

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 28th, 2024 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Feast of Saint Ann

Join the Celebration on Sunday,
July 28th at St. Ann's Church



St. Ann's Central Kingsclear was founded in 1717. The second Church was at Bilijk (Kingsclear First Nations) as was the third Church about 1820 or a few years later, and was destroyed by fire in 1904, the site marked by a cross in the cemetery. The fourth Church was erected in 1904

The church record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths etc. commenced in the year 1767.

St Ann's was a parish until June 1824 when it served as a mission from St. Dunstan's Fredericton. In 1883 it was re-established as a parish in its own right and was a part of the merging of parishes in 1981 and named St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.

Over the years St. Ann's has witnessed many changes, but throughout its long history, one thing has remained, the constant faith and goodness of the people.

The Wolastoqey community have had a central role in building and maintaining of St. Ann's Church(s) over the years and it has been a place of deep meaning and significance in their lives. In particular, the celebration of St. Ann's Day is remembered for Mass, salmon suppers, family fun and traditional ceremony.

In 2011, Bilijk, Kingsclear and Fredericton woke up to the terrible news that St. Ann's had burnt down over night. Three years later a new church had been constructed and started to have services on Dec 15th 2014. This past spring, with funding in place the well laid out plan for the Hall and Kitchen in the downstairs was completed. Now the new Kitchen and Hall is ready for use and will be opened with ceremony and blessing this Sunday.

Please join us on Sunday July 28th at 3 pm for Mass followed by a blessing of the new Hall, then a potluck meal, then Bingo.

Note: there will be NO 9:30 am Mass this Sunday at St. Ann's.

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

An Afternoon for High School Youth in our Diocese (ages 14-18) - Join Us for Fun, Faith, Fellowship and Food! "Take Up His Calling"

Date: **August 18, 2024** Time: **1:00 PM to 6:30 PM** Location: **Villa Madonna Retreat House**

Come and enjoy an afternoon filled with activities, faith, fellowship, and food. We are honored to have **Bishop Christian** celebrating Mass with us.

Don't miss this special event just for high school youth! We look forward to seeing you there. To help with food planning, email catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or text 506-627-6465 that you are attending.



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.

READINGS for July 28th

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44
2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel: John 6:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: You open your hand to feed us, Lord; you satisfy all our needs.

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!*

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

July 28th Randy Murphy
Aug 4th Claudette Grexton
Aug 11th Pauline Francis

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

July 28th Liz Solomon
Aug 4th Elaine Geldart
Aug 11th Carolanne Doherty

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

July 27th Eugene McGinley and
" Dec Members of the Albuquerque Family
July 28th Walter Randall / Paul Hayes
Aug 3rd Peter LaForest
Aug 4th Garth Underhill
Aug 10th Joyce Clowater
Aug 11th Dosithe Brideau
Aug 17th Bernie McCann, Fr. Monte Peters,
and Tyler Messer
Aug 18th Lorna MacNeil

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

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 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 20th & 21st

Regular/Loose	\$ 2,770.45
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
St. Patrick’s Cemetery	175.00
Poor & Needy Fund	700.00
(IMO Walter Randall)	
TOTAL	\$ 5,473.14

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: IT’S COOKIE SUNDAY WEEKEND 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
Standing with Gratitude in a World of
Wonders and Miracles
(Fr. John Jennings)

A few years ago, we gathered as a group of friends and drove to the Fundy Trail Parkway. This was a great opportunity to stroll, walk, and hike. More than this, it was also a place of wonder. Stretching for c.30 kms along the Bay of Fundy coastline, the Parkway offered trails and vistas reminding us that we live in a world that can hold us in awe.

Among the many trails that offered amazing scenes and vistas was one at the eastern end of the parkway, at Walton Glen Gorge. This steep gorge stretches through the hills from the parkway itself down to the coast. Standing at the top of the gorge, you can see the Bay, off in a distance, framed by the wooded hill on either side. What a wonder of nature, of God's creation! How often do we seem to take the wonders of life, small and great for granted? Walton's Glen Gorge and many others are really in the realm of miracles.

Miracle! The root of this English word is found in the Latin word *miraculum*, its meaning is a "wonder" or "something amazing". More commonly, we tend to use the word "miracle" for something that reveals an intervention of God, but in a way that seems a suspension of the normal rules of nature. Perhaps this is too limited an understanding.

It would be better to see miracles as more common, as not a suspension of nature, but a heightened awareness of how we are surrounded by a wonder-filled creation, a constant gift of God. In doing so, we begin to recognize that God is very much present and active among us. There is wonder in everything and everyone. Every wonder, every amazing aspect of life, every "miracle" speaks to us of God's constant presence. Beginning with Creation and life itself, we are constantly surrounded with the touch of God, with the miraculous.

The gospel writer John seems well aware of how Jesus, the Christ expresses this wonder of God. He begins chapter 6 by telling the story of how Jesus feeds a large group of people who surround him. The chapter begins with a miracle/wonder account (John 6:1-15). Jesus proposes to feed the people that are following him, a large number.

Two of his close disciples, Philip and Andrew express some skepticism about this possibility.

As the account unfolds the crowd is fed and with food left over – a miracle. A suspension of nature,

perhaps, but perhaps not. Perhaps it was a miracle, a wonder which expressed how the action of God's love works through us all, naturally and wonderfully. There was a boy in the crowd who had five loaves and two fish. This was the start of the miracle. Jesus blessed the food and the wonder was in the manner in which the crowd shared their food.

The message and the mission of Jesus, the Christ is that the Kingdom of God is near. It is among us. In each one of us is the spirit of this Kingdom, the spirit of Jesus the Christ. With such a spirit we are driven to share God's love with all we have and with all we do, especially with the most vulnerable, those among us most in need. To do so, is to share creation, life and love in the way that God has done for all of us – a wonder. Working such wonders, such miracles, is what Jesus preached and what we are called to live as disciples.

May we stand in wonder at the miracles that surround us - the compassion and love expressed in times of need, the care and concern revealed in moments of pain, the works of science and service in humanity's gifts and talents. Thanks be to our loving God for such wonders, such ... miracles.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER – We are pleased to announce the launch of our email diocesan newsletter! Sign up to get the latest diocesan news and events delivered directly to your inbox by visiting <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/email-newsletter-sign-up>. Want to commit your time and talent to sharing good news stories from your region? Please email nmazerolle@dioceseofsaintjohn.org with any story ideas, photos, or testimonies/glory stories that you would like to have considered for submission. Please note that all content must be reflective of our diocesan mission and that photos require the consent of all parties in the photo to be submitted to our newsletter.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SHRINE SUNDAY AT UPPER SKIFF LAKE - Sunday, August 11, 2024. The Chapel will be open for prayer at 10:00 am, followed by an open-air Mass at 11:00 am celebrated by Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC. There will be a picnic lunch at 12:15 (bring a bag lunch or enjoy a canteen lunch of sandwiches, sweets, hot dogs, water and soft drinks). The afternoon will begin with a rosary at 1:00 pm followed by a healing service presided by Bishop Riesbeck at 2:00 pm. All are welcome - 413 Upper Skiff Lake Road, Skiff Lake (take exit 212 at Meductic, turn on to Route 122 towards Canterbury).