

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 7th, 2024 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Note from Fr. Bill: As I have mentioned before, I have found much inspiration in the writings of Fr. Ron Rolheiser. In his weekly article, "In Exile", he quotes many contemporary writers in the area of spirituality. In May 2015 he gave a list of spiritual writers that he believes are highly influential today in the English-speaking world and their names and quotes frequently find their place in his writings. I am sharing this list with you bit by bit. One of the people on the list is Parker Palmer who is described by Ron Rolheiser as "a Quaker, layman, American, much-respected across denominational lines. Has written brilliantly on the spirituality of education and on achieving a Christian balance in life." Here are some Parker Plamer quotes:

"Before I can tell my life what I want to do with it, I must listen to my life telling me who I am." -**Parker J. Palmer, Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation**

"Good teaching cannot be reduced to technique; good teaching comes from the identity and integrity of the teacher." -**Parker J. Palmer, The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life**

"Like a wild animal, the soul is tough, resilient, resourceful, savvy, and self-sufficient: it knows how to survive in hard places. I learned about these qualities during my bouts with depression. In that deadly darkness, the faculties I had always depended on collapsed. My intellect was useless; my emotions were dead; my will was impotent; my ego was shattered. But from time to time, deep in the thickets of my inner wilderness, I could sense the presence of something that knew how to stay alive even when the rest of me wanted to die. That something was my tough and tenacious soul." -**Parker J. Palmer, A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life**

"Self-care is never a selfish act – it is simply good stewardship of the only gift I have, the gift I was put on earth to offer others. Anytime we can listen to true self and give the care it requires, we do it not only for ourselves, but for the many others whose lives we touch." -**Parker J. Palmer, Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation**

"The highest form of love is the love that allows for intimacy without the annihilation of difference." – **Parker J. Palmer, The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life**

"Humility is the only lens through which great things can be seen-and once we have seen them, humility is the only posture possible." -**Parker J. Palmer**

"Relational trust is built on movements of the human heart such as empathy, commitment, compassion, patience, and the capacity to forgive." -**Parker J. Palmer, The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life**

Some spiritual writers recommended by Fr. Ron Rolheiser:

- Ruth Burrows: British, Carmelite, nun. Deep insights into mysticism, faith and contemplative prayer. Eminent common sense, blended with a deep knowledge of mystical tradition.
- Kathleen Norris: American, Presbyterian, lay, Oblate of St. Benedict. Deeply immersed in the tradition of the Desert Fathers and equally attuned to our spiritual struggles within contemporary culture.
- Joan Chittister: American, Roman Catholic, nun. Powerful social justice and feminist voice. Knows the tradition of monasticism very well and draws key insights out of its deep wells.

- Thomas Merton: Roman Catholic, monk, one of the most influential spiritual writers in the past 100 years.
- C. S. Lewis: British, layman, Anglican. Well-known across both religious and secular circles. Brought a literary genius to his articulation of the Christian faith.

Steubenville Atlantic – We are excited to share that the Diocese of Saint John has 69 youth (plus chaperones and clergy for a total of 86) attending Steubenville Atlantic ‘*Illuminate*’ conference in Halifax this weekend (July 5th-7th). Prior to the conference, seven of the youth are also attending Franciscan LEAD (Leadership, Evangelization, and Discipleship) for the week. LEAD seeks to engage youth in a personal relationship with Christ and then give them the tools to share their faith with others. Please keep them all in your prayers!

READINGS for July 7th

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2.3-5
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12.7-10
 Gospel: Mark 6.1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes look to the Lord, until he has mercy upon us.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann’s

July 7th Yvonne and Gordon Buggie
 July 14th Randy Murphy
 July 21st Wayne McCarthy

READERS AT ST. ANN’S

July 7th Mike Solomon
 July 14th Lawrence Cameron
 July 21st John Monkhouse
 July 28th Liz Solomon

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

July 6th Fred Moar
 July 7th Lidia Rosario Valle Rodriguez
 July 13th Tammy Saad
 July 14th Lorna MacNeil
 July 20th Peter Cronin / Gary Stewart
 July 21st Charlie Doherty
 July 27th Eugene McGinley
 July 28th Walter Randall

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 6th Maureen Hawthorne / John Smith
 July 7th Mary Ellen Badeau / Judy Kelly
 July 13th Paula Ryan / Margie Snell
 July 14th Maurice Harquail / Carl Duivenvoorden
 July 20th Joan Sowers / Margie Snell
 July 21st Mary-Ellen Badeau / Judy Kelly
 July 27th Paula Ryan / Joan Sowers
 July 28th Anita Allain / Ray Allain

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 6th Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
 July 7th Bettyanne McMackin / Sharon Watts
 July 13th Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey
 July 14th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard
 July 20th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
 July 21st Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney
 July 27th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
 July 28th JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey

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.

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers Jewelry Sale:

Thank you to all the parishioners who have been so generous in dropping off “treasures” for our planned jewelry sale at the Charlotte Street Arts Center in early November. We will continue to leave the donation box at the back of Holy Family Church over the summer. Your support is most welcomed and appreciated! Further notice of details of the sale will be posted in October.

Grandmothers, Helping Grandmothers, Fredericton, is celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Stephen Lewis Foundation with a reception & display at Government House of a stunning *Solidarity Quilt*, put together by African grandmothers and grandmother groups across Canada. **Reception: Thursday, July 11, 2pm-4pm, with the Honorable Brenda Murphy, ONB, Lieutenant-Governor of NB in attendance. **Display:** the quilt will be on display at Government House from Thursday, July 11 to Wednesday, July 17, from 10am to 4pm. (excluding Sunday, July 14).**



Gaza Pilgrimage (Part 1): A Day of Mourning and Hope,
by Kiegan Irish, Animator for Eastern and Northern Ontario

“Kites and symbols of peace filled the skies on Parliament Hill during the May 22 event that marked the culmination of the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage movement in Canada. Throughout the month of May, across the country, we have been participating in the Gaza Pilgrimage movement in solidarity with a global movement walking and praying for peace in the Holy Land. These are ecumenical events primarily led by KAIROS Canada, of which Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is a member. The idea was to symbolically and prayerfully map onto our neighbourhoods



the wounded territory of Gaza by walking all or part of its 42-kilometre length.

On May 22, 2024, we hosted the culminating pilgrimage in Ottawa, leading to a prayer

vigil outside of the Parliament buildings. We held images from the different pilgrimages that had taken place around the country to demonstrate the threads of solidarity extending coast to coast, along with other signs and symbols of peace. Many people travelled from around the country to participate. The vigil itself involved church leaders from as many as eight Canadian denominations alongside Palestinian Christians. Over 200 people were present for this expression of Christian ecumenical solidarity with the suffering of Palestinians and Israelis. Our executive director, Carl Héту, was among the leaders who addressed the gathering. Please consider donating to help our partners continue providing lifesaving aid and support to families affected by the conflict in Gaza.” To donate online or to find other methods to donate, click: <https://devp.org/en/give-now-2/>

Summary of your Support for June 29th & 30th

Regular/Loose	\$ 2,466.65
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
TOTAL	\$4,294.34

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

Our Sacred Stories
Familiarity Breeds Contempt or Dismissal
(Fr. John Jennings)

“My children know me so well, even too well. They are the ones who see me in my slippers.” Children often know their parents in their “ordinariness” – the good, the bad and the ugly. In some ways, this was the challenge faced by the Old Testament prophets like Ezekiel or Jeremiah. It was likewise the hurdle that Jesus faced as he came with his disciples to his hometown. “Where did this man get all this?... Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James...A Prophet is not without honour, except in his hometown, and among his own kin, and in his own house.” (Mark 6:1-6).

I love to travel, and I think I share this love with many others. We have this drive to see other places, other peoples. It is often said that travel broadens and helps us to appreciate different cultures and ways of life. Very quickly, we come to realize that things are not always the way they are at home.

At the same time, travel often helps us to appreciate what we have at home. Frequently, what is all around us all the time becomes so familiar, so ordinary, that we take it for granted. We fail to appreciate the wonder that is right before our eyes. This is what we see in Mark’s Gospel. Those that Jesus encounters are dismissive of his message and his mission.

Throughout the gospels this is a common experience. Those that Jesus encountered were often unable to hear his message, let alone accept his mission. Many rejected him as counter to their own experience and traditions. Change as it often does, made them uncomfortable and Jesus’s message and mission called them, provoked them to see differently.

Jesus and such prophets as Ezekiel (Ezekiel 2:3-5) all faced resistance. Yet, by word and action, they acted to share the message of God’s presence. Jesus included others in his mission, he gathered disciples around him. Despite even their reluctance and often their resistance, he proclaimed that God’s reign is among us. This is the fundamental Good News that Jesus shared with his disciples. Then, and now it is often a struggle to recognize the Good News in the world around us.

There is in all of us a blindness that blocks our recognition of the wonder of God and the presence of God expressed in all that is around us. Some of our inability to see comes from being so busy. Our attention is so focused on what we have to do that we cannot look around and see what is happening in our lives. Yet the presence of God is all around us always.

Our vision is dependent on the spirit of the Risen Jesus a Spirit that is ever with us. In some ways, perhaps this presence can be so common that we do not notice it. Jesus reveals and speaks the message of the Kingdom in every act of love, every experience of compassion, every moment of mercy and care. We do not see what is right before our eyes.

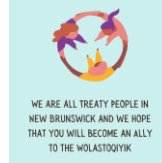
Summer can be a time when the busyness tails off. It may be an opportunity to look around in different places, with different persons. We might even discover, or rediscover those everyday places, those common experiences and those familiar people who are always with us and whom we take for granted. These can be the prophets among us. With open eyes, hearts and minds, we may discover Jesus, and a message of love and compassion in the ordinary of our lives. We may also discover the blessings that we can be for one another.

Holy Family Summer Readers: For the July to early September period, readers at Holy Family are asked to sign up for a time slot(s) when they will be available through the summer period. The sign-up sheet is in the entry to the church. If you are also a Eucharistic Minister, please do not sign-up to read on the same day that you are serving Communion. If you have been thinking about becoming a Reader, perhaps this is a good time to give it a try. If you would like a brief intro in advance of doing a reading, contact Chris Robbins at 506-454-7459.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: Uncover the secrets to a lasting supportive, transformational marriage. Even when a marriage is going smoothly, there are always opportunities to make it work better. The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Retreat takes place on **September 27-29, 2024**, at the Villa Madonna Retreat Center (Rothesay, NB). Contact 506-451-8489 or ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org.

Rosary: Every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During Ordinary Time we will be reciting the Luminous Mysteries. Everyone is welcome!

Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick (WNNB) Ally



Toolkit. As noted on the Truth and Reconciliation website: "for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples to coexist peacefully, a relationship must be built on understanding and respect. That understanding can be a first step to better relations on a range of issues including environmental, spiritual, societal, and justice matters." The link below provided by the WNNB is a great resource on what it means to become an ally and how we can best accomplish this as individuals and within our Parish. Woliwon- Thank you. Link to Ally Toolkit: <https://wnnb.wolastoqey.ca/toolkit/>

Upcoming Powwows:



July 6-7: Welamukotuk (Oromocto First Nation). The Powwow will be held at the Sir Douglas Hazen Park, 15 Wharf Road. All are welcome!



July 4-7: Oinpegitjoig (Pabineau First Nations). The powwow will be held July 4th to 7th at the Flying Eagle Memorial Powwow Grounds, 1290 Pabineau Falls Road, Pabineau. Activities include a Sacred Fire, dancing, drumming, singing and local vendors. All are invited to attend to embrace the spirit, feel the beat and join us for a celebration like no other!

Open Space, Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice.

The Jesuit Forum brings small groups together to reflect, share, and speak openly to help discern pathways to a more socially just and spiritually fulfilling world. The April 2024 issue, entitled "*Discerning...The Confession of Genocide for Truth and Reconciliation*", is being provided as another opportunity to learn and educate us. Website link: <https://jesuitforum.ca/resources/open-space>

Shelter & Foodbank Donations. 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! Through your donations we collected 162 dozen cookies (1,944 smiles) for the Shelters and Foodbank along with 217 canned items which will go a long way in preparing meals. Your kindness and generosity will greatly assist those in need. You are truly answering the teachings of Jesus. Thank you!