

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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July 24th, 2022 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Papal Visit (July 24-29, 2022)

Walking Together in Good Relations

“Now is the time to share these gifts of *meyosit manito* (the Holy Spirit) embedded in our Indigenous cultures. St. John Paul II and now Pope Francis sense the importance of taking the promptings of the Holy Spirit to heart and acting on them. It has become a need to engage directly with us and forge a new trail built on deep listening, sharing, trust building, and packing away of colonial structures in favor of structures formed from dialogues of justice and mutual love. Perhaps we are at a moment in time to bring a new way of being for all Catholic brothers and sisters as Pope Francis touches down on our land to acknowledge the importance of our God-given presence on Turtle Island.”

“*mamawi ohtāwīmāw* (Father of All), help me always to speak the truth quietly, listen with an open mind and to remember the peace that may be found in silence. Guide me always to open my heart to the Holy Spirit and to be guided by His counsel as we pursue a renewed relationship with each other. Listen to our ancestors’ prayers for peace and harmony among all our relatives.”

(An excerpt on reflections by Cree author Deacon Harry Lafond from the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, Treaty 6 and the Prince Albert Diocese, Saskatchewan.)

In conjunction with the Pope’s visit to Canada on July 28th, a prayer service is planned in the Mary Sullivan Room of the Monsignor Boyd Centre at St. Dunstan’s Church. Live streaming of the visit in Quebec is planned. Prayers will be said for the Pope’s health and success of his visit to Canada. Please feel free to stop by between 6:30 – 8:30 pm ... all are welcome! Please contact Mary McMahan if you plan to attend at 457-0093.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Papal Visit to Canada

Creator God, we praise you and we worship you. We thank you for the visit of Pope Francis to Canada, who recognizes the cultural genocide of Indigenous Peoples brought about by colonialism and residential schools.

We all know that we are members of a Church and a society of sinners. Together we pray for more forgiveness and love for a more vibrant evangelization which helps us to better live the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Together with Pope Francis, we wish to speak out for the needs of Mother Earth and all of Creation. We are not the owners of the earth but heirs sharing it with all generations.

We believe that you who are Father, Son and Holy Spirit, work together with the Pope, Indigenous Peoples and the rest of Canada for reconciliation.

We put our trust in You, merciful God as you Help us all work together to establish a new covenant signed with the smoking of the Sacred Pipe.

(Prayer written with Indigenous Peoples of St. Kateri Parish of Winnipeg, Manitoba, through the efforts of Sr. Eva Solomon, CSJ).

The Holy Mass at the Basilica Ste-Anne de Beupre will be live streamed at Holy Family Church on Thursday, July 28th at 11am while the service is taking place in Quebec. All are welcome.

Why God Allows Change
By Melanie Davis Porter

There is an occasion for everything, and a time for every activity under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

“Hey Mom, I’m leaving,” he said.

Looking up from a book, I see my twenty-one-year-old son with a backpack and pillow under his arm. Confused by the time, I glance at the clock. “Where are you going at this late hour?”

“I moved into the new house today,” he said. His wedding day was less than a week away and suddenly I realized he’d spent his last night sleeping under my roof. In the weeks and months that followed, I experienced more change. I met the unexpected loss of my father, and the company I loved working for shut their doors forever. Yeah, I wanted my old life back.

Perhaps you’re wrestling with some big changes right now, but with every life change that brings pain, God is allowing something new to be born. It’s okay to grieve or regroup, but let’s not linger too long there. If change wasn’t a part of life, there would be no long summer evenings on the porch. We wouldn’t have the glorious splendor of Fall to look forward to. There would be no winter for the earth to rest. And without the rest, spring can’t bring new life.

The same is true in our spiritual life; trusting Jesus to transform the shades of our faith, making them more brilliant, no matter what season we are in—be it the hurts or the joy. In time, my empty nest became a place of beauty. I found new purpose and went back to school at the age of forty-eight. My retired husband and I found a new depth of love and joy in our relationship. And surprisingly, God has taken away the fear of change. I’ve finally realized that every season the Lord brings into my life is lovingly filtered through His precious fingertips.

A Moment to Breathe...

Find an old photo album and savor the sweet memories of seasons past. When you turn the last page, ask God to fill the “new pages” of your life with sweet new memories.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann’s

July 24th Louis Burgoyne
July 31st Jean Murphy

READERS AT ST. ANN’S

July 24th Lawrence Cameron
July 31st John Monkhouse

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

July 23rd Lewis Chessie
July 24th Deceased Members of the Badeau Family
July 30th Pat Blanchard
July 31st Lionel and Germaine Badeau

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 23rd Joan Sowers / Mona LeBlanc
July 24th Maurice Harquail / James McGroatry
July 30th Anna Mae Snider / Margie Snell
July 31st Chris Robbins / Marijke Hurkens

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 23rd Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
July 24th Elaine Shea / Dorothy Blanchard
July 30th Joan Sowers / Margie Snell
July 31st Noreen Bonnell / JoAnne Linton

READINGS for July 24th

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

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

Rosary at Holy Family: Every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. For further information call Judy Kelly at 478-7274 or the church office at 444-6021. All are welcome!

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.

Parish Call Out Program – STAY INFORMED! We are doing this to reach out to as many parishioners as possible to keep them informed of activities in the Church. Building a relationship is about keeping in touch. Please let us know if you or anyone you know would like to be part of our program by contacting the office at 444-6021, or email: office@stkateri.ca

Our Sacred Stories

Spirituality & Our Life-long Quest

God, you are my God, I am seeking you, my soul is thirsting for you, my flesh is longing for you,... (Ps.63:1)
(Fr. John Jennings)

Somewhere deep in the human heart there lies an emptiness, a longing. We ask questions about life, about what it all means, about where we are going. Somehow, we and the thousands of generations that have gone before us are incomplete. We find a need that cannot be fulfilled and are ever in a state of "becoming".

This longing leads to a search for something that completes our life and that is beyond our human experience, and yet it is part of our human experience. The quest to discover and acknowledge the source of this longing is part of every human heart. Each culture in its own way is on this quest and has its own way of expressing it and passing it on to the next generations.

The Catholic spiritual writer, Ron Rolheiser used the term "Holy Longing" to describe the quest. This search for something *beyond us* is our search for what some call *GOD*. Who is this God? What is this God like? Where do we find or encounter this God? Like every culture, we can say something about this experience as Christians living in the Catholic Tradition. What we can say comes out of our Scriptures and the spiritual tradition handed down to us. What has been handed on to us is intended to help us in our own "Holy Longing", our own search.

For us, as Christians it begins with the common prayer given to us by Jesus and handed on to us in the Gospels, the Our Father. (Matt 6:7-13; Lk 11:2-4)

Our God is a life-giving God. This God loves us, and all the peoples of the earth without reservation or condition. No matter what happens, God will never cease loving us. God's love is a free and unstinting gift, we do not win it and we cannot lose it. Time and again, our Scriptures and our Tradition tell us that this God is the perfect parent, the Father (Matt 6:7), the Mother (Is.49:14-5) who can never abandon or forget their child.

It was Jesus who revealed this God in Himself. To see God taking on our humanity and living in our midst in the person of Jesus is a statement of God's love beyond words. In fact, all love, every experience of human love is in some way a reflection of God's love for

us. The way our Christian faith tells it, God loves first. We reflect that love in our lives with one another. It appears to us again and again in our faith story, our Scriptures.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.
(1 John 4:7-8)

Cookie Sunday Weekend & Food Bank

Donations – July 30th & 31st: In addition to cookies, we will be collecting School Supplies for the Food Bank for those families who need a little help in providing what their children require. The Food Bank has identified their list of needs to fill 250 back packs: Items include: colored pencils, math sets, dividers for binders, highlighters, calculators, post-it-notes, flash drives, inexpensive earbuds, and back packs. If you wish to bring other school supplies, they will be used as well. The school supplies drive will run for the months of July and August.

Donations can be dropped off at Holy Family Church the morning of Saturday, July 30th or before Sunday Mass at both St. Ann's and Holy Family.

Thank you for your support!

Mask Update: Given the rising count of Covid numbers and the strong recommendation from Public Health that masks should be worn at all indoor events starting this weekend, July 24th, masks must be worn at all times while in church. We thank you for your cooperation.

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Ordinary Income/Expense

Jan - June 2022

INCOME:

Offertory	
Direct Deposit	38,817.00
Envelope	38,090.15
Loose	2,736.31
Lent Coin Folders	113.50
New Year's	575.00
Easter	1,158.00
Christmas	55.00
HF Building Fund	1,195.00

Total Offertory	82,739.96
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Mass Stipends *	450.00
Publications	173.00
G'vnt Wage Subsidy	329.15
Bank Interest	113.26
Catholic Missions	530.00
D & P	1,970.00
Holy Land	485.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	340.00
Special Collections	1,012.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	160.00

TOTAL INCOME	88,302.37
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EXPENSES:

Administration	4,299.98
Church	19,484.93
Diocesan assessment	11,964.00
Grounds	5,470.19
Hall	163.26
Rectory	12,717.79
Salaries/benefits	47,470.83
Sp.Collections remitted	1,422.00
Mass Stipends Paid	410.00

TOTAL EXPENSE	103,402.98
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NET ORDINARY INCOME	-15,100.61
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Major R & M	
Church (Demolition)	15,351.00
Rectory (Reno)	4,305.37
Total Major Repairs/Construction	19,656.37

Total Other Expense	19,656.37
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Net Other Income	-19,656.37
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NET INCOME	-34,756.98
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Offertory:

July 9th & 10th, 2022

Regular	\$1,429.00
Loose	289.15
Building Fund	50.00
Oromocto Food Bank	100.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	100.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	30.00
TOTAL	\$1,998.15

July 16th & 17th, 2022

Regular	\$1,153.00
Loose	175.45
Mass Intentions	40.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	30.00
TOTAL	\$1,398.45

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS

1. Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD). Form attached with the bulletin or by contacting the office.

2. Mail your envelopes to the parish. St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.

3. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). You may also send your weekly donations by Electronic Funds Transfer. office@stkateri.ca

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.