

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 28th, 2024 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Prayer for Stillness - Fr. Ron Rolheiser

“Be still and know that I am God. Scripture assures us that if we are still, we will come to know God, but arriving at stillness is easier said than done. As Blaise Pascal once stated, “All the miseries of the human person come from the fact that no one can sit still for one hour.” Achieving stillness seems beyond us and this leaves us with a certain dilemma, we need stillness to find God, but we need God’s help to find stillness. With this in mind, I offer a prayer for stillness.

God of stillness and of quiet...

- Still my anxiety, my heartaches, my worries, and stop me from always being outside the present moment. Let each day’s worries be sufficient onto themselves. Give me the grace to know that you have pronounced my name in love, that my name is written in heaven, that I am free to live without anxiety.
- Still the fever I inhale from all the energy that surrounds me, that makes my life feel small. Let me know that my own life is enough, that I need not make an assertion of myself, even as the whole world beckons this of me from a million electronic screens. Give me the grace to sit at peace inside my own life.
- Still the restlessness of my youth: still that hunger that would have me be everywhere, that hunger to be connected to everyone, that wants to see and taste all that is, that robs me of peace on a Friday night.
- Quiet those grandiose dreams that want me to stand out, to be special. Give me the grace to live more contentedly inside my own skin.
- Still me in the congenital fear that I’m unloved, that I’m unlovable, that love has to be earned, that I need to be more worthy. Silence in me the nagging suspicion that I’m forever missing out, that I’m odd, an outsider, that things are unfair, and that I’m not being respected and recognized for who I am. Give me grace to know that I’m a beloved child of a God whose love need not be earned.
- Still my unforgiving thoughts, the grudges I nurse from my past, from the betrayals I’ve suffered, from the negativity and abuses I’ve been subject to. Quiet in me the guilt I carry from my own betrayals. Still in me all that’s wounded, unresolved, bitter, and unforgiving. Give the quiet that comes from forgiveness.
- Still my heart so that I may know that you are God, that I may know that you created and sustain my every breath, that you breathe the whole universe into existence every second, that everyone, myself no less than everyone else, is your beloved, that you want our lives to flourish, that you desire our happiness, that nothing falls outside your love and care, and that everything and everybody is safe in your gentle, caring hands, in this world and the next.” (Excerpt – September 25, 2017)

IT'S COOKIE SUNDAY WEEKEND: 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.

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.

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.

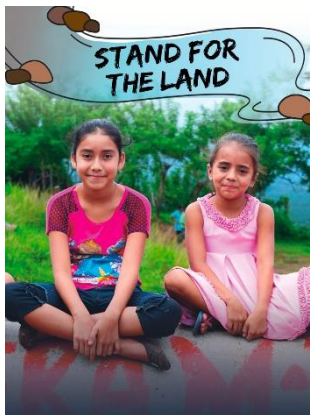
Register at the Zoom link below

, https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEucuGhqjgvH9LsLJkZ_muZeeC7PR1HWEB3

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION

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 on the Diocesan website (<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>



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.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Jan 28th Donald Atwin
Feb 4th Lynn Dunbar
Feb 11th Henry Colford
Feb 18th Jonathan Feeney
Feb 25th Pauline Francis

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Jan 28th Carol Ann Doherty
Feb 4th Betty Colligan
Feb 11th Mike Solomon
Feb 18th Lawrence Cameron
Feb 25th John Monkhouse

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Jan 27th Alton Chessie
Jan 28th Mary Lynch
Feb 3rd Timmy Toner
Feb 4th Brandy O'Donnell
Feb 10th Lewis Chessie
Feb 11th Ralph Christie
Feb 17th Deceased Members of Murphy Family
Feb 18th Pat Blanchard
Feb 24th Special Intention
Feb 25th Jacques Ajaltouny and Family

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Jan 27th Anna Mae Snider/Joan Sowers
Jan 28th Anita & Ray Allain/Bonnie Deveau
Feb 3rd Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley
Feb 4th James McGroarty/Claire & Genevieve Obi
Feb 10th Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Jan 27th Margie Snell / Lynn Laagland
Jan 28th Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney
Feb 3rd Colleen Hamilton/Joan Sowers
Feb 4th Joanne Linton/Verna McCloskey
Feb 10th Harold DeCoursey/Leslie Carr
Feb 11th Bettyanne McMackin/Sharon Watts

READINGS for January 28th

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts.

Your 2023 Donation Receipts are available to pick up at the church entrances. If you are not able to pick up, please call the parish office (506-444-6021) and it will be mailed out to you. If you have a change of address please advise the office. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Summary of your Support for Jan 20th & 21st

Regular/Loose	\$ 6,988.05
PAD (wkly. average)	1,851.75
Indigenous Solidarity Fund	100.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	20.00
Building Fund	25.00
New Year's	70.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,054.80

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

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.

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
The Reign of God and Crossing Boundaries
(Fr. John Jennings)

Mark, in his Gospel, describes Jesus coming into a synagogue (sacred space) on a Sabbath day (a sacred time). While teaching in this place, he encounters a man with an unclean spirit. In Israel such a person was ritually unclean and thus to be avoided. A person was deemed to be holy to the degree they kept away from the unholy, the unclean. Sometimes this was certain foods, certain action or on occasion, certain people. The man possessed of an unclean spirit was one of these last.

Jesus knows of this demand for avoidance. He does not allow himself to be bound. Rather he crosses the boundary for the sake of the Kingdom, for the sake of the Reign of God. Jesus recognizes that, far from being limited by the ritual purity law his mission is to cross over to bring life to those in need. In doing so, he brings the Reign, its liberation and its healing to the man with the unclean spirit.

The result of this encounter of the man with the unclean spirit is healing. Jesus expels the unclean spirit and restores the unfortunate person to wholeness and freedom from the bonds of the unclean spirit. By crossing the boundaries that limited others, Jesus was able to make present the active Reign of God. To enter the Reign of God means crossing such boundaries. It often means taking actions and holding positions that others shy from. Ultimately, it means reaching out to bring others the wholeness and the liberation for which we all long.

All of this is the basis of Catholic Social Teaching. This teaching developed in the Catholic community over the past two hundred years, beginning in the late 19th century when the Industrial Revolution began to impact our world. The event produced massive changes in world economies, social structures and political life.

There was a need to read the Gospel in a way that relates to these changes.

Out of this new reading came Catholic Social Teaching. The Church began to reflect on the basic elements of economic and social structures in the light of Jesus' message and mission. The teaching that comes out of this ongoing reflection continues today and its fundamentals affect the manner in which we view our own global society and its economic, social and political realities.

A number of basic principles form the foundation of Catholic Social Teaching. Such teaching calls for respect for the dignity of the human person, all persons. It is further founded on the priority of the common good in all decision making, political, economic and social. From this foundation flows the Church's call and advocacy for justice, peace and global respect in our world. Our Canadian Church expresses this in many ways, globally through The Canadian Organization for Development and Peace and its programs of aid and advocacy for justice, peace and the respect for equality of all.

The Reign of God knows no boundaries – it respects, heals and reconciles all of Creation.

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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPERS

St. Dunstan's Church – February 13th from 4pm to 6 pm. \$10 adults / \$5 children. Pancakes, sausages, baked beans, syrup, coffee/tea/juice and desserts. In the Monsignor Boyd Family Center gym.

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