

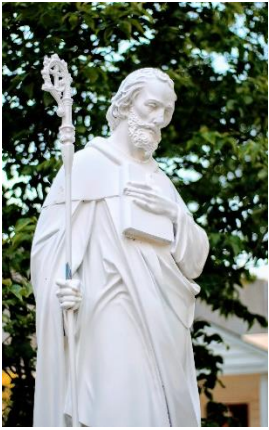
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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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 5th, 2026 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pilgrimage to Saint Francis of Assisi Shrine Sunday at Skiff Lake (Saint John the Baptist Parish). Annual Shrine Sunday takes place on Sunday, 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'. In a letter from Bishop Riesbeck earlier this year he noted that "Long remembered as an instrument of Christ's peace, Saint Francis continues to form disciples through his example and intercession." The Bishop will be in attendance for the events on August 9th and will celebrate an open-air Mass beginning at 11am.

We are finalizing arrangements to provide bus transportation to the Shrine at no charge to participants. Please see the schedule below and information on what you need to know regarding the day's event. If you are interested in attending by bus, please sign your name on **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. **The deadline to reserve a seat is Sunday, July 26th.**

Schedule for Sunday, August 9th:

8:15am: bus leaves from Holy Family Church 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 as we unite in a spiritual journey of prayer, song and healing. All are welcome.

For driving directions to 413 Upper Skiff Lake

Road: 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.

Sydney Smith

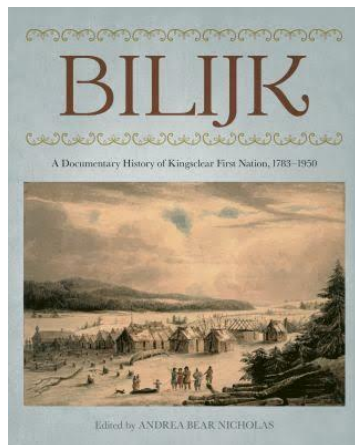
A Summary of Support for June 27 & 28

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,572.75
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
St. Patrick's Cemetery	35.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	
Chrysalis House	210.00
Bilijk Garden Fundraiser	
Building Fund	20.00
Cathedral Restoration	20.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,156.21

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*

Historian, author and Professor Emeritus from St. Thomas University Andrea Bear Nicholas recently completed the book 'Bilijk' a documentary history of Kingsclear First Nation from 1783-1950 which includes Oral Traditions, archival documents, paintings, maps and photographs which documents the



history of Bilijk, the first Welastekwey community to be established as a reserve. Click on the link that follows and listen to an audio clip of a CBC interview with Andrea Bear Nicholas as she speaks on her journey on the completion of her new book. Click here

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/audio/9.7146872>

Watch for more highlights on upcoming Pow Wows and special events in future Bulletins. The following additional resources can be found on our Parish Website (stkateri.ca):

- 2025 Report from the Diocesan Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Committee
- Open Space, Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice
- Solar Eclipse: Indigenous Knowledge
- Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick (WNNB) Ally Toolkit
- Indigenous Authors and Books

Readings for July 5th

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Responsorial Psalm: I will bless your name forever, my King and my God.

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

July 5 th	Betty Colligan
July 12 th	Mike Solomon
July 19 th	Lawrence Cameron
July 26 th	John Monkhouse

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

July 5 th	Alden McLenaghan
July 12 th	For the People
July 19 th	Constance Solomon
July 26 th	Gregory Francis

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

July 4 th	Mary Estabrooks
July 5 th	Laura Gaul & Family
July 11 th	Sean Richards
July 12 th	Enitan Andrews / Lidia Rosario Valle
July 18 th	Peter Cronin
July 19 th	Ray St. Laurent
July 25 th	Stephen MacSween / Gary Stewart
July 26 th	Nora Marshall

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 4 th	Judy Kelly / Norma Downing
July 5 th	Chinasa Trinatta / Victoria Olopade
July 11 th	Roly McSorley / Mary Beth Gorey
July 12 th	Ray & Anita Allain

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 4 th	Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
July 5 th	Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange
July 11 th	Ron Breau / Judy Kelly
July 12 th	Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

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.

Our Sacred Stories / Church: Alive and Active

Fr. John Jennings

The Gospel writer, Matthew appears to be struck by the kindness and compassion of Jesus. In chapter 5 he begins what we refer to as the Sermon on the Mount (ch.5-7) with a series of beatitudes. These blessings are directed to the many needs of the crowds who gathered around Jesus. Jesus recognized the searching and the struggles that were evident in the crowds that gathered with him and his disciples.

Then, in chapter 10 Matthew goes further in responding to the crowds with his compassion and expression of God's love for them. In what is sometimes referred to as the Sermon on the Mission he passes along his mission to his disciples who now become apostles or proclaimers of the Good News.

It is not an easy mission and it will call for great dedication, for they will encounter struggles, as the prophets before them encountered. As encouragement in this call, Jesus points out to them: *Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me, and whoever welcome me, welcomes the one who sent me* (Matt. 10:40).

Those disciples of Jesus who found themselves faced with the call to be apostles and charged with announcing or sharing the Good News with others are the roots of our "church". The spiritual writer and Franciscan priest, Richard Rohr recently wrote in his daily online meditation (15 Jun 26):

Jesus's first image of church is so simple we could miss it: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them (Matthew 18:20)".

This statement in Matthew's Gospel captured a vision of "church" that we often miss and perhaps still long for. In general, we most often think, speak, and express an image of "church" in an institutional way. We have rules, rubrics and laws which direct us. There are some standard images that we find in our buildings. Often, our word "church" conjures up, not a community or people, but a structure.

Recently, I had the honour of presiding over a funeral for a family I first met decades ago. It was a close family and a large one. The family members consisted of four generations including the deceased parent along with the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Together, they had contributed much time, talent and efforts to build up many communities over the years. But in this time, they needed to be together as one. And they were.

It was apparent at the funeral that they enjoyed being together. It was also apparent that they and all wanted to be together to show gratitude and faith as they were saying farewell to their mother (grandmother and great grandmother). It was also equally apparent that the celebration and their involvement in it was also an

expression of a shared faith. That faith might be uniquely held by each member, but it was also manifestly communal – it brought them together.

Our scriptures help us to grasp something that was apparent to the early Christians, our ancestors in the faith. The Christian church is like a family. There is much uniqueness present in the members of a human family, but there is much that draws and holds them together. When the apostle Paul wrote to the various Christian communities that he visited as an apostle of Jesus the Christ, these were the "churches" that he helped to establish. One of these "churches" was the community in Corinth.

For Paul, these "churches", were what he referred to as "the body of Christ". Like any body, they have many distinct parts, but they are one body, joined together by God's love, through the Spirit. Our faith is founded on a person, Jesus the Christ. With our living and loving faith, we become the Body of Christ.

Real faith in Jesus is a living relationship. It is marked by constant growth. It is never the same, day to day and it repeatedly demands choices, "forks" in the road along the way. Perhaps surprisingly for us we discover that faith, our faith is "caught" from others not so much "taught" by others, for it is a faith grounded on a person and that person is Jesus, the Christ. We live in relationship with him, and with one another. We are a family, a community. We are "church".

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SUMMER SOCIAL

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH FROM 4 – 6 PM

COLD PLATE DINNER – Includes Ham, Dinner Roll, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Cucumber, Tomato and Strawberry Shortcake for Dessert. \$18.00 per plate

Eat in or Take Out – please email your name, number of dinners and indicate "Eat In or Take Out" by June 30th

Payment required on July 5th between 4 and 6 pm ... CASH ONLY PLEASE!