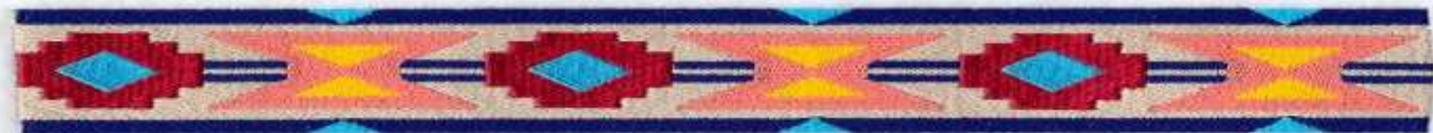


# St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 – Epiphany of the Lord**



## Note from Fr. Monte

During his weekly general audience last week, Pope Francis said: “The world is in need of hope, and with gratitude we can transmit a bit of hope.” The gratitude that comes from encountering Christ’s love and mercy is enough to bring joy and hope to a trouble world.

“If we are bearers of gratitude, the world itself will become better, even if only a little bit, but that is enough to transmit a bit of hope.” The Pope was reflecting on the prayers of thanksgiving and praise one finds in the gospel accounts of healing.

The gospel narratives, such as the healing of 10 lepers, are instructive. “The narrative divides the world in two. There are those who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it were owed them and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace.”

Prayers of thanksgiving begin with the recognition that ‘grace precedes us’ and the knowledge that ‘we were loved before we learned how to love ... If we view life like this, then ‘thank you’ becomes the driving force of our day. And many times we forget to say ‘thank you.’

Christians also experience gratitude when participating in the Eucharist and blessing God “for the gift of life... To live is above all to have received. All of us are born because someone wanted us to have life. And this is only the first series of debts that we incur by living: debts of gratitude.”

“The Path to happiness,” said Pope Francis, taking a quotation from St. Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians: “Rejoice always, Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit.”

**Our very own RYAN TAPLEY will be starring in an episode of ‘Murdoch Mysteries’ on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 @ 8 pm on CBC. Tune in to CBC and watch Ryan on Monday night.**

**Parish Updates on your Home Phone** - The Parish is looking to provide updates via phone messaging to include upcoming events and special announcements for our Parish. If you would like to sign-up for this service, please include your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the Church Lobby or call the Parish Office (444-6021) and leave your name and number.

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**New Parish Email Address:** If you want to send an email to the Parish office, please use the following new email address. [office@stkateri.ca](mailto:office@stkateri.ca) as the Roger’s email account is no longer working.

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### **READERS at HOLY FAMILY:**

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Mary Estabrooks  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Jane Buckley  
Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Paula Ryan  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Chris Robbins

### **Mass Intentions at Holy Family**

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Edna Saad  
Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Nicholas  
Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Leon Landry  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Stan & Josephine DeCoursey  
Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Dolores Turcotte  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Doris Romeo Blanchard  
Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> Jean Dufour  
Jan 24<sup>th</sup> John Bliss  
Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Adam Wright  
Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Tyler Messer

### **Readers for St. Ann's – Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Mike Solomon  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Feeney

### **Readers for St. Ann's – Jan 10<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Theresa Atwin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Szo

### **Mass Intentions at St. Ann's**

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Bertha A. Clark  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Claudette Laurence Grexton  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Marie Shooks  
Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Rose Atwin  
Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Alton Chessie

### **READINGS for January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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**2021 Offertory Envelopes are available to pick up. If there is not a box with your name on it, take a new box and fill out your name, address and phone number on your first envelope offered. Remember, Offertory through Pre-Authorized Debit is a convenient and safe way to give your donations. Forms available at the church entrance. Thank you!**

### **Cookie Sunday**

December's Cookie Sunday, which is normally held the last weekend of the month, is moved to the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of Jan 2021. Donations for the Food Bank will be accepted at any time. Thank you for all you do through the year for those less fortunate. Barb and I would like to wish you and Merry and Peaceful Christmas, Judy.

**2020-2021 Sunday Missals are available in the Church lobby - \$4 each.**

### **November INCOME**

Regular/Envelope	\$ 20,902.85
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 6,337.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,239.85</b>

**November EXPENSES \$ 13,068.51**

**Your continued financial support of the parish during these difficult times is much appreciated.**

### **OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS**

1. **Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD).** There are envelopes in the mail box at the main entrance of Holy Family church with PAD forms. Fill out and mail in the self-addressed, stamped envelope back to the parish along with a VOID cheque.
2. **Mail your envelopes** to the parish. St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.
3. **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).** Through online banking, you may send your weekly donations [office@stkateri.ca](mailto:office@stkateri.ca)
4. **Delivery to the Rectory.** Drop off in a sealed envelope at the Rectory Mail Box by the back door, ring the bell and Fr. Monte will collect them daily. If you choose this method, please put them in an envelope marked "OFFERTORY".

**Our Sacred Stories**  
**Darkness to Light: The Rising Light of Hope**  
**(Fr. John Jennings)**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples  
but our God will arise upon you  
and the light of our God will appear over you.

(Is. 60:1-2)

Covid-19, and the dark challenges and disappointments that touch our lives have been part of the whole Christmas season in this year. As we close the season with the Epiphany story there is a reminder that in midst of it all, there is always hope, and darkness does give way to light. This feast day is all about light and the broadening our horizons. Our readings on this Sunday begin with this piece from Isaiah with his impassioned call to all to see the light of God shine forth for all the peoples of the earth. The readings continue through Paul writing to a little community of Christians in Ephesus (Eph.3:2-6). He tells them that the good news of God's saving love is not limited to the Israelites but rather, shared with all of humankind and its saving light shines on all. Finally, we hear the story of Matthew which tells of the wise men from the east searching for the wonder which they find in the birth of Jesus (Matt.2:1-12). By following the light of a star, they come to discover this wondrous event for all the world.

The birth of Jesus, Son of God and son of Mary is for all humanity, in all times. It may have taken place in little and distant Bethlehem and at a time long ago. It may have resulted in the growth of disciples who have come to be called Christians. But it was not limited to Bethlehem.

Nor was it confined to that moment some 2000 years ago. Nor did it have import only for Christians down through the ages.

This feast day, with its story and its image of light calls us to recognize that what we have been given as good news of God's love is for all times, and all places and all peoples. We, as disciples are called to share this good news with an openness and love which embraces all creation and all humanity.

In God's Kingdom, there is a place for all. One of the wonders and expressions of Good News in the midst of our pandemic is the recognition that we are "in this together" – from our local community to our global community. The light and hope shines on all. We see it shining in the willingness to wear masks for the sake of others and we can note it also in the cooperative world-wide search for and development of vaccines. From the prophet's cry to see the light arise among us to magi's quest to follow the star, darkness is being dispelled by light. Such light reveals a universal spirit of God's love released upon the earth with the incarnation of Jesus the Christ among us. May we be light and love for one another.

**Hours of Mass and other services** at Holy Family and St. Ann's at Kingsclear:

1. **St Ann's Church. Mass** is offered on Sunday at 930 am. Contact Liz Solomon at 363-4493 or Father Monte at 470-2235 for information and seat availability.  
  
**Divine Mercy** has resumed at St Ann's Church every Friday at 3pm on January 8<sup>th</sup>. For further information call Liz Solomon at 363-4493. All are welcome.
2. **Holy Family Church. Mass** is offered by reservation on Saturday at 430 pm and on Sunday at 11am. To make a reservation call one of the following numbers: Barb Perry at 457-1559; Judy Kelly at 478-7274 or Holy Family Church Office at 444-6021 and leave a message with your phone number. **Note:** making a reservation is recommended.  
  
**Rosary** takes place every Thursday at 1030 am at Holy Family Church. All are welcome. For further information call Judy Kelly at 478-7274 or the parish office at 444-6021.

**Masks Mandatory in Indoor Public Places:**

Parishioners and visitors are advised that our Parish will follow provincial guidelines that **masks will be mandatory** for all indoor public places. Therefore parishioners will be required to wear their masks at all times, while in the Church.