

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 19th, 2026 – 16th 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'.



As we celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, we recall that Pope Francis chose his name in honor of this saint upon his election as Bishop of Rome. In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reflected on St. Francis, *"he was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself."*

He shows us the inseparable bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to Society and interior peace."

Take a peaceful break from your busy schedule to refresh your spirit in community. This special time features Mass, Rosary prayer, and a dedicated healing service.

SIGN-UP NOW! Arrangements have been made to provide bus transportation to the Shrine at no charge to participants. **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.

Schedule for Sunday, August 9th:

8:15am: bus leaves from Holy Family parking lot*

9:00am: bus leaves Wulastukw Convenient Store parking lot*

10:30am: estimated time of arrival at Saint Francis of Assisi 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 for a meaningful journey of prayer, song and healing. All are welcome.



METEPENAGIAG POWWOW
MI'KMAQ PRIDE
JULY 25TH & 26TH 2026
METEPENAGIAG POWWOW GROUNDS
2156 MICMAC RD, RED BANK, N.B.

42nd Annual

HOST DRUMS: WALKING BUFFALO, BLACK LODGE
INVITED DRUMS: Sipu Boyz, Smokey Point, Wild Medicine, Sacred Wolf
10:00 AM: REGISTRATION ON BOTH DAYS
1:00 PM: GRAND ENTRY ON BOTH DAYS
10:00 PM SAT: FIREWORKS

HEAD DANCERS: TJ Warren, Dabney Warren
MI'KMAQ HEAD DANCERS: Jake Larocque, Tayla Larocque
HEAD ELDER DANCERS: Donna Augustine, Tulley Paul
HEAD YOUTH DANCERS: Molly Anderson, Jarred Simon-Ward
MCs: Possession Paul, Jeff Ward
ARENA DIRECTOR: Dave Hookimaw

EVERYONE WELCOME!
CALLING ALL DANCERS & DRUMS

SUNRISE CEREMONY: 7:00 AM ON BOTH DAYS WITH DONNA AUGUSTINE
VENDOR REGISTRATION & ALL OTHER INFO: KEVIN LEVI@METEPENAGIAG.COM (506) 424-0274

MSIT NO'KMAQ • ALL MY RELATIONS

Metepenagiag Mi'kmaq Nation

July 25th & 26th: Metepenagiag Pow Wow. The 42nd annual Pow Wow takes place on the Metepenagiag Pow Wow Grounds, 2156 Micmac Road, Red Bank, NB.

Experience the heartbeat of our culture through song, dance, tradition, and community. All are welcome as we gather to celebrate our Mi'kmaq heritage, honor our ancestors, and create new memories together.

Activities include: Sunrise Ceremony at 7am on both day with Donna Augustine and Grand Entry at 1pm on both days. Everyone welcome!

Msit No'kmaq • All My Relations



HONOURING OUR ANCESTORS
NATOAGANEG POWWOW
JULY 16, 2026 - JULY 19, 2026
46 Riverview Road East
Everyone is Welcome!

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

HOST DRUM: Smokey Point Singers
CO-HOST: Indian Bay Singers

HEAD MALE: Adrian Francis
TRADITIONAL HEAD MALE: Don Bamaby
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

Brunswick CANADA **The Four Pillars SOCIETY**

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!

REFLECTION CORNER



**“A Christian is:
a mind through which Christ thinks,
a heart through which Christ loves,
a voice through which Christ speaks
and a hand through which Christ helps.”**

-St. Augustine



Neqotkuk welcomes you to their 23rd Annual Wolastoqiyik Traditional Pow-Wow which takes place July 24th-26th at Matuwes Park, 13096 Rte 105 Tobique First Nation, behind the Shell Gas Station (follow signage).

Activities include: Grand Entry at 1pm on Saturday and Sunday; traditional drumming, dancing, arts, crafts and food.

Everyone is welcome!

Cookie Sunday Weekend: July 25th & 26th is Cookie Sunday Weekend. In addition to cookies, the Food Bank is once again in need of 'anything tomato' i.e. tomato soup, tomato sauce or paste, canned pasta and pasta. 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!

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.

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

July 19th Lawrence Cameron
 July 26th John Monkhouse
 Aug 2nd Stacey Chessie
 Aug 9th Elaine Geldart
 Aug 16th Carolanne Doherty
 Aug 23rd Betty Colligan
 Aug 30th Mike Solomon

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

July 19th Constance Solomon
 July 26th Gregory Francis
 Aug 2nd For the People
 Aug 9th Fred Sabattis
 Aug 16th Alden McLenaghan
 Aug 23rd For the People
 Aug 30th Shelley Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

July 18th Peter Cronin
 July 19th Ray St. Laurent
 July 25th Stephen MacSween / Gary Stewart
 Eugene McGinley
 July 26th Nora Marshall / Nicole Mary Bourcier
 Aug 1st Father Ken Weir
 Aug 2nd For the People
 Aug 8th Vaughn McManus
 Shirley, June, Pauline Cashen
 Mary Albuquerque
 Aug 9th For the People
 Aug 15th Bernie McCann
 Aug 16th For the People
 Aug 22nd Tyler Messer
 Graham & Walter Randall
 Aug 23rd Eugene and Theresa Brennan
 Roy Schadeck and Deceased Fam Members
 Aug 29th Patricia Okoye
 Aug 30th Fred and Bethany Burgoon

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 18th Paula Ryan / Mona LeBlanc
 July 19th Chinyere Alozie / James McGroarty
 July 25th Joan Sowers / Margie Snell
 July 26th Doreen Cormier / Maureen Hawthorne

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 18th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
 July 19th Annie Zdyb-Rinne / Verna McCloskey
 July 25th Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey
 July 26th JoAnne Linton / Laura McDonald

A Summary of Support for July 11 & 12

Regular/Loose	\$ 2,852.05
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
St. Patrick's Cemetery	45.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,195.51

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*

Our Sacred Stories

Church: A Community of Saints (Fr. John Jennings)

In Matthew's Gospel, the writer has Jesus relating a number of stories or parables to describe what the reign of God is like. The proclamation that the reign is present and near is at the core of Jesus's message. The parables of the Reign of God are efforts to help us recognize that presence. In chapter 13, Jesus tells several short parables of simple human activity and experiences. In one of them he tells of seeds sown among weeds in a field, in another he relates the way leaven/yeast mixed into the flour affects all of the bread (Matt.13:24-30, 33). It is in this "reign if God" that we discover a community of saints.

We might have many images of saints. Often, we see them as perfect (or nearly so), as pious and prayerful, as persons who have lived lives of strong spirituality, as individuals who were so good that they seem beyond our capacities. This image seems so removed from our own lives. And frequently we regard saints as turning their backs on the world. Quite the opposite.

Being a saint is living the Spirit in the midst of our world and what is going on around us. Being a saint is responding with love and compassion to the challenges of our world today. In every age, there are challenges that call for a Spirit of loving compassion and a willingness to life-giving action. The saint in us and among us arises in the responses to these challenges, in every age and place. Such saints are ever the active disciples of Jesus the Christ in our world.

In the recent *Synod on Synodality* (2023-24), Pope Francis turned to an ancient tradition that acknowledges this collegial and communal character of our Catholic Church. He gathered laity and clergy,

women and men from around the world, to enter into prayer, discernment and dialogue. This was much more than two meetings held in Rome. It was a process intended to be a journey of the whole Church, in which all the Catholic communities/churches around the world were encouraged to participate.

This encouragement is evident in the *Synthesis Report* issued at the end of the First Session (28 Oct 2023) which captures the global spirit and its hopes. The *Report* states:

The entire journey, rooted in the Tradition of the Church, is taking place in the light of conciliar teaching. The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) was in fact, like a seed sown in the field of the world and the Church. The soil in which it germinated and grew was the daily lives of believers, the experience of the Churches of every people and culture, the many testimonies of holiness and the reflections of theologians.

The process began in local churches before the first session in Rome (Oct 2023) and it continues today, after the second session in Rome (Oct 2024). Synodality is intended to be active in our church experience both globally and locally even now. It is an expression of the Church's character and spirit.

Saints are a valued part of our Catholic Church tradition. They can be found in our Creed where we proclaim our belief in the "communion of saints". To express this belief is to assert that we live in fellowship with those who have died and gone before us. Their good continues to touch us all in our personal and in our community lives. In fact, our Creed calls us to something even bigger, more surprising. We are, even now, to be a community of saints, living in our world of the present

The "communion of saints" is not limited to those who have died and gone before us. Their good is not just an outreach from the past. They are the models for our present and the hope for our future. And saints are all around us. In the midst of our world and our own times, we sow the seeds of the reign of God on the "good soil" and the bad.

With the Spirit of Jesus, we are called to sow everywhere, in all times and circumstances. The saint does not turn their back on the world but walks amid the world reflecting the Spirit of Jesus to all. Then we are becoming saints for one another, and the reign of God is building among us. Who are my own saints, today?