

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

July 12th, 2026 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of Saint Anne



Join the Celebration on Sunday, July 26th at St. Ann's Church, Bilijik First Nation

Join us on Sunday, July 26th at 3:00 p.m. for Mass honoring Saint Anne, who holds a special place in the hearts of the Indigenous community as the grandmother of Jesus. A BBQ will follow at 3:45 p.m., leading into free Bingo with cash prizes. Contributions of salads, chips, or sweets are welcome but not necessary. Please bring all food items to the kitchen in the Church Hall before Mass. **Note: There will be NO 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, July 26th at St. Ann's.** Everyone is welcome to join in with all or any of this celebration.

Pilgrimage to Saint Francis of Assisi Shrine Sunday at Skiff Lake (Saint John the Baptist Parish). Annual Shrine Sunday takes place on the second Sunday of August (August 9th) at Skiff Lake. This year marks the 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S DEATH and has been designated as a 'Jubilee Year of Saint Francis'.

St. Francis well known for his love of nature and care for all of God's creatures often referred to all God's creatures as his brothers and sisters. He addressed the sun as Brother Sun and the moon as Sister Moon. He the patron saint of animals, ecology, the environment and those who promote peace.

In 1224 while praying on the mountain of La Verna, St. Francis experienced a vision and has become the first recorded person to bear the stigmata—the wounds of Christ.

The Shrine continues to be place of devotion and pilgrimage for many and is credited with healing the sick and infirmed for almost a century. This will be a special time for spiritual renewal where we will have the opportunity to attend Mass, pray the Rosary and take part in a healing service.

It will be a peaceful time to step away from our busy routines to spend some time in devotion and community.

SIGN-UP NOW! Arrangements have been made to provide bus transportation to the Shrine at no charge to participants. Please see the schedule below and information on what you need to know regarding the day's event.

If you are interested in attending by bus, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the lobby of Holy Family Church and St. Ann's Church or contact Judy Kelly via email at office@stkateri.ca or call 506-444-6021. **The deadline to reserve a seat is Sunday, July 26th.**

Schedule for Sunday, August 9th:

8:15am: bus leaves Holy Family Church parking lot*
9:00am: bus Wulastukw Convenience Store parking lot*
10:30am: estimated time of arrival at Shrine
11am-12noon: Open-air Mass Celebrated by Bishop Riesbeck
12:15pm: Picnic Lunch: You may bring a bag lunch or there will be a canteen open for sandwiches, hot dogs, sweets, soft drinks and water.

1pm-2pm: Rosary

2pm: Healing Service with Holy Oils

3:15pm: Bus Departs after healing service

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DEPARTURE TIMES WILL BE AS INDICATED IN THE SCHEDULE TO ALLOW FOR ARRIVAL TIME FOR MORNING MASS AND THE RETURN TRIP HOME.**

What you need to know/bring for the day:

- Seating: There are benches at the site but you may wish to bring your own lawn chair.
- The open-air event **takes place rain or shine**, so dress appropriately for the weather that day. In addition to your own chair, you may want to bring an umbrella to protect from sun or rain.
- There is no fee to enter the Shrine but there will be an offertory during Mass; a kiosk selling medals, etc. and there is an opportunity to light a tea light in the small chapel on site. There is a donation box there if you wish to contribute to the support of the upkeep of the Shrine.

We invite you to join us as we unite in a spiritual journey of prayer, song and healing. All are welcome.

HONOURING OUR ANCESTORS

NATOAGANEG POWWOW

Dance the entire weekend!
Adults \$200 plus travel
Youth \$100
Children \$50

JULY 16, 2026 - JULY 19, 2026
46 Riverview Road East
Everyone is Welcome!

HOST DRUM
Smokey Point Singers
CO-HOST
Indian Bay Singers

FRIDAY
7PM Merchandise BINGO
SATURDAY
1PM Grand Entry
8:30PM City Natives
10:30PM Fireworks
SUNDAY
11AM Dance & Drum Competition
1PM Grand Entry



HEAD MALE: Adrian Francis
TRADITIONAL HEAD MALE: Don Barnaby
JUNIOR HEAD MALE: Jarred Simon-Ward
TINY TOT HEAD MALE: Michael Martin

HEAD FEMALE: Amanda Francis
TRADITIONAL HEAD FEMALE: Natasha Martin-Mitchell
JUNIOR HEAD FEMALE: Serena Francis
TINY TOT HEAD FEMALE: Emma Levi

ARENA DIRECTOR: Brandy Googoo

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: NIPAHTUWET NAKA WESPAHTUWET POSSESOM

NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE
NO WEAPONS OR ANIMALS (REGISTERED SERVICE ANIMALS EXEMPTED)
QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT VICTORIA AT 506-627-4600

 

WELAMUKOTUK 11TH ANNUAL POWWOW



JULY 10 TO THE 12TH
FOLLOW THE BEAT OF THE DRUM TO
THE END OF HIAWATHA AVENUE, OROMOCTO FIRST NATIONS

MC - POSSESOM PAUL

HOST DRUM: MUSKRAT CHANTERS **CO-HOST DRUM: SIPU BOYZ**

OVER 50 VENDORS **HEAD DANCERS: AMANDA MARTIN & ADRIAN FRANCIS** **MAGICIAN JESSE CAMPBELL**

IN COMMUNITY HEAD DANCERS: DAKOTA VERNER, CHACE GREEN
JUNIOR HEAD DANCERS: ELLIE BOURQUE, GRAYDON CRAIG

INVITED DRUMS: SMOKEY POINT, AMU SINGERS, STONEY BEAR, WABANAKI CONFEDERACY
ARENA DIRECTOR: MIKE DENNY **FOR MORE INFO CHARLOTTE THURBER 506-262-2442**

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL: TRADITIONAL GAMES WITH ANGEAC ACQUIN **SATURDAY & SUNDAY GRAND ENTRY AT 1PM** **ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE EVENT SERVICE DOGS ONLY**

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DATE

July 16th - 19th: Natoaganeg (Eel Ground) Pow Wow. The annual Natoaganeg Pow Wow takes place at the Natoaganeg Pow Wow Grounds at 46 Riverview Road East on the Natoaganeg – Eel Ground First Nation, overlooking the Miramichi River. Activities include Host Drum, Smokey Point Singers and Co-Host, Indian Bay Singers; dance and drum competition, a bingo and fire works. Everyone is welcome!

Welamukotuk 11th Annual Powwow. Follow the beat of the drum to the end of Hiawatha Avenue, Oromocto First Nations. The Pow Wow is scheduled for July 10th to 12th. There will be over 50 vendors. Invited drums include: Smokey Point, Amu Singers, Stoney Bear and Wabanaki Confederacy. Host Drum will be Muskrat Chanters and Co-Host Drum Sipu Boyz. The event also includes Community Head Dances, Dakota Verner and Chace Green and Junior Female Head Dancer (Jingle Dance) Ellie Bourque and Junior Male Head Dancer (Grass Dancer) Graydon Craig. Grand Entry is scheduled on Saturday and Sunday at 1pm. All are welcome!

REFLECTION CORNER



“A good deed is never lost; they who sow courtesy reap friendship, and they who plant kindness gather love.”

-St. Basil

A Summary of Support for July 4 & 5

Regular/Loose	\$ 5,277.25
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
St. Patrick's Cemetery	45.00
Oromocto Food Bank	40.00
Chrysalis House	190.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund	50.00
Cathedral Restoration	50.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,950.71

**Thank you for your continued support
Of our parish.**

Readings for July 12th

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that fell on good soil produced a hundred fold.

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

July 12th Mike Solomon

July 19th Lawrence Cameron

July 26th John Monkhouse

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

July 12th For the People

July 19th Constance Solomon

July 26th Gregory Francis

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

July 11th Sean Richards

July 12th Enitan Andrews / Lidia Rosario Valle

July 18th Peter Cronin

July 19th Ray St. Laurent

July 25th Stephen MacSween / Gary Stewart

July 26th Nora Marshall

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 11th Roly McSorley / Mary Beth Gorey

July 12th Ray & Anita Allain

July 18th Paula Ryan / Mona LeBlanc

July 19th Chinyere Alozie / James McGroarty

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 11th Ron Breau / Judy Kelly

July 12th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

July 18th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton

July 19th Annie Zdyb-Rinne / Verna McCloskey

Summer Readers Schedule at Holy Family: Thank you to everyone who signed up for time slots for reading over the summer months. For Saturday's 4:30pm Mass we still are missing one reader for August 1st. Please contact Jane Buckley if you are able to fill the remaining spot for this date. You will find a copy of the Summer Readers Schedule in the lobby of the Church.

Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at St. Anthony's Church on Friday, July 17 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

Our Sacred Stories

Bearing Burdens – Blessed with God's Love

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

May God bless the people of Venezuela. On June 24, the north of the country experienced two, almost simultaneous severe earthquakes (7.4 & 7.5, with many aftershocks). To date, many thousands have been killed and large tracts of the country face collapsed buildings and services. The people of Venezuela are facing a tragedy that is hard to imagine.

Our shared humanity dictates that we need to reach out to this battered country in a way that assists them in carrying what they now face. Their burdens, are our burdens. And the burdens are immense – the pain of so many lost, the rescue efforts on a huge scale, the destruction of much on which they depend as a society, and the great cost of rebuilding what is now gone.

Our Christian community and our faith in a God who loves, call us to recognize no one faces these challenges alone. In times of challenge, we are called as disciples of Jesus, to reach out to one another with the care and compassion of God among us. Our attention and our actions at times of struggle are a reflection of God's compassion for the most burdened in our human community.

The words of Ps 145 in today's liturgy ring true when our actions express the way God acts for all creation: *Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Our God is good to all, and his compassion is over all that God has made.* Such compassion, freely and generously given in times such as this is a reflection of how the God of our faith, acts with us always.

Our Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments constantly remind us that God's love is freely and generously given. In a recent daily meditation of Fr. Richard Rohr we were reminded of this freely given love of God that is at the core of our faith. Fr. Richard put it in this very personal manner:

God does not love you because you are good; God loves you because God is good...

He goes on to say: *The older I get, the more I am sure that God does all the giving and we do all the receiving. God is always and forever the initiator in my life, and I am, on occasion, the half-hearted respondent* (Rohr. "Daily Meditations" June 29, 2026).

Witnessing the burdens and needs of Venezuela, offers us a moment in life where we can express the very compassion that God's own goodness showers on us each and every day of our lives.

While there might not be any immediate or direct way in which we can remove the pain in Venezuela's tragedy, we can begin to respond with prayer for the people of the country. Perhaps as well, we can assist through donations to various aid agencies.

(It is possible, for example to contact *Caritas International* online. It works through *World Vision* and several other aid agencies in Venezuela)

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus repeatedly shows his mission to be the revelation of God's delight in us. At the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt.5:1-12), Jesus proclaims those famous blessings, the beatitudes. It sets the tone for the whole mission of Jesus. In the midst of the burdens and challenges of life, Jesus reassures us. We are reminded that God takes delight in our world and in each of us. God blesses us continually as a God of love and compassion.

It is the love and compassion of Jesus we are called upon to dispense in our care for one another. At this time in our human history, this is the mission we have been given as disciples and apostles of the Good News. It is the "yoke" we carry: *Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.* (Matt. 11:28-29)

Our Sacred Stories

Our Shared Mission: Planting Good News Together

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Chapter 13 of Matthew's gospel relates a number of parables, stories told by Jesus, intended to set forth the reign of God and its meaning. Jesus often used such stories of everyday life to share his message of living and spreading the Good News. Matthew 13:4-9 presents Jesus teaching with just such a parable.

It is a story of a farmer who sowed seed in his field. (Matt.13:4-9). He did this by "broadcasting" the seed, i.e. by throwing it about by hand. As the parable unfolds we see that the scattered seed fell on a variety of soils, some good, some not so good, some very poor. The result was as varied as the types of soil on which the Sower broadcast the seed. For the sower, the seed should be in all types of ground. The Reign of God, like God's love is unconditionally offered. God does not present it to some and not to others. God gives to all. All are to receive the seed that is offered.

Because the message, the Good News is so broadly given, the seeds of faith and spirit result in a varied Christian community. While our church, our community are unified, we are not always uniform. Our unity rests on our shared baptism, our expressions of faith and our efforts to share it are varied in language, culture and human experience.

It seems that God recognizes this. The reign is offered to all, even if we are not well-prepared or the most able of recipients. Able or not, we all are seekers and the quest that we are on is ultimately for the Reign of God that Jesus announced in his message and revealed in the actions of his mission. It is God's free gift. The task or the call of our Christian community, our Church is to share the Good News, in a sense – to "broadcast" this seed.

Pope Francis has helped us to recognize our character and role as a Christian community, as "Church". Shortly after he was chosen as Pope, in November 2013 he published an Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*. In doing so, Pope Francis set forth what he saw as his mandate for his papacy. It expressed how he viewed our Christian community, our Church. It also expressed his hopes for us, all of us, as Church: "The Church which 'goes forth' is a community of *missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice.*" E.G. 24.

Ten years later Pope Francis opened the door to a further and fuller vision of our Christian Community. He launched a Synod (Council) *The Synod on Synodality* (2023-24). The synod called together laity and clergy, to launch an awareness of a vision of Church as collegial, involving all the baptized with responsibility for the advancement of the Good News.

The Synod included women and men, laity and clergy. It was to be marked by three elements: *Communion, Participation and Mission*. At the end of the first session (4-29 Oct 2023), a synthesis of what had taken place was published. In its introduction, the role and gift of the Synod and the importance of being a community that acts with synodality was emphasized: *Despite our diversity of backgrounds, languages and cultures, through the common grace of Baptism we have been able to live these days together with one heart and spirit. We have sought to sing like a choir, many voices as though expressing one soul. The Holy Spirit has gifted us with an experience of the harmony that [the Spirit] alone can generate; it is a gift and a witness in a world that is torn and divided.*

In the wake of the Synod on Synodality, the call to each of our local churches and parishes is to live and operate in a synodal way. To do so is to become locally, in our parishes, what was shown in the Synod at Rome. It is a long and large learning curve upon which we are embarking. But it is a call to all of our faith communities. In some sense, our very identity as Church rests on how we become a true and loving Christian community, living and working together with the qualities of *Communion, Participation and Mission*. To do so is to reveal the presence of Jesus the Christ among us. And it can change us.

The very person of Jesus, human and divine, is God's way of reaching out to our deep longing, our search or quest to make sense of life. What does it all mean? The beginnings of a response to this basic human question lie for us in the person of Jesus and more fully in the Reign of God that comes close as Jesus proclaims it in word and action. A world in which the Reign of God is planted is a world in which there is life more than death, healing more than hurting, harmony more than division, peace more than war. Ultimately the Reign of God is the grail or the goal or the quest on which every human being embarks in life.