

# 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Feast of Saint Ann

Join the Celebration on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Ann's Church



Please join us on **Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm for Mass** followed by a potluck meal and then Bingo.

### Note:

- 1) There will be NO 9:30 am Mass this Sunday at St. Ann's; and
- 2) Sign-up sheet to bring a food item for the potluck is in the lobby of the church. Please sign-up!

Everyone is welcome to join in with all or any of this celebration.

**Note from Fr. Bill:** This weekend I offer you a taste of the wisdom of Kathleen Norris. She is the award-winning poet, writer and author of the "New York Times" best sellers *The Cloister Walk*, *Acedia & Me: A Marriage, Monks, and a Writers Life*, *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*, *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*, and *The Virgin of Bennington*. Exploring the spiritual life, her work has been a great companion and inspiration for those seeking a contemplative life in the midst of the ordinary routine, gift and adventure of our everyday lives. Some quotes:

"Prayer is not asking for what you think you want, but asking to be changed in ways you can't imagine."

"If grace is so wonderful, why do we have such difficulty recognizing and accepting it? Maybe it's because grace is not gentle or made-to-order. It often comes disguised as loss, or failure or unwelcome change."

"True hospitality is marked by an open response to the dignity of each and every person. Henri Nouwen has described it as receiving the stranger on their own terms, and asserts that it can be offered only by those who have found the center of their lives in their own hearts." Dakota: A Spiritual Geography

From her book Acedia & Me: A Marriage, Monks and a Writers Life: "For grace to be grace it must give us things we didn't know we needed and take us places we didn't know we didn't want to go. As we stumble through the crazily altered landscape of our lives, we find that God is enjoying our attention as never before."

"But hope has an astonishing resilience and strength. Its very persistence in our hearts indicates that it is not a tonic for wishful thinkers but the ground on which realists stand."

"Because we are made in God's image, in fleeing from a relationship with a loving God, we are also running from being our most authentic selves."

From her book, Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith:

"There is a God who is not identified with the help of a dictionary but through a relationship."

"At its Greek root, "to believe" simply means "to give one's heart to." Thus, if we can determine what it is we give our heart to, then we will know what it is we believe."

**Cookie Sunday Weekend: July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>** is our next Cookie Sunday Weekend. In addition to cookies, the Food Bank is still in need of **canned pasta and Kraft Dinner** to assist families with kids at home for lunch over the summer months. 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!

## Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to participate in a pilgrimage, listed below are upcoming Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimages:

August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Undoer of Knots Jubilee Pilgrimage  
September 6<sup>th</sup>: Fredericton Proper Regional Pilgrimage  
October 4<sup>th</sup>: Our Lady of the Rosary Jubilee Pilgrimage  
November 1<sup>st</sup>: Saint John Kings and Charlotte County Regional Pilgrimage  
December 6<sup>th</sup>: Our Lady Star of the Sea of Jubilee Pilgrimage  
December 8<sup>th</sup>: Diocesan—wide Pilgrimage Day in honor of the Immaculate Conception

### Pilgrimages to Diocesan Shrines and Minor Basilica:

**Saint Francis of Assisi Shrine in Skiff Lake** (St. John the Baptist Parish). Annual Shrine Mass, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 11am. (More information to come.)

**St. Michael's Basilica** (St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Miramichi). Mass for the Vigil of the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 28, 2025, 5:30pm.

Bishop Riesbeck continues his **Regional Missions** in which all are invited to attend. The next Regional Mission will be held in Miramichi from September 29<sup>th</sup>-October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica.

As Pilgrims of Hope, the theme for this Jubilee Year, we are encouraged to make personal pilgrimages to the Cathedral at any time during the year. *"Jesus said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while'."* (Mark 6:31). Everyone is welcome to attend any Pilgrimages throughout the year including those designated for specific regions.

### READINGS for July 20<sup>th</sup>

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a  
Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28  
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

### Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

**Rosary** - Rosary is prayed every Thursday morning at 1030 at Holy Family. During Ordinary Time we will be reciting the Luminous Mysteries. All are welcome to attend.

### Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

July 20<sup>th</sup> Alton Chessie  
July 27<sup>th</sup> Gregory Francis

### READERS AT ST. ANN'S

July 20<sup>th</sup> Stacey Chessie  
July 27<sup>th</sup> Elaine Geldart

### READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 19<sup>th</sup> Beth Wright / Margie Snell  
July 20<sup>th</sup> Anita Allain / Ray Allain  
July 26<sup>th</sup> Joan Sowers / Judy Kelly  
July 27<sup>th</sup> Oma Okoye / Jane Buckley

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 19<sup>th</sup> Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton  
July 20<sup>th</sup> Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin  
July 26<sup>th</sup> Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey  
July 27<sup>th</sup> Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon

### Mass Intentions at Holy Family

July 19<sup>th</sup> Ray St. Laurent / Gary Stewart  
July 20<sup>th</sup> Garth Underhill / Dr. Graham Matthews  
Peter Cronin  
July 26<sup>th</sup> For the People / Nicole Mary Bourcier  
July 27<sup>th</sup> Antonia Lawrence / Patricia Okoye

### Summary of Support for July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 2,660.20</b>
<b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>	<b>2,314.62</b>
<b>Cathedral Restoration</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>St. Patrick's Cemetery</b>	<b>145.00</b>
<b>Oromocto Food Bank</b>	<b>35.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,159.82</b>

### 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](mailto:office@stkateri.ca)*

## Development and Peace – From Aid to Action: Part 1,



**excerpts from field notes from a Youth Ambassador by Kingsley Alozie, Youth Ambassador for the Atlantic Region:** The three-day event brought together youths, advocates and experts to explore the evolving

landscape of international development, justice and youth engagement through a feminist and community-centered lens.

### DAY 1 – INTRODUCTIONS, CONNECTIONS AND YOUTH

**DIALOGUE:** The symposium kicked off with vibrant introductions that allowed us to share our identities, goals and the roles we play as young change-makers in our respective communities. It was inspiring to meet and exchange ideas with youth leaders from across Canada and abroad, particularly students from Romblon State University in the Philippines. These cross-cultural exchanges reminded me of the power of solidarity and the importance of youth inclusion in shaping sustainable futures. As someone working on the preservation of Indigenous languages, I felt that this interaction reinforced the global relevance of our local efforts and how language and culture intersect with justice, development and peacebuilding.

### DAY 2 – GLOBAL AID, RECONCILIATION AND FEMINIST

**FOREIGN POLICY:** We began with a land reflection honouring the Mi'kmaq territory, grounding us in the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

The session by ACIC youth program manager Jackie Dowling on youth in international cooperation emphasized the need for youth voices in decision-making, a point that directly affirms my advocacy work with DPCC. A presentation on official development assistance (ODA) by Gabrielle Bardall, an assistant professor of political science at Université Sainte-Anne, clarified the workings of myths around global, and the distinctions between multilateral and bilateral aid. These insights sharpened my understanding of foreign aid and helped me critically evaluate how international support can either empower or undermine local communities.

Ambassador Lilly Nicholls addressed Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy, celebrating its support for grassroots women's initiatives while also highlighting its flaws, such as uncoordinated implementation and underfunding. I was particularly struck by the critique of Canada's contradictory role in global justice. Even as it speaks of promoting justice abroad, Canada benefits from exploitative systems like fast fashion and mining in the Global South. This tension mirrors the realities that DPCC seeks to confront by urging us to call out injustice regardless of where it originates.

On the last day of the forum, I was thrilled to participate in a street theatre skit; I played the role of the IMF. It was a complete display of the role world leaders play, which ended in smashing debt and equal distribution of resources. In all these experiences and workshops, I felt a deep reawakening in my faith because this was the coming together of different religions, blending for the good of all. Unity is strength, and we are all embarking on a journey which starts with Christ and ends with Him. I can best understand and carry on the message to others and hope that the change we seek is achieved.

## Call for Members of New Settlement Team

Currently we are waiting for news from IRCC (Immigration Canada) on 2 applications submitted in 2023 and 2024:

- Mengistab Gebretinsai and his 3 teenaged children. They could arrive this year.
- Four young Sudani adults, family name Merghani, who may arrive in 2026-27.

These 2 families have 2 things in common:

They will be supported in a big way by family already well-established in Fredericton. And there are already settlement teams formed within the Parish to support them.



Gimja Gebretensae



Woldazgi Woldemariam

**Now we in the final stages of applying to bring 3 Eritreans to Fredericton.** They would arrive in 2027-28. Two of them, mother and son, are living in a southern province of Sudan, in an area less affected by the civil war there. The other one, a nephew, fled Eritrea in 2008 and trekked to Israel, where he has been living and working in a country that is hostile to the idea of Eritreans settling there. Like the other applicants, these most recent applicants will be supported heavily by family already in Fredericton, with the biggest expenses, housing and food covered by family.

**Here are the areas where help is still needed:**  
**Finance / Medical / Education / Social**  
**Please see the Sign-Up Sheet in the entryway.**

## Upcoming Pow Wows:

### July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>: Natoagneg (Eel Ground) Traditional Pow Wow.

The annual Natoaganeg Traditional Pow Wow takes place at the Pow Wow grounds on Riverview Road East on the Natoaganeg – Eel Ground First Nation, overlooking the Miramichi River. Activities include crafts, music and dance. Everyone is welcome!



**July 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>: Tobique Pow-wow/Wolastoqiyik Neqotkuk Traditional Gathering 2025.** *Crafts, Music, Dance* Wolastoqiyik Neqotkuk (Tobique) 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Traditional Gathering, July 26-27 at the Tobique Mudwas Park, 13100 Route 105. All are welcome to join in the celebration of community and tradition.

**July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>: Metepenagiag First Nation Powwow (Red Bank):** Held at Metepenagiag Heritage Park, 2156 Micmac Road, Metepenagiag. A vibrant celebration of Indigenous culture, drumming, dancing and tradition in Red Bank, New Brunswick. All are welcome! We will continue to highlight upcoming Pow Wows in future Bulletins. [2025 Pow Wow Schedule](#)



## Our Sacred Stories

### Living Faith in the Midst of Our World (Fr. John Jennings)

Over the years, I have cycled often, in many places and with many friends. One of my most interesting companions was a couple who had a bicycle-built-for-two. They were delightful to travel with. He always took the front seat and steered, she sat on the back. There was one element of their cycling that was quite striking. On the road there was a frequent complaint voiced by the husband: “You’re not pedaling, I’m doing all the work”. The scene is not unique.

The Gospel of Luke tells a story of Jesus as he visits the house of two sisters, Martha and Mary (Lk. 10:38-42). Martha welcomes him into the home and works hard at being a hospitable hostess, seeing that he is comfortable, fed and generally looked after. Meanwhile, her sister Mary simply sits and listens to Jesus. When Martha asks Jesus to tell Mary to assist her in serving. Jesus tells Martha that her sister “has chosen the better part”.

I must confess that I am sometimes a bit disappointed by this response on the part of Jesus. Martha seems to be doing all the work, Mary simply sits. How many times in our lives have we heard brothers and sisters contesting with “he’s not helping, I have to do it all by myself”. When have we

found ourselves in work situations where most of the team tasks seem to have fallen on one or two persons. In classes where there is a team project, one of the frequent student complaints is directed at the team member who appears to be contributing very little effort. Martha has found herself in this situation.

The Franciscan spiritual writer Richard Rohr has a daily online article on lived spirituality which he entitles: “Contemplation and Action”. The title reflects the integrity of spirituality. Spirituality is not something apart from our human experience, our lives. In fact, it is a key element of our lives. Too often we struggle to bring the spirit into normal and everyday life. We create a divide between the spirit and the material. This dichotomy or division does no justice to either our lives or our faith and spirituality. Perhaps, Jesus is leading us to see the situation differently. It may well be that the story in Luke can lead us to see our communities of life – parishes, work, schools, neighbourhoods in a new way, a way that can be very life-giving for all. Faith and spirituality are meant to be lived amid all our other relationships and experiences. Our Christian faith, in particular honours this integrity with humanity and life.

A huge piece of our faith rests on the Incarnation – Jesus the Christ lies at the centre for us. This is the point of what John tells us in the Prologue of his Gospel: *The Word was made flesh, he lived among us* (1:14). John’s words, reflect a foundation for our faith. Our Catholic tradition constantly celebrates this foundation in our sacraments. We acknowledge the goodness, holiness and wonder of God’s creation in our use of material things to focus on the spirit of God in action among us.

Jesus’ response to Martha might lead us to see that any community, team or household calls for great sharing of each person’s energies and gifts with others. Martha’s gift was her action and energy; Mary’s was her engagement with Jesus. Both were required for a full expression of love and hospitality.

Our faith and our tradition express the same breadth of vision. We are a Christian community living in the world. This is a world that deserves to affect and be affected by our spirituality, our prayer and our action. We are not called as disciples to flee the world. Nor are we called to fear the world; or to dismiss the significance of our humanity or the material creation in which we live.

Both Martha and Mary have something to teach us about ourselves and our faith. Our Catholic tradition of spirituality is not a flight from the world, but an engagement with the Creation in which God’s love has placed us. Theologian, Thomas Groome captured this in what he called “The sacramental principle”: *God is present to humankind, we respond to God’s grace through the ordinary and everyday of life in the world.* Groome goes on to point out: *Life in the world is sacramental – the medium of God’s outreach and of human response.* (Groome. [What Makes Us Catholic](#) 2002 84, 85).