

# 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 21st, 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25)

For your reflections on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we offer the following wisdom from Fr. Ron Rolheiser on "The Path Forward".

Ecumenism - The Path Forward (Excerpt)  
Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

"I was very blessed during my theological formation to have had the privilege of taking classes from two very renowned Catholic scholars, Avery Dulles and Raymond E. Brown.

And what these two shared in their vision for ecumenism was this: The path towards Christian Unity, the road that will eventually bring all sincere Christians together into one community, around one altar, is not the way of somehow winning the other over to our own particular denomination, of getting others to admit that they are wrong and that we are right and of them returning to the true flock, namely, our particular denomination.

It begins with the honest admission by each of us that none of us, no one denomination, has the full truth, incarnates the full expression of church, and is fully faithful to the Gospel. We are all deficient in some ways and each of us in some ways is selective in terms of which parts of the Gospels we value and incarnate and which parts we ignore. And so, the path forward is the path of conversion, personal and ecclesial, of admitting our selectiveness, or recognizing and valuing what other churches has incarnated, of reading scripture more deeply in search of what we have ignored and absented ourselves from and of individually and collectively trying to live lives that are truer to Jesus Christ.

The path to unity then lies not in converting each other over, but in each of us living the Gospel more faithfully so as to grow closer to each other in Christ.

Raymond E. Brown contends, "that in a divided Christianity, instead of reading the Bible to assure ourselves that we are right, we would do better to read it to discover where we have not been listening. As we Christians of different churches try to give hearing to the previously muffled voices, our views of the church will grow larger; and we will come closer to sharing common views. Then the Bible will be doing for us what Jesus did in his time, namely convincing those who have ears to hear that all is not right, for God is asking of them more than they thought."

Indeed: God is asking more of us than we think."

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION, INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION**

**FUND** – January 27 & 28, 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.** 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

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

**Ecumenical Service & Prayer for the Week of Christian Unity January 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>.** Prayer for Christian Unity Service on **Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Dunstan's Church** at 12:00 PM noon time. Use King Street entrance by Tim Hortons. For more information contact Mary McMahan at 506-457-0093. Everyone is welcome!

**Cookie Sunday Weekend:** Next Cookie Sunday weekend will be **January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.** 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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](https://devp.org/act). To **become a member** and support our mission, visit [devp.org/joinus](https://devp.org/joinus).

**Third Age Centre presents: Frauds and Scams, a talk by Cst. Mike Bamford** ~ *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 Police Force. He has been a police officer for 20 years, the last 13 in Fredericton. **Jan 25; 2-4 pm at the Willie O'Ree Place in Room 3. \$5 for Third Age Centre members, \$10 for non-members, free for students. Cash/cheque/E-transfer. Wheelchair accessible.**

**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 21<sup>st</sup> Alton Chessie  
Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Donald Atwin

### READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Elaine Geldart  
Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Carol Ann Doherty  
Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Betty Colligan  
Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Mike Solomon  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Lawrence Cameron  
Feb 25<sup>th</sup> John Monkhouse

### Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Eugene & Betty Goodine  
Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Edna Ezeokafor and Chinonye Igwebike  
Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Alton Chessie  
Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Mary Lynch

### READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Mona LeBlanc / William Cormier  
Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Patrick Burgoon/Carl Duivenvoorden and  
Flora Ederaro  
Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Anna Mae Snider/Joan Sowers  
Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Anita & Ray Allain/Bonnie Deveau  
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley  
Feb 4<sup>th</sup> James McGroarty/Claire & Genevieve Obi  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Leslie Carr/ Judy Kelly  
Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard  
Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Margie Snell / Lynn Laagland  
Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney  
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Colleen Hamilton/Joan Sowers  
Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Joanne Linton/Verna McCloskey  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Harold DeCoursey/Leslie Carr  
Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Bettyanne McMackin/Sharon Watts

### READINGS for January 21<sup>st</sup>

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

**Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make me know  
your ways.**

### **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/tZEucGhjqjvH9LsLJkZ\\_muZeeC7PR1HWEB3](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEucGhjqjvH9LsLJkZ_muZeeC7PR1HWEB3)

### Summary of your Support for Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 1,965.00</b>
<b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>	<b>1,851.75</b>
<b>St. Patrick's Cemetery</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,826.75</b>

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](mailto: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.

**Our Sacred Stories**  
**God's Reign for Humanity and All Creation**  
**(Fr. John Jennings)**

Some ten years ago, a movie with the title, *Warhorse* came out in theaters. It was a movie that presented a striking approach to the portrayal of World War I. Normally, we view war and its impact from a human perspective. We see nation pitted against nation, people fighting people, army against army. This film in a way that takes us wider. While the battle at the front plays a significant role, the destruction, dislocation and impact presented in *Warhorse* helps us to see that war reaches much further. It has its impact on the countryside, the animals, people who are combatants and non-combatants – war is truly a universal tragedy affecting humanity and all of creation.

Counter to this image of war and violence is the image of the kingdom or the reign of God that we hear Jesus proclaim as he begins his ministry. Mark presents this proclamation:

*Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come," he said "and the reign of God is close at hand."* (Mark 1:14-15)

What is this reign of God all about? What does Jesus proclaim through his message and his mission to the world?

The idea of the reign of God finds its roots in the Old Testament. The Jewish People recognized that their God was personally present and active among them as a People. The God of Israel intervened and acted in their story, their history. Perhaps the best example of this, one which they often recalled, was the Exodus event. They saw this liberation from slavery as a work of God among them through Moses. In addition, the Jewish Scriptures acknowledge that God is also present in all of creation around them. At the very beginning of the Old Testament, this sense of God's presence acting in all creation appears in the stories of creation in the Book of Genesis.

Jesus' proclamation that the reign of God is close at hand grows out of this way of seeing God as present in our history, our present, our future and in all of creation. As Jesus begins his ministry he announces that God is about to break into our world in a new and powerful way. He will announce this reign time and again in his words and he will reveal it in his actions of healing, reconciling and bringing people together in peace. It will be this completed, fulfilled reign of God that will bring peace and harmony to humanity and healing and wholeness to creation.

Our call as disciples of Jesus is to be part of building this reign. We are to cooperate with God to make this reign more fully present in our midst. We cooperate by our outreach those in need and our care for the creation we share. In God's own time this reign will reach its fullness. Dermot Lane expresses this future promise of the reign of God:

*The future reign of God is about the gathering up by God into a condition of fulfilment and transformation of all the human efforts in this life which are directed towards the creation of peace and justice in the world around us.... The reign of God is ultimately about re-establishing right relationships between God and humanity, between humanity and the individual, between humanity and the whole of creation.* (Lane. *Christ at the Centre* 21)

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

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