ends on Sunday, January 25th. 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)*.

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 Christians 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.

Prayers and reflections this year have been prepared by the Armenian Apostolic Church including their sisters and brothers of the Armenian Catholic & Evangelical Churches. We are providing you with **Day 1 of the Reflections and Prayers**. Copies for the entire week of prayers can be found in the lobby of the church or online at: [Prayers & Reflections](#)

Day 1, January 18th: Our Calling

Verse for the day: I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called (Eph 4:1).

Reflection: In Ephesians 4:1, Paul emphasizes the significance of living a life worthy of the “calling to which you have been called”, which is intrinsically linked to the unity of the Christian community. In the midst of a divided society, the Gospel calls believers to overcome barriers and foster reconciliation. This divine calling invites us to embody God’s values within the fellowship of believers. By aligning our conduct with this calling, we not only reflect Christ’s teachings but also contribute to the unity and growth of the Body of Christ. Recognizing and embracing this calling is essential for living out the true essence of Christian community and nurturing a harmonious, supportive fellowship.

A question to consider: How does reflecting on the ‘calling to which you have been called’ as described in Ephesians 4:1 inspire you to actively contribute to unity within your local and wider church communities?

Prayer: God of light, you have called us out of darkness into your light. May our response to your call lead us to actively seek reconciliation and share your light in the world. Amen.

Diocese of Saint John Indigenous Solidarity Fund

Collection January 24-25, 2026: We would like to remind you that the annual Diocese of Saint John Indigenous Solidarity Fund Collection will take place at the Masses next weekend, January 24th and 25th.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, (the CCCB), agreed to create a 30 million dollar Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, (the IRF), over a five-year period, beginning in 2022, to support Indigenous healing and reconciliation initiatives. Each Diocese agreed to have a special collection each year to contribute toward reaching that goal.

The IRF was designed to meet the highest standards of transparency and good governance and is overseen by a Board of Directors made up of Indigenous directors and Catholic lay leaders. Bishop Christian Riesbeck is the Episcopal Liaison between the IRF and the CCCB.

The IRF supports projects that are approved by local diocesan committees, in collaboration with First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners. The following are the criteria for grant applications:

1. Healing and reconciliation for communities and families;
2. Culture and language revitalization;
3. Education and community building; and
4. Dialogues for promoting indigenous spirituality and culture.

More than 200 projects have already been approved across Canada including 15 projects in the territory where the Diocese of Saint John is located.

We encourage parishioners to contribute what you can afford to the Indigenous Solidarity Fund as part of the ongoing journey of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous brothers and sisters.

For those who use envelopes, you will find an envelope in your box marked “Indigenous Solidarity Fund”. There will also be special envelopes at the entrances to the Church and in the pews next weekend.

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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.

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.

READINGS for January 18th

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1:29-34

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

Mass Intentions at St. Ann’s

Jan 18 th	For the People
Jan 25 th	Deceased Members of the Russell Family
Feb 1 st	For the People

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Jan 17 th	Gary Llewellyn
Jan 18 th	David Emmerson
Jan 24 th	Jean Dufour / Arthurenn Basque
Jan 25 th	For the People
Jan 31 st	Martin Clark
Feb 1 st	Jim Hanusiak / Laura Gaul

READERS AT ST. ANN’S

Jan 18 th	Stacey Chessie
Jan 25 th	Elaine Geldart
Feb 1 st	Carolann Doherty
Feb 8 th	Betty Colligan

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Jan 17 th	William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
Jan 18 th	Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden Mandy Gilmore / Marijke Hurkens
Jan 24 th	Margie Snell / Joan Sowers
Jan 25 th	Anita & Ray Allain / Bonnie Deveau Victoria Olopade

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Jan 17 th	Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
Jan 18 th	Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon
Jan 24 th	Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
Jan 25 th	Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange

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>



Development and Peace Catholic Social Teaching: Common Good Development and Peace - Catholic Social Teaching: PEACE

"If you wish to draw others to peace, first have it yourselves; be steadfast in peace yourselves. To inflame others, you must have the flame burning within. Dear sisters and brothers, whether we have the gift of faith or feel we lack it, let us open ourselves to peace." (Pope Leo XIV, World Day of Peace 2026)

"Peace is an 'architecture' of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, each according to its own area of expertise, but there is also an 'art' of peace that involves us all". (Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, 231)

EXAMPLE IN ACTION: Peace is the good consequence of a just society, a situation where all can let their guard down and enjoy friendly relationships with one another. Sometimes, we think of peace in a negative way, as the absence of war or violence. But peace is the positive result of social institutions and individual efforts to create and maintain just communities.

When things go badly, as in war, genocide, domestic violence or other disruptions of good relationships, the way of peace call us to do justice, to heal what is broken and to prepare a new context for encounter. In conflict zones, Development and Peace partners contribute to peacebuilding through leadership training, dialogue, and by addressing the underlying reasons for violence, like prejudice, economic instability and scarcity. Sustainable development means ensuring people have the community supports and material security they need to live without fear or desperation.

In Canada, our members build peace by urging our government to oppose war and violence, to divest from the arms industry, and to hold Canadian companies accountable for abuses abroad.

We also believe in truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and justice for all those pushed to the margins of Canadian society.

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.

Summary of Support for January 3 & 4

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,666.75
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
Building Fund	10.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	15.00
Christmas	25.00
New Year's	670.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund	5.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,706.37

Summary of Support for January 10 & 11

Regular/Loose	\$ 6,933.20
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
St. Patrick's Cemetery	25.00
Christmas	40.00
New Year's	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,412.82

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

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference & LEAD Registration is now open. Calling all high schoolers! Jesus meets our deepest longing for meaning, joy, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville Atlantic in Halifax, July 10–12, 2026, and encounter the transforming love of Christ. Rising grade 9s through graduating grade 12s are welcome to attend with our group. Learn more at steubenville.ca or contact your RE coordinator, parish priest, or Patricia at catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org to register: <https://www.steubenville.ca/register-now>

The Diocese is **hosting a March Break High School Youth Retreat!** From Friday, March 6 to Sunday, March 8, youth are invited to spend two nights at the Villa Madonna, growing in faith, friendship, and community. Need more info contact Patricia at catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org

Last Call for the Catechist Retreat! From Spark to Flame -Registration Deadline: January 27th. Don't miss this weekend of renewal, prayer, and fellowship at the Villa Madonna Retreat House from January 30–February 1, 2026. If you haven't registered yet, now is the time. See your RE coordinator for all the details or contact Patricia at: catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org

May 13–24, 2026: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Hector Caissie. Cost of \$2795 (plus taxes) includes airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) **Payment by e-transfer, bank transfer or cheque gets a REBATE of \$250.00** **INFO:** Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or 506-857-2295.

Our Sacred Stories

HOW'S MY SIGHT? NURTURING AND GROWING IN OUR FAITH

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him
(John 1:29)
(Fr. John Jennings)

Do I really see? John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him. But did he really "see" Jesus? What was he looking for? What am I looking for? To see means more than simply physical sight. Real "seeing" is to perceive beyond the physical. It is to grasp the real situation, the full meaning. It is to be able to say: "Oh, now I see." In fact it means to discover a bond with what or who we begin to see physically with our eyes. Perhaps it is to "see with our hearts". In the case of a person, such fuller "seeing" is the stuff of relationship, of intimacy in which we grow much closer. Not only that it goes much further.

We "see" lots of people physically, but to come to understand, to *grasp* this person – their personality, their values, their hopes and dreams takes much more. It takes openness and acceptance. It calls for many shared experiences. It is to come to know who they really are and what they are about.... Then we can begin to *relate* to this person. All our deeper, more intimate relationships, like our marital relationships, our family and our close friendships, they involve this kind of relationship – this is *seeing with our heart*.

For this kind of "seeing" I have to recognize the whole person and accept them into my own life. This takes patience, time and commitment. John the Baptist (Jn.1:29-34) had a tough time "seeing" Jesus. Oh, he "saw" him physically as Jesus came toward him, but he did not fully understand or grasp the full measure of who Jesus was. This would only happen with the gift of the Spirit. It would only take place in time and it would be others, the followers of Jesus who would grasp the connection of John to Jesus.

To have such faith meant building a relationship with the Jesus of faith, seeing beyond the physical person to a much deeper vision of who Jesus really is – the Christ.

In one of his last *Daily Meditations* online for 2025, Franciscan spiritual writer, Richard Rohr shared some insights regarding our faith as "light" for a relationship with Jesus the Christ. He used the image of salt and more particularly *light*. What he said about our relationship with Jesus the Christ helps to clarify what our faith is really all about. Rohr put it this way:

Light is less something we see directly, and more something by which we see all other things. In other words, we have faith in Christ so that we can have the faith of Christ.

Growing a spirituality, is more than getting knowledge. It involves cultivating and nurturing over time, sharing ourselves with the other. Faith of the heart, not the head. The disciples who followed Jesus had a first encounter with him. But this was only the beginning. Being with him on his mission, they grew into Jesus. Theirs became a relational faith. They began to see as Jesus the Christ sees.

It is always a lifelong journey. As we grow and change, so too will our faith. As this happens, we "see" more fully and deeply our relationship with Jesus as well as with those with whom we are journeying. It is the work of the Spirit. If we allow it to grow, this relational faith will affect and change all our relationships and all our world. As Fr. Rohr puts it: *A mature Christian sees Christ in everything and everyone else.*