

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 6th, 2025 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Newcomer Dawit Maherai Moves to Saint John – You may recall the very succesful drive last winter to collect household effects for Dawit Maherai, whom this parish sponsored in 2021. You may also recall that Dawit married Yorsalim Debesay in early 2024 when he visited his and Yorsalim's family in Ethiopia.



Yorsalim's application to move to Canada, sponsored by Dawit, is in its final stages. Yorsalim insisted that she wanted to liive in a city with an Eritrean Christian Orthodox church. Well, Fredericton does not and Saint John does have such a church. So, Dawit found an apartment in Saint John and, this past weekend, moved all his effects, including all the wonderful household items given by this Parish, to Saint John. See photo of Dawit and friend after they completed packing the moving van early last Sunday morning at Holy Family, where the items have been stored.



Also, by way of follow-up, Dawit has completed his first year training to become a carpenter. Currently he is qualified to do roofing and siding work. He can do further training sessions in Saint John, starting in 2026. Yorsalim should be able to find work in hairdressing after she arrives.

Stretch Us, O God

We pray to stretch our vision to see beyond our own needs, great as they may be at this time. May we see more clearly the beauty that surrounds us in all the marvelous creatures—human, animal, and plant—with whom we share Earth, our home.

We pray to stretch our heart space to increase our capacity for compassion and respect toward those from whom we would rather pull away. May we open ourselves to those who are different from us in their choices, values and desires.

We pray to stretch our hearing that we listen not only to those with whom we agree but ever more carefully to those who disagree with us, that we may learn from them what they hold dear.

We pray to stretch our voices to speak on behalf of those, near and far, who are silenced by tyranny, violence or destitution. We pray to expand our gratefulness for all your creation, all of our family. Gather us in a circle of care as we seek your grace in these stretching times.
Amen.

*Sister Aileen Donovan, OP
Dominican Sisters of Sparkill*

Shelter & Foodbank Donations. A huge **THANK YOU** to parishioners from St. Ann's Church, Holy Family Church, and Residents from Shannex for your generous donations at last weekend's Cookie Sunday! Your kindness continues with over 2,200 smiles being donated to local food banks and shelters. Also, enough Kraft Dinner, canned pasta and other items to provide several hundred meals for children. A great weekend. In this Jubilee Year may we continue to find ways to be Pilgrims of Hope!

Summary of Support for June 28th & 29th

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,301.40
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
Oromocto Food Bank	20.00
Cathedral Restoration	30.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	25.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,691.02

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*

Rosary - Join us every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During the Easter Season we will be reciting the Luminous Mysteries.

Summer Readers at Holy Family – It's the time of year when you create the Reader schedule for July, August and early September. The Sign-Up sheet is on the Bulletin Board in the entryway. **Please look for 1 or 2 time slots when you know that you will be in town to read.** Remember to talk to a fellow reader to discuss who is doing which readings. Please provide your phone number on the sign-up sheet to facilitate this. **If you are not currently a regular reader at Holy Family**, this is a good time to give it a try.

READINGS for July 6th

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

July 6 th	For the People
July 13 th	Dec Mem of Frappier Family
July 20 th	Alton Chessie
July 27 th	For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

July 6 th	Lawrence Cameron
July 13 th	John Monkhouse
July 20 th	Stacey Chessie
July 27 th	Elaine Geldart

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 5 th	Paula Ryan / TBD
July 6 th	Flora Ederaro / Victoria Olopade
July 5th:	Mary-Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley
July 12th:	Paula Ryan / Mona LeBlanc
July 13 th	Maurice Harquail / Chinasa Trinita

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 5 th	Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
July 6 th	Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard
July 12:	Lynn Laagland and Judy Kelly
July 13 th	JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

July 5 th	June & Bob Wilkins
	Lidia Rosario Valle Rodriguez
July 6 th	Della Dolinac & Family
July 12 th	Paul Hayes
July 13 th	For the People
July 19 th	Ray St. Laurent
July 20 th	Garth Underhill / Dr. Graham Matthews
July 26 th	For the People
July 27 th	Antonia Lawrence

General Parish Meeting for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish: All are invited to a General Parish Meeting at St. Ann's Church Site, Kingsclear (Bilijik) **for 7:00 pm on Thursday, July 17th**. At this time the Parish Finance Council will give a report on the Revenues and Expenses for 2024 and for the First Months of 2025. They will also present a detailed picture of all assets and accounts/amounts that belong to the parish. The Parish Council will also provide an update on activities in the past year and any upcoming events.

Development and Peace – Creating Hope at the G7 Jubilee People's Forum.



Recently the G7 Summit was held in Kananaskis, Alberta, which included a Jubilee People's Forum on Creating Hope co-organized by KAIROS Canada, DPCC and others. Over the next several

weeks we will be providing highlights from Development and Peace's Special Newsletter, dated June 27th, 2025.

G7 Jubilee People's Forum: Interfaith and Interconnected. Our forum began with an interfaith service, organized by the Calgary Interfaith Council, where representatives from First Nations, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, Baha'i, Buddhist, and Christian communities all spoke about how their tradition relates to the theme of Jubilee. In a time of so much division, it served as a miraculous proof that a desire for true justice and liberation unites us through, rather than in spite of, our differences.

Throughout the forum, participants attended workshops on a variety of topics, including Indigenous spirituality, organizing and advocacy, and how to envision a better future. There was a palpable sense that the diverse problems of our world are truly interconnected.

Among the highlights of the forum was a unique pilgrimage to the medicine wheel on Stoney Nakoda territory, where elders welcomed us and shared their wisdom. A significant theme was that the Creator is always with us, no matter what is happening in the world, a theme that sustained us as we continued to process the complex structural causes of injustice.

Brenda Arakaza, a DPCC national council member and past president, reflected that "at the People's Forum, I felt a deep clarity: this is a moment of convergence. In a circle with Indigenous leaders, Global South partners, interfaith allies, and youth, I witnessed the sacred power of collective purpose. The Stoney Nakoda ceremony reminded me that truth requires courage, and healing begins with humble listening."

Our forum concluded with a commissioning that sent participants out into eight churches of various denominations in Calgary with petitions in hand. After gathering fresh signatures, we met up again downtown, where we joined a peaceful rally including many others groups raising grievances, hopes, and messages for the G7. (By Dean Dettloff, Research and Advocacy Officer, DPCC)

Upcoming Pow Wows in our Region:

Natoaganeg (Eel Ground) Traditional Pow Wow, July 19th & 20th. 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 12-13, Welamukotuk (Oromocto):

Oromocto Traditional Pow Wow will be held at the Sir Douglas Hazen Park, 15 Wharf Road, Oromocto. More info to come.

We will continue to highlight upcoming Pow Wows in future Bulletins. For a full schedule of Pow Wows visit our Parish Website at stkateri.ca or click on the following link:

[2025 Pow Wow Schedule](#)



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

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School in New Maryland, an affordable independent Catholic K-12 school in New Maryland dedicated to providing a solid education in a safe joyful environment, has openings for next year. For information contact www.ladyofgrace.org or call 506-459-3518

Our Sacred Stories
Passing on the Good News
(Fr. John Jennings)

Over the years, I have had the honour of witnessing many baptisms, occasions when parent bring their new child to be welcomed into the community of Christians. These are times of joy and of hope. Though these parents, may not fully recognize this at the time, they are sharing their own faith, in joy and hope with their child. Often this takes place in the context of the Sunday Eucharist, so that as the whole community gathers at the Table, they may know that they are part of welcoming this child. They too will commit to sharing their faith with the newly baptized member.

The parents of this child and the community of faith will be committing to nurture the seed of faith planted in the newly baptized member as they journey together over the years to come. Faith is a relationship. All Christian parents and their communities are examples of how we live as God's People and disciples of Jesus the Christ, sharing the Good News. This is more than teachings and theology or church rituals and canon law. It is real life faith that exhibits a constant relational bond and outreach to all.

The child who has been welcomed in baptism as well as all others are called to a life of compassion and love, healing and reconciliation, justice and peace. This is practical faith that takes root in the heart every baptized Christian.

In the Old Testament God spoke to Israel in its story, its history. He adopted them as his people. He liberated the People of God from slavery. God gave them a way of life that respected all. He sent prophets and judges and leaders to help them stay together as a people. God, would treat his beloved people as a parent would nurture a child. The prophet Isaiah proclaims: "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you." (Isaiah 66:13)

Then God gradually broadened the vision. God opened the dream to all humanity. He sent his Son, Jesus to become one of us, to share our humanity in the Incarnation. In Jesus the divine and human have come together in a way that is truly wonderful.

This has been the great expression of God's love for us all, for all Creation. In his words and actions, Jesus reflected the loving, compassionate and mercy-filled face of our God. He communicated by what he said and what he did.

He called for peace. He spoke of love, God's and ours. He cured and healed, reconciled and forgave. He liberated and freed, opening humanity and our world to a new vision of who we are – the beloved of God.

Now, the challenge – God calls us to reflect and pass on this message to all peoples, women and men, children and adults of every culture and down through the ages. God's dream sounds like welcome good news, so how do we pass it on?

The Gospel writer, Luke tells the story of Jesus sending out his disciples to share the message (Lk.10:1-12, 17-2). As we see in each of the gospel accounts, Luke includes in the story the way in which the message is shared. Jesus calls on the disciples to cure, to reconcile, to heal and to bring peace, as Jesus has done.

It is in person, in our relationships with family, friends, community and world that we share the good news. We share our faith relationship not so much by what we say, as by who we are and what we do. The message that God love us, all and every human being on the face of the earth, is **caught by** others, rather than **taught to** others. We become the face of Jesus for others in our caring and compassion, our openness and willingness to serve the needs of others, and in our efforts to bring peace, justice and love to the world we touch.

The child that has been baptized has this seed planted in them. Over the years, she/he will be nurtured by loving parents and through the love and compassion of the love-filled community of faith that surrounds them. Christian faith is relational and requires life in a community that nurtures the seed.

God has reached out to us in a person – Jesus the Christ. This is how we communicate the message - in person. The best communication of good news is personal, relational, face to face. Around the year 200, the Christian writer Tertullian captured this when he said of the early Christians: "See how they love one another." Now that's a message of good news to pass on to others.