

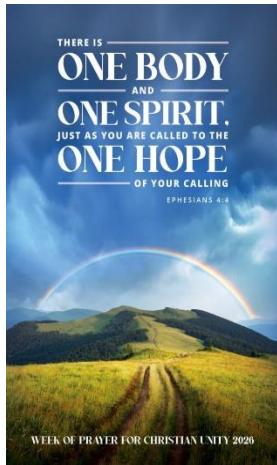
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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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 25th, 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Unity: This is the final weekend of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. From the resources provided by the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches, "Spiritual maturity involves embracing our differences while pursuing unity...our strength lies in our ability to reflect Christ through our unity, demonstrating His love and grace to the world.

Let us continue to embrace this divine calling to unity, not as an abstract ideal but as a vital expression of our faith. By living in unity, we not only witness to the love and power of our Lord Jesus Christ, but also embody the essence of his teachings. As we support one another and celebrate our diverse gifts and talents, let us reflect the heart of Christ and further His work on earth."

In speaking on unity, one of Mother Teresa's famous quotes, "*I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot. Together, we can do great things.*"

'Growing Into Christ', is from Day 8 and is the last reflection/prayer for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and begins by speaking on the gifts God gave each of us for building up the Body of Christ. The same gifts reflected in Mother Teresa's quote on unity.

Day 8, January 25th: Growing Into Christ

Verse for the day: The gifts he gave were for building up the Body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ (cf. Eph 4:13)

Reflection: In Ephesians 4:13 the apostle Paul summarizes the vision of the Body of Christ in three key areas: unity in faith, maturity in knowledge, and fullness in Christ. Maturity comes through an ever-deepening knowledge of Jesus Christ. This is life-changing knowledge that leads us to renew our minds and put it into practice in actions rather than just intellectual comprehension. We resemble him more and more as we get to know him better. To gain this knowledge, one must both study his teachings and live them in obedience daily. The "full stature of Christ" is the goal of Christian maturity.

It means becoming more like Jesus in every way: loving as he loves, serving as he serves, and reflecting his character. We are called to evaluate our spiritual journey, seeking unity with each other, growing in our knowledge of the Son of God, and striving for his fullness in us.

A question to consider: How are we growing in our knowledge of Christ and allowing that knowledge to shape our actions, thoughts and relationships?

Prayer: O Christ, True Light of the world, make my soul worthy to see the light of your glory with joy on the day of my calling, and to rest with the hope of good things in the house of the righteous, until the day of your great coming.

Have mercy upon your creation, and on me, a great sinner. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and always and unto the ages of ages. 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:

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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.



Parish Call Out Program – STAY INFORMED! We are doing this to reach out to as many parishioners as possible to keep them informed of activities in the Church. Building a relationship is about keeping in touch. Please let us know if you or anyone you know would like to be part of our program by contacting the office at 444-6021, or email: office@stkateri.ca

It's Cookie Sunday Weekend - 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!

READINGS for January 25th

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Jan 25 th	Deceased Members of the Russell Family
Feb 1 st	For the People
Feb 8 th	Pauline Francis
Feb 15 th	For the People
Feb 22 nd	McKerral Family

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

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
Feb 7 th	For the People
Feb 8 th	Louise Mason / Father Jack Dolan
Feb 14 th	Fred & Rita Burgoon
Feb 15 th	Nicole Mary Bourcier
Feb 21 st	Norah Marshall
Feb 22 nd	For the People
Feb 28 th	Norma Browny
Mar 1 st	For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Jan 25 th	Elaine Geldart
Feb 1 st	Carolann Doherty
Feb 8 th	Betty Colligan
Feb 15 th	Mike Solomon
Feb 22 nd	Lawrence Cameron

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Jan 24 th	Margie Snell / Joan Sowers
Jan 25 th	Anita & Ray Allain / Bonnie Deveau Victoria Olopade
Jan 31 st	Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider
Feb 1 st	James McGroarty, Clair/Sophia Obi Genevieve Obi, Oma Okoye

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Jan 24 th	Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
Jan 25 th	Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange
Jan 31 st	Ron Breau/ Harold DeCoursey
Feb 1 st	Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

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: Solidarity and the Role of Government. The state is an instrument to promote human dignity, protect human rights and develop the common good. Subsidiarity says that these government functions must be performed at the lowest level possible. Higher levels of government must intervene only when a function cannot be adequately performed at a lower level.

EXAMPLE IN ACTION: This principle goes hand-in-hand with participation, the principle that all peoples have a right to participate in the economic, political and cultural life of society, and in decisions that affect their communities.

Rather than sending “development experts” or Canadian volunteers to run projects in the Global South, **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada supports local grassroots organizations.** These partners work to promote alternatives to unjust systems and find solutions that benefit whole communities. Recognizing the expertise of local people in matters that affect them, our partnership model empowers local people to be the agents of their own development, **on their terms.**

We also encourage international cooperation and responsible governance. Too often, governments act in self-interest or in the interest of corporations and powerful people, instead of acting in the interest of local communities. This can allow conflicts to fester internally or with other states. Subsidiarity affirms the state’s role of empowering just institutions and communities; respond to people’s needs and aspirations; and collaborating with other states to build a more equitable world.

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.

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.

Summary of Support for January 17 & 18

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,356.55
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
St. Patrick's Cemetery	25.00
Building Fund	20.00
New Year's	5.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,721.17

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*

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Your 2025 Donation Receipts are available to pick up at the church entrance. Please advise the parish office if you wish to have your receipt mailed and confirm your address. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

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

SHARE LENT 2026 Workshop: The Saint John Diocesan Council for Development and Peace will be holding a **Share Lent Workshop on Saturday, February 7, at Holy Family Church, Fredericton**, beginning at 10 am to 2 pm. Our Maritime Animator, Adah Ogbe, will be presenting the workshop for our 2026 campaign **“On Track for Justice”**. The workshop will gather at 9:30 am for a meet and greet, and the session begins at 10 am. Lunch will be provided on site. All are welcome. If you cannot come in person, you can take part virtually by registering on the link below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with the link to join the meeting on Feb. 7. Hope to see you on Feb. 7.

Our Sacred Stories

WHAT FACE DO WE SHOW TO WHERE WE LIVE OUR LIFE –

WHO DO WE REFLECT?

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven*

(Fr. John Jennings)

This past week a friend of mine sent me an online clip in which American TV Broadcaster, Anderson Cooper reported on a group of c.20 Buddhist monks we are currently on a 2300-mile pilgrimage, walking from Fort Worth Texas to Washington DC. The three-month trek is to call attention to our world's longing for peace. Along the route, people have gathered in support of the monks as they walked along, praying for the peace for which our whole world longs.

The simple walk for peace is timely for it comes when our world is riven with disputes, divisions and wars. The monks are making a statement of what is our hearts' desire. We long for peace - between individuals and families, between countries and regions. We all long for peace in our world and it is possible. Each and every one of us can respond to this human longing, even in small steps. The way people along the route have, gathered and supported the pilgrims on the road is indicative of this shared desire for peace.

We find a similar desire expressed by Jesus in his farewell to his followers. In John's Gospel we find this heart-felt desire for peace and unity expressed in Jesus' own prayer for those who follow his way: *May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe that it was you who sent me. I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one* (John 17:21-22). At the foundation of peace lies mutual love and respect. It characterizes what we call the Kingdom of God.

This very familiar phrase greets us as we say the *Our Father*, the most common and characteristic of Christian prayers. What is this *kingdom* that we speak of? How do we fit into it? What are we praying about when we speak of the *kingdom*? Normally when we use the word *kingdom* or *reign* it refers to a political unit or a place somewhere. It will have boundaries, limits to who belongs, qualifications or citizenship requirements. In other words, it will include some, but not all people. This is not what we mean when we speak of the *kingdom of God*, the *kingdom of heaven* or the *reign of God*. Listening to what Jesus proclaims takes us into a very different *kingdom* or *reign*.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus begins his mission with a very simple and direct proclamation: *Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near*. Whether we speak of it as the *kingdom of heaven*, the *kingdom of God*, or the *reign of God* we are dealing with the same thing. It is what Jesus

revealed in what he said and in what he did. And, it was about something that does not fit into our usual image of a *kingdom* or a *reign*. In other words, it does not have boundaries, limits or citizenship requirements.

The *reign of God* is not a place, but a presence. It is not somewhere, but everywhere. It does not include some people, but all people. In both word and action, Jesus lived this *reign*. He offered the Good News of the *kingdom* to all peoples of every age and every nation or place. And he called on every nation and person to be with him as he proclaimed and built this *reign of God* in his own time,... and through his Spirit in every time and place.

Everything that Jesus said and did points to this *reign of God*. In his care he reached out to women and men, to adults and children, to poor and rich, to Jews, Samaritans, Romans in short to every person he encountered. No one was beyond the boundaries. He offered the healing and reconciling love of God to all. When Matthew presents Jesus saying: *Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near*, he is declaring that in Jesus, we encounter this *reign or kingdom*.

Through Jesus and through all who live with the Spirit, this *reign of God* pours into our world, into the secular society of which we are a part and into the events and experiences that we live with each other. In everything we do, the Spirit gives us the power and the call to reveal God's presence, God's healing and reconciling love through all that we do. In every loving, compassionate and open experience we have the capacity to bring that reign to life as a reflection of Jesus and his Spirit. The peace for which our world longs is possible in the Kingdom of God.

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers is a local charitable organization whose Fund Raising Projects support grass roots organizations in sub-Saharan Africa through the Stephen Lewis Foundation & Help Lesotho. New members are welcome; you don't have to be a grandmother. Our next meeting is on Monday, Jan. 26, at 1:30 in the basement of Holy Family Church on Hanwell Rd. Come to the meeting & learn more.

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>