

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 21st, 2024 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Jesus Prayer

"Have mercy on us, Son of David!" (Matthew 9.27)

"When I try to pray, words fail me. I have no idea how to "pray constantly." Methods of prayer and meditation are too complicated for me. I want to pray in a way that keeps me focused on the basics.

Can you relate to any of these statements? If so, you might also relate to one of the oldest, simplest, and deepest of Christian spiritual traditions: the Jesus prayer.

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." The prayer appears for the first time in the Gospels, where some version of it is prayed by a collection of needy people—blind beggars, a desperate mother, a despised public official (see Matthew 9:27; 15.22; 20.30; Mark 10.47; Luke 17.13; 18.13,38).

With a sense of kinship and self-recognition, Christians mediating on the Gospels seize on the prayer as an apt description of our ongoing need for divine mercy. The early spiritual writers recommended this prayer as a way of centering our hearts on God and fulfilling the command to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5.17).

This simple prayer derives its power from "the name that is above every name" (Philippians 2.9) and is often compressed into the single word "Jesus." This says it all. To pray "Jesus" with our lips or in our hearts is to open ourselves to God's mercy. It invites the risen Lord to make his home in us. Gradually, his transforming presence fills us with joy and burning love.

"When I arise in the morning," says one woman who has made the Jesus prayer a part of her life, "it starts me joyfully on a new day. When I travel by air, land or sea, it sings within my breast...When I gather my children around me, it murmurs a blessing, and at the end of a weary day, when I lay me down to rest,

I give my heart over to Jesus...I sleep—but my heart as it beats prays on: 'JESUS'."

The Tradition is a reflection from the Catholic Women's Devotional Bible

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.

You are welcome to contribute to the 'Potluck Meal' by signing up for something on the sheet at the Entrance of one of the Churches after Mass this weekend (St. Ann's and Holy Family) or bring whatever you would like. Most important is to Bring Yourself!!

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.

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/>

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 21st

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6
2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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.**

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

July 21st Wayne McCarthy
July 28th Randy Murphy
Aug 4th Claudette Grexton
Aug 11th Pauline Francis

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

July 21st John Monkhouse
July 28th Liz Solomon
Aug 4th Elaine Geldart
Aug 11th Carolanne Doherty

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

July 20th Peter Cronin/Gary Stewart
July 21st Charlie Doherty
July 27th Eugene McGinley
July 28th Walter Randall / Paul Hayes
Aug 3rd Peter LaForest
Aug 4th Garth Underhill
Aug 10th Joyce Clowater
Aug 11th Dosithe Brideau

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 20th William Cormier / Margie Snell
July 21st Mary-Ellen Badeau / Judy Kelly
July 27th Paula Ryan / Joan Sowers
July 28th Anita Allain / Ray Allain
Aug 3rd Roly McSorley / Mary Beth Gorey
Aug 4th Ebuka Ezeokafor / Anuli Ezeokafor
Aug 10th Paula Ryan / Mona LeBlanc
Aug 11th Maurice Harquail / Jane Buckley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 20th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
July 21st Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney
July 27th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
July 28th JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey
Aug 3rd Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
Aug 4th Bettyanne McMackin / Sharon Watts
Aug 10th Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey
Aug 11th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

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.



Update on Bill C-226:

We are happy to share good news regarding Bill C-226, which was recently enacted into law, promises to

address the problem of environmental racism and secure environmental justice in Canada.

Last week, Governor General Mary Simon gave royal assent to Bill C-226, which addresses environmental justice and racism in Canada. Now a law, it requires the creation of a national environmental justice strategy to account for the effects of environmental racism—a systemic issue that results in Indigenous, Black and racialized communities being affected by environmental hazards more than other communities.

Environmental justice requires the consideration of how marginalized people—such as those in poverty or poor housing, workers, seasonal agricultural workers, women, and others—are also disproportionately impacted by environmental issues like unsafe drinking water, pollution, toxic wastes, climate change, lack of green spaces, workplace exposure to risks, and other risks.

BILL C-226: A LAW IN LINE WITH OUR VIEWS: This means that environmental justice is squarely in line with Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and the work of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada and our international partners. CST begins in the inherent dignity of every person, made in the image and likeness of God. God’s intent for human beings—and indeed that of all creation—is “that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Environmental degradation impacts the dignity of humans and their ability to experience full and flourishing lives as God intended.

As Pope Francis stated in the encyclical *Laudato Si’: On Care for our Common Home*, “Human beings too are creatures of this world, enjoying a right to life and happiness, and endowed with unique dignity. So, we cannot fail to consider the effects on people’s lives of environmental deterioration” (LS, 43).

(Excerpt from article written by Randy Haluza-DeLay, Development and Peace Animator for Central Ontario.) To read this article in its entirety which beautifully explains the law, its history, its relevance to the work of Development and Peace and its significance for Catholics committed to justice click on the following link: [Bill C-226: a victory for environmental justice advocacy | Development and Peace \(devp.org\)](#)

Summary of your Support for July 13th & 14th

Regular/Loose	\$ 2,699.35
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
St. Patrick’s Cemetery	40.00
Poor & Needy Fund	40.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,607.04

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*

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.

Cookie Sunday Weekend: Next Cookie Sunday weekend is **July 27th & 28th**. In addition, the **Food Bank** is in desperate need of canned items to supplement their food boxes. Items such as canned tomatoes, tomato soup and canned vegetables. So many are in need and any donation of canned items would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry!

Our Sacred Stories

Faith: Prayer, Relationship and Action (Fr. John Jennings)

Several years ago, I had the pleasure of traveling with some friends in Arizona. We stayed in an area close to a desert park. Each morning, we took the opportunity to hike the trails there. I had never been in a desert before and was struck by how different and wonderful it was. It seemed to have minimal signs of life, some cactuses and scattered grasses, the occasional small mammal and a few, mostly unseen snakes. That being said, the desert was beautiful, a place for being alone in quiet, for spending time in reflection.

Our scriptures take us to deserts frequently. In the Old Testament, the story of Moses and the exodus of Israel from slavery in Egypt to liberation in the promised land is a flight through the desert. It is a journey plagued by hunger and thirst, a sense of being lost and of losing confidence. But it is also a journey in which Israel as a people discovered who they were in their relationship with God. They were a covenant people, a people brought together by the love with which God held them.

In our New Testament, the desert is where, Jesus found himself after his baptism by John in the Jordan. As the Gospel of Mark relates it, his baptism brought him the Spirit and an awareness as God's beloved. That same Spirit led Jesus out into the desert and the temptations. With the desert experience, Jesus discovered his mission and the message that he was to share: *The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent [Have a change of heart], and believe the Good News* (Mark 1:15).

Moved by the Spirit, Jesus began gather disciples around him with the message and the mission to which he was called. The Good News they received was not just for them, it was to be shared widely and Jesus sent them forth to take the message to others and to reveal the active kingdom of God by their own reaching out to others. Periodically, Jesus called these same disciples to a desert, to restore and refresh the message and reenergize their mission (Mark 6:30-34).

This was more than a time of rest. It was a time for renewal and refocusing the message for the mission. Mark points this out by indicating that as they went away, they encountered new people seeking the message. Jesus did not avoid them, but reached out with **compassion**. The mission with its message of Good News had to continue with new energy. Such calls to deserts are what we sometimes refer to as retreats, opportunities to refresh and restore by stepping back from our regular routines.

Recently, I was invited to help two communities in retreats, one in PEI and another in Newfoundland. Looking back now, I realize that while I was called to facilitate these retreats, in the process of being with these communities, they were in fact renewing and nurturing my own faith. Coming to know them better and seeing their willingness to take on the disciple's mission through their service to others, the real, living compassion they expressed, brought new life and commitment to me. For them I am most thankful.

All of us are disciples. By our baptism, we share the same call to the same message of God's love and compassion. United in the same community of faith we have the support and encouragement of one another. This is what is expressed in the Synod on Synodality that our global Church is currently experiencing. (The first session took place in Rome in October of 2023, the second will occur this year in October. In between, we are invite to discover how we can best live as Church in and for our times.)

We are many peoples, cultures and languages. We have many ways of expressing our faith and yet we serve the same God and are called express the same message of love and compassion. It is not about uniformity, but rather unity as one People of God. In some measure, with the Synod, our global Church is on a kind of retreat, aimed at restoring and renewing our fundamental call.

In his address on October 9, 2021, calling for a Synod of our Global church, Pope Francis challenged us all to see our Church in a new light and to be open to the Spirit in our community of faith. He concluded his address with a prayer to the Holy Spirit: *Come, Holy Spirit! You inspire new tongues and place words of life on our lips: keep us from becoming a 'museum Church', beautiful but mute, with much past and little future.... Come, Spirit of love, open our hearts to hear your voice! Come, Holy Spirit of holiness, renew the holy and faithful People of God! Come, Creator Spirit, renew the face of the earth!*

As God's People in this age, in the middle of a Synod of our Church, are we able to welcome the Spirit, and live up to the dreams of a Synodal Church? Can our own faith be renewed for the impact and influence our global, multi-cultural Church? Can we recognize in the midst of our synodal experience this year, that we have the capacity to create a Church open to all, marked by compassion, service and joy-filled hope?



Dear Supporter for Life,

We trust this message finds you well amidst the joys of summer! With deep gratitude, we are reaching out to you in earnest plea for your assistance.

At *New Brunswick Right to Life*, we deeply appreciate your unwavering commitment to our cause. Your steadfast support has been instrumental in our ongoing efforts to assist mothers and children facing formidable challenges. Through our dedicated team, we provide educational resources infused with messages of hope and encouragement, advocating passionately for the sanctity of every life and addressing pressing needs with care and compassion.

Yet, as a charitable organization reliant solely on voluntary donations, **we find ourselves facing a critical juncture this summer. Regrettably, our donations have declined precisely when our expenses have surged.** Your past generosity has been instrumental, and we humbly appeal to you now to consider extending an extra measure of support as we navigate these financial challenges.

Our immediate goal is to bolster our monthly and quarterly donations to ensure the continuity of our planned initiatives in the upcoming fall season. Your generous contribution will directly impact our ability to uphold our programs and advance our projects within our communities and province.

Appeal for Action:

Should you feel inclined to donate, we offer several convenient methods: contacting our office directly at 506.459.8990 or exploring options such as e-transfers, donating through our website or by mailing checks

to *New Brunswick Right to Life*. Every contribution, regardless of size, will be promptly acknowledged with a receipt and wholehearted appreciation. We sincerely thank you for your invaluable partnership in our past endeavors and for standing with us as we forge ahead in our current initiatives. Your continued support is not only appreciated but vital to our mission.

With deepest gratitude and dedication to life,
Ewart Kenney, President - NB Right to Life.
office@nbrighttolife.ca 506.459.8990

Visioning Youth Ministry in our Parishes – a day of prayer, discernment, and discussion about Youth Ministry – Tuesday, August 27, 9:30-4:30 at the Villa Madonna.

Do you feel a burden of spiritual concern for high school aged youth in your parish? Do you feel a nudge from the Holy Spirit to help address the needs for evangelizing young people? Patricia Lee and Jim Anderson will be facilitating a day of reflection and discernment for anyone interested in discussing the needs and initiatives for the evangelization of young people in our parishes. This is for current and new people drawn to building youth groups in your parish. The gathering will be held at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay, on Tuesday, August 27, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Please register by email catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or by calling 506-627-6465.

Please extend this invitation to anyone that may be interested in building youth groups. To register click the link: [Youth Ministers Gathering \(office.com\)](http://YouthMinistersGathering.office.com)

