

# 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Feast of Saint Anne:** Please join us at St. Ann's Church, Bilijk First Nation (Kingsclear) on **Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm for Mass** followed by a potluck meal and then Bingo. **Please note that there will be NO 9:30 am Mass**



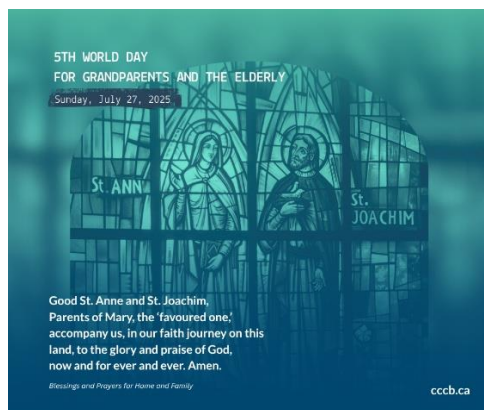
**this Sunday at St. Ann's.** If you wish to bring a food item for the potluck it would be much appreciated. Everyone is welcome to join in with all or any of this celebration.

July 26<sup>th</sup> is the **Feast Day of Saints Anne and Joachim** parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus and are also patron saints of grandparents. The Feast of Saint Anne is of special significance to Indigenous Peoples and many Indigenous Communities undertake an annual pilgrimage to shrines such as Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre (Quebec) at this time of year for a time of spiritual renewal and to honor Saint Anne as she represents the importance of grandmothers in their own culture. On this Feast Day weekend, we offer the following prayer:

**Good Saint Anne**, Mother of Mary, the Blessed one among women, (Lk 1.42) you were thanked by the newcomers on this glorious and free land for your protecting intercession during their uncertain trip on the sea and you were invoked by them in their trials in establishing new homes and traditions. Intercede for all our families so that, through the help of the Holy Spirit, we may grow together in peace and understanding and make our home hospitable to our visitors and guests. May we persevere, like you, in the love of Jesus and Mary and live pure and blameless lives in the sight of God. Grandmother of Jesus, our Saviour, you were honoured by the First Nations people of this land in your role of nurturing him and bringing him up to maturity. Intercede for all grandmothers, so that they may nurture their grandchildren with love and wisdom, teaching them to find their way in life and to be right in word and in deed.

**Gentle Saint Joachim**, Father of the Virgin Handmaid of the Lord, (cf. Lk 1.38) Grandfather of Jesus, among your descendants, you had the privilege to count the One whom your own ancestors longed to see, the long-expected Messiah. Intercede for all elders and grandfathers, who worked hard on this land, defending its integrity, and who grew old in the service of the Almighty. May God grant them to benefit from their remaining strength, to share the wealth of their experience and wisdom and to enter his Kingdom at the end of their earthly time.

Good St. Anne and St. Joachim, Parents of Mary, the "favoured one" (Lk 1.28), accompany us, in our faith journey on this land, to the glory and praise of God, now and for ever and ever. Amen.  
(Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops)



## 5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

This weekend we celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This annual observance was instituted by

Pope Francis in 2021 and is celebrated by the universal Church on or near the liturgical Feast Day of Saints Anne and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus. The theme, chosen by Pope Francis earlier this year, is "**Blessed are those who have not lost hope**" (Sirach 14:2).

In his written message for this occasion, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "Sacred Scripture offers us many examples of women and men whom the Lord called late in life to play a part in his saving plan. World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is an excellent opportunity for families and faith communities to seek ways to cherish and care for our elders, uplifting them as signs of hope for future generations." To read the Pope's entire message click on the following link, [Signs of Hope](#).

## Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimages.

**Saint Francis of Assisi Shrine in Skiff Lake** (St. John the



Baptist Parish). Annual Shrine Mass, **Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 2025, 11am.**  
**Schedule:**

10am-11am: Chapel open for prayer

11am-12noon: Open-air Mass

12:15pm: Picnic Lunch: You may bring a bag lunch or there will be a canteen open for sandwiches, sweets, hot dogs, water and soft drinks.

1pm-2pm: Rosary ~ 2pm: Healing Mass

All are welcome to join in this Spiritual Journey. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the day. The event takes place rain or shine.

(Directions: Civic address is 413 Upper Skiff Lake Road. For driving directions: take Exit 212 at Meductic, turn on to Route 122 towards Canterbury. Take Mill Street to Upper Skiff Lake Road, follow the signs or drive on Route 122 to just past Skiff Lake, turn right onto the Upper Skiff Lake Road, follow the signs.)

**DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC PLACE:** The Shrine to Saint Francis of Assisi is comprised of a small 19th-century wood frame chapel situated in an isolated spot within a pastoral setting. With the shrine and its collection of religious statues and artefacts.

The Shrine to Saint Francis of Assisi was designated a Provincial Historic Site to commemorate the construction of a place of worship by Irish Catholic settlers of the area circa 1865. The Shrine to Saint Francis of Assisi is also recognized for commemorating the 17th-century Franciscan Mission to the Wolastoqiyik people. Originally named after St. Joseph, in 1923 the chapel was dedicated to Saint Francis of Assisi, to celebrate relations between the Franciscans and Wolastoqiyik people.

This location still is a place of devotion and pilgrimage and holds significant religious import to Wolastoqiyik peoples and others of the Catholic faith. Credited with healing the sick and infirmed for almost a century, the Shrine to Saint Francis of Assisi is the site of an annual Pilgrimage on Shrine Sunday, the second Sunday of August. Source: Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport - Heritage Branch - Site File: Vol. VII-76

**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.

### **It's Cookie Sunday Weekend: July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

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!

### **READINGS for July 27<sup>th</sup>**

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

**Responsorial Psalm: On the day I called, O Lord, you answered.**

**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.

### **Summary of Support for July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 3,925.50</b>
<b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>	<b>2,314.62</b>
<b>St. Patrick's Cemetery</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,265.12</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)*

**The Annual Parish Pastoral Report and Parish Financial Report are available at the church entrances.**

### Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Gregory Francis
Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	For the People
Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	James Andrew McAllister
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	For the People
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pauline Francis
Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	Claudette Grexton

### READERS AT ST. ANN'S

July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Elaine Geldart
Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carolann Doherty
Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Colligan
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Solomon
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	John Monkhouse

### READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Sowers / Judy Kelly
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Oma Okoye / Jane Buckley
Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mona LeBlanc / Anna Mae Snider
Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maurice Harquail / Alozie Chinyese

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon
Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange

### Mass Intentions at Holy Family

July 26 <sup>th</sup>	For the People / Nicole Mary Bourcier
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Antonia Lawrence / Patricia Okoye
Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	For the People
Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ann Hawkins
Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mona Orem
Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	Leah Devlin
Aug 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Messer / Mary Albuquerque Leona Murphy
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	Roy & Eileen Hubbard
Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Graham & Walter Randall
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pauline Asterino
Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	Shelley Cameron
Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	For the People

**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](#)

**Development and Peace – From Aid to Action: Part 2, 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 3 – FOOD SOVEREIGNTY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND POLITICAL CHANGE:**

The third day emphasized funding, partnerships and localization, particularly through poster presentations that highlighted work being done in the Atlantic region. The discussion on food systems and seed preservation in Guatemala echoed themes of cultural and linguistic preservation, which are central to my research and advocacy. The call for food sovereignty challenged industrial agribusiness models and instead centered community knowledge much like the call to preserve Indigenous linguistic and cultural systems. Sessions such as *Aid, Agency and Accountability: The African Experience* and *Navigating Political Change for Global Justice* shed light on grassroots leadership and how young people can redefine narratives in postcolonial contexts. A case study on Haiti emphasized the importance of training youths to lead with a vision for justice. It reaffirmed my belief in bottom-up development and the importance of localized, youth-driven leadership.





## 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.**

### Our Sacred Stories

#### Why Pray and How: Praying as Jesus Prayed (Fr. John Jennings)

Somewhere at the center of our lives lie our relationships. To be human is to be social. To be social is to live a life full of relationships. Our lives are filled with connections, with family, with friends, with neighbours. On a broader scale, our world takes us far beyond our little selves to the communities in which we live, the country where we dwell and internationally to all the peoples and cultures we encounter in our world.

At the centre of our human relationships, whether we acknowledge it or not, we also have another relationship – with God.

This relationship with God is sometimes referred as our faith.

All our relationships, human and divine affect each other. Their health and their vibrancy depend on our interactions among them. Trust or faith lies at the heart of them all.

In the case of our relationship with God, we often refer to our interaction as spirituality. Sometimes we call this spirituality “prayer”. But it is more than rote or spoken prayers. More accurately, spirituality is *spending time with and attention to God in the midst of our lives*. Like all relationships, our spirituality calls for attention. Doing so, is nurturing our faith, just as spending time and attention with friends nurtures our friendships.

The spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen has pointed out that spirituality and prayer are part of everyday life. More than this, it includes our everyday life – all those persons things and experiences that we have every day. As Nouwen put it:

*To pray, I think, does not mean to think about God in contrast to thinking about other things, or to spend time with God instead of spending time with other people.*

*Rather, it means to think and live in the presence of God. All our actions must have their origin in prayer.*

*Praying is not an isolated activity; it takes place in the midst of all the things and affairs that keep us active...*

(Quoted by Ron Rolheiser. “The Holy Longing” Toronto, 1998 213).

In Luke’s Gospel (11:1-13) the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray like he did. What Jesus gave them is the prayer we Christians all say. We call it the “Our Father”. Praying with or perhaps spending time with reflecting on this prayer of Jesus, we acknowledge that prayer and our relationship with God are at the center of our lives. In doing so we can discover:

- Our God is a loving parent to us
- God’s reign is in our midst and is intended to grow stronger in our world
- God’s dream is that we be sustained, fed and nurtured in our human lives
- Our God is a loving God who forgives all and will never leave or turn away from us
- God’s desire is that we treat one another in the same way God treats us
- God will never lead us into places of harm. His love is always for our good
- And finally, this Good News is not just for us, but for all the peoples of the earth

This is our Christian spirituality our God is a God who has adopted all of us. We are all God’s children, God’s People.