

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 14th, 2024 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Steadfast and Sure

By Erika Dawson

(Excerpt from the Book *A Moment to Breathe*)

“As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.” John 15:9-10

“NOBODY LOVES ME! She cried, hot tears spilling from her little girl heart.

Of course, her words weren’t true, but *feeling* trounced reality, and her perception became what she believed. I know this has been true of me and probably true for so many of you. We’re hungry for love and acceptance, approval and admiration. Our feelings often lie, telling us we’re unloved and unlovable, but the truth never changes—you and I are loved by God.

How deeply are you loved? You are loved with the same intensity and consistency that God loves Jesus. No matter how you feel, the truth is that you are loved completely, profoundly, unwaveringly! Nothing can separate you from his love! But here lies the crux. After telling us how much we are loved, Jesus instructs us to “remain” in His love, which he says is done by keeping his commandments. Will we? To keep his commandments is to love God with all our hearts and souls and minds, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

This isn’t a list of doing more or trying harder. As we draw near to the heart of God, we can live out of his immense love for us. Jesus doesn’t ask us to do anything he hasn’t already done. Jesus’ life is characterized by serving, humbling, giving,

obeying—even unto death. Are we willing to live like Jesus? To obey, to follow when it means denying ourselves? In this age of indulgence, can we abstain? In a culture of right now, can we wait? When others get, can we give? Instead of others looking at us, can we point them to Him? Will we surrender, serve, give?

May we remain in his love, resting our lives on the love of Christ, so we can authentically give our lives away to love God and love others well.

A Moment to Breathe...

Feelings don’t always reflect reality. Remind your heart that God is truth and God is love. And His love for you is steadfast and sure.”

MARK YOUR CALENDAR to Celebrate the Feast of St. Ann: This year we will celebrate the Feast of St. Ann in a special way. Her Feast Day is July 26th, but we will celebrate on **Sunday, July 28th. It will begin with Mass at 3pm at St. Ann’s Church in Bilijk (Kingsclear) – no 9:30am Mass that day. This will be followed by an ‘Opening’ of the newly finished Church Hall (Parish Center) with traditional ceremony and blessing and a ‘potluck’ meal.** This will be followed by Bingo. You are all welcome to all or any of this celebration.

This is a significant time to foster Truth and Reconciliation and the revitalization of Indigenous language, culture and spirituality. We plan to have Indigenous ceremony at the Mass and opening of the Parish Hall/Center.

YOUTH RALLY - SAVE THE DATE!

“Take Up His Calling”, a Diocesan Youth Rally will take place at the Villa Madonna Retreat House on **Sunday, August 18th, 2024, from 1pm-6:30pm**. This rally is for high school youth, so those going into Grade 9 this Fall up to those who graduated this year. Join us for an afternoon of sports, activities, faith, fellowship, worship and prayer.

There will be a bus from Fredericton going to Saint John for the day at a cost of \$15.00/youth. Be sure to book your seat early! Interested in attending, contact Patty Cameron at pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca or (506) 444-6018.

READINGS for July 14th

1st Reading: Amos 7.12-15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.3-14

Gospel: Mark 6.7-13

Responsorial Psalm: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Note from Fr. Bill about Mass Intentions: Due to an increase in requests for Mass Intentions for the same day and Mass time to celebrate special anniversaries and birth dates of deceased loved ones, you will notice at times that we have more than one Mass Intention for the same Mass. Church Law allows for this to happen and we are grateful to be able to provide this blessing as we live and celebrate all of the gifts of Christ’s Resurrection that we share in through the Eucharist.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann’s

July 14th Randy Murphy

July 21st Wayne McCarthy

July 28th Randy Murphy

READERS AT ST. ANN’S

July 14th Lawrence Cameron

July 21st John Monkhouse

July 28th Liz Solomon

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

July 13th Tammy Saad

July 14th Lorna MacNeil

July 20th Peter Cronin/Gary Stewart

July 21st Charlie Doherty

July 27th Eugene McGinley/Joyce Clowater

July 28th Walter Randall

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 13th Paula Ryan / Margie Snell

July 14th Maurice Harquail / Carl Duivenvoorden

July 20th TBD / Margie Snell

July 21st Mary-Ellen Badeau / Judy Kelly

July 27th Paula Ryan / Joan Sowers

July 28th Anita Allain / Ray Allain

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 13th Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey

July 14th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

July 20th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton

July 21st Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney

July 27th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell

July 28th JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey

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!*

Rosary: *Every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During Ordinary Time we will be reciting the Luminous Mysteries. Everyone is welcome!*

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 19th at 7pm**. All are welcome!

SUMMIT NIGHT: The Fredericton Catholic Young Adults are hosting “Summit Night – Re-discovering your identity in Christ”. Join us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as we learn how adversity does not mean that God has abandoned us. Guest speaker is Nathan Van Putten. This event takes place on **Friday, July 26th, 2024, 6pm-8pm at St. Theresa’s Church**.

National Indigenous Rosary
Saturday, July 20th at 1:30pm (Atlantic Time). This monthly gathering meets over Zoom to pray the rosary in 5 Indigenous languages spoken across Turtle Island. All are welcome to this occasion of joyful encounter! This is a free virtual event. To register click on the following link:
<https://www.galileecentre.com/monthly-rosary-signup/>



Gaza Pilgrimage (Part 2): A Day of Mourning and Hope, by Kiegan Irish, Animator for Eastern and Northern Ontario

Gaza Pilgrimage: A Moving Experience: I was profoundly moved by the depth of the Christian witness to suffering, the lamentations and the prayerful hope for peace. These were expressed through song, storytelling, readings from the Scriptures, and collective prayer. Some of the Church leaders present at the vigil had recently returned from Palestine. Others in the crowd were Palestinian Christians who had recently come from Gaza or were awaiting news of their families there. Hearing the stories of their journeys confronted us with the intolerable horror and humiliation faced daily by Palestinians.

Finally, we flew kites as a symbol of the spirit of the children of Gaza, so many of whom have had their lives unjustly cut short. Samia O'Day, herself a Palestinian Christian who works as a music director at a United Church in Brockville, played a song she had written. This song, entitled Kites, memorializes the pastime of Gazan children who some years ago won a world record for the most kites flown simultaneously. Now, by contrast, the sky in Gaza is filled with missiles and bombshells and the sounds of a people being indiscriminately destroyed.

It is rare that Christians across denominational lines come together to witness to that which we hold most dear—our God is a God of peace. Jesus, himself a Jew from the Holy Land, is the ultimate expression of God's final identification with the people who suffer the violence of imperialism and occupation. People of faith are beginning to recognize that despite the prevailing political support for Israel's war, we are called to act for peace, to witness that another world is possible. After the vigil, the church leaders went on to hold a parliamentary press conference. Over that afternoon and the following day, they met with Members of Parliament to advocate for a stronger and more courageous government response to the ongoing mass murder of Palestinians by the Israeli occupation forces.

Gaza Pilgrimage: An Old and Enduring Struggle: While the conflict in Palestine reached an unprecedented level of intensity with the deplorable October 7 attacks, the Palestinian people have been struggling ever since they endured expulsion and humiliation during the founding of the modern state of Israel 75 years ago. Christians are called to be a people of peace. I am glad to be part of a broader movement that recognizes that a durable and lasting peace is built on a foundation of justice. We are calling for a "Ceasefire Now;" but for that ceasefire to last, we must begin the hard work of dismantling the occupation the

Palestinian Territories, which has been illegal since 1967. We might consider our testimonies before the doors of Parliament one small step towards modelling the courage needed to follow the biblical injunction to love our enemies across ethnic and religious divides; and to make sacrifices for the sake of justice and peace. I am grateful to have been part of our collective prayer and pilgrimage, but the struggle for peace is far from over. Please consider donating to help our partners continue providing lifesaving aid and support to families affected by the conflict in Gaza." To donate online or to find other methods to donate, click: <https://devp.org/en/give-now-2/>

Summary of your Support for July 6th & 7th

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,175.00
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
Building Fund	55.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	580.00
Poor & Needy Fund	10.00
TOTAL	\$5,647.69

Update Summary of Support for June 29th & 30th

Regular/Loose	\$2,756.65
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
Building Fund	50.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	65.00
Poor & Needy Fund	10.00
Total	\$4,709.34

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: Uncover the secrets to a lasting supportive, transformational marriage. Even when a marriage is going smoothly, there are always opportunities to make it work better. The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Retreat takes place on **September 27-29, 2024**, at the Villa Madonna Retreat Center (Rothesay, NB). Contact 506-451-8489 or ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org.

Our Sacred Stories

Disciples: On Mission to and for All (Fr. John Jennings)

Disciples are learners. They follow and listen to the teacher/rabbi/Master. This discipleship is the role of those early followers of Jesus. Touched by what they heard and saw in him, the disciples walked and talked with him and grew to understand what he was all about – his message and his mission. They also developed a relationship of great trust with him. This trust is what we often call faith. Over time their faith evolved. The more they came to know Jesus, the more he came to mean for them.

Very quickly, these disciples and subsequent generations came to see Jesus as, the Messiah for whom Israel had been waiting and whom God promised through generations of prophets. But the disciples we meet in the Gospels gradually came to discover Jesus was even more than was promised. This awareness grew in the disciples with Jesus's death and resurrection. He became for them, the anointed one, the Christ.

In Paul's letters to the various communities of Christians that emerged after the resurrection, Jesus through his death and resurrection becomes the Christ, the anointed one and his significance grows beyond Israel to the salvation of all, the whole of humanity and creation. We can see the breadth of this vision in his letter to the Ephesian community of Christians (Eph.1:3-14). The faith growing in this community is to recognize that our redemption comes through the death and resurrection of Jesus as the Christ.

This core of our faith as stated by Paul reaches beyond our community to all humanity and all creation. As Paul expresses it: *With all wisdom and insight God has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth* (cf. Eph 1:3-14). Paul expressed this same vision of Jesus as the Christ for all in letters to other communities as well, eg. Philippians (Phil.2:5-11).

At the center of our faith, we begin to recognize what we call the Paschal Mystery - the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Our Baptism incorporates us into this mystery. By it we live as Jesus the Christ in the midst of our world. It is what we celebrate together every time we gather at the table of the Eucharist, and it is ultimately what we are called to as disciples, to live and share as the Good News for all peoples.

Our Church is called then to an openness and outreach that is the task of all disciples. As Pope Francis took on his leadership role as Pope in our Catholic community in 2013, he openly expressed this vision in an Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"). A key piece of what he presented was this

openness to all, no matter who they are or what their condition. He puts it this way: *The salvation which God has wrought, and the Church joyfully proclaims, is for everyone. God has found a way to unite himself to every human being in every age. He has chosen to call them together as a people and not as isolated individuals* (E.G.113).

Our Baptism immerses each of us in the sharing of this universal call for all peoples. Francis would say that fundamentally this is in how we show mercy. There are to be no limits or barriers thrown up to how we share this Good News. We as a Church, a Christian community are all to be missionary disciples with this Good News (E.G. 120)

Currently we are, as a Church, in the midst of a global synod. It involves every baptized member (laity, religious and clergy). We are all learning through this synod how we can have a voice in who we are, and how we can walk together as missionary disciple in our world, doing so for the sake of all humanity. It is not easy to be a "listening" community that really does listen to all voices.

Openness to the gift of the Spirit in our common baptism is what can make it possible. In the instructions to the first session of the Synod in October 2023, Baptism was recognized as the key to what is being a synodal Church: *A synodal Church is founded on the recognition of a common dignity deriving from Baptism, which makes all who receive it sons and daughters of God, members of the family of God, and therefore brothers and sisters in Christ, inhabited by the one Spirit and sent to fulfill a common mission* ("Instrumentum Laboris" [Instructions for the Work] 20).

Can we see ourselves as part of this Church and ready for the mission of sharing the Good News freely, openly and with joy to all, no matter who they are or what their condition?

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers Jewelry Sale:

Thank you to all the parishioners who have been so generous in dropping off "treasures" for our planned jewelry sale at the Charlotte Street Arts Center in early November. We will continue to leave the donation box at the back of Holy Family Church over the summer. Your support is most welcomed and appreciated! Further notice of details of the sale will be posted in October.

Holy Family Summer Readers: Thank you to everyone who signed up to read over the summer months. If you have been thinking of becoming a Reader please contact Chris Robbins at 506-454-7459.