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July 31st, 2022 – 18th 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.)

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).

Living Beyond the Bubble

By Suzanne Eller

"You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14

A concerned person pulled me aside after church and said, "Do you know what your daughter is doing?" I waited to hear, holding my breath. She continued, "Your daughter is hanging out with people who aren't Christians."

Oh, that. I sighed in relief. Yes, I knew about that. Because they hang out at our house too. My daughter invites them to come over often. They spend the night. I know their names and some of the details of their lives because my daughter has shared them with me. When I explained this, the woman at church was a little affronted.

Huge bubbles are created when we put up boundaries around things that aren't sin, just in case they *might* lead to sin, and we become hyper-vigilant to make sure that everyone stays within that self-designed bubble. Yes, we want to be wise, and we understand that it's good to surround ourselves with people who share our love for Christ. But if Jesus is our example—and He is—then I'm not sure we should live in self-made bubbles.

Jesus burst bubbles right and left. He loved people who were different from the traditional crowd. He believed in people discarded by others. He listened to people and saw them, which demonstrated how sometimes those things led them straight into the arms of the Father. Jesus engaged in long conversations over debates. He walked straight into crowds where people adored Him, mocked Him, and were curious about Him. He showed compassion that was the lasting impression in every one of those encounters.

Jesus remained true to Himself and His mission. He spoke truth and had very clear and honest words for those who lived in a bubble and demanded that others live there too. Jesus came to rescue humanity and we are part of that plan.

A Moment to Breathe...

Open your circle to include people who are different from you. Listen to their stories, even if you don't agree. Have honest conversations filled with truth and light.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

July 31st Jean Murphy
Aug 7th Father Monte Peters
Aug 14th Pauline Francis
Aug 21st Joyce Buckley
Aug 28th Claudette Grexton

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

July 31st John Monkhouse
Aug 7th Liz Solomon

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

July 30th Pat Blanchard
July 31st Lionel and Germaine Badeau
Aug 6th Gary Stewart
Aug 7th Mabel Caissie
Aug 13th Vern Smith
Aug 14th Deceased Members of Boyce Family
Aug 20th Betty Goodine
Aug 21st Graham Randall
Aug 27th Andréé Fortin
Aug 28th Gerard Lavoie

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 30th Anna Mae Snider / Margie Snell
July 31st Chris Robbins / Marijke Hurkens
Aug 6th Mona LeBlanc / Chris Robbins
Aug 7th Linda Hubbard / Jane Buckley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

July 30th Joan Sowers / Margie Snell
July 31st Noreen Bonnell / JoAnne Linton
Aug 6th Colleen Hamilton / Judy Kelly
Aug 7th Bettyanne McMackin / Sharon Watts

READINGS for July 31st

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

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!

Our Sacred Stories
Real Holiness, True Spirituality
(Fr. John Jennings)

Summer time in Canada brings with it a new appreciation for the beauties of this land. It is important that we acknowledge that we share this land with others. In particular we share it with the indigenous peoples of our country. They are gifted with a spirituality that is especially aware of the sacredness of the land on which we stand. We have much to learn from them. There is a sacredness, a holiness that fills the earth.

Often, we seem to regard “holiness” as being “other worldly”, removed from regular, ordinary life. What we sometimes speak of as “fundamentalism” even has our Christian faith and practice fighting with our world, denying that holiness even has a place in it. Doing so, is to deny our humanity and the wonder of creation with which God has surrounded us.

Real holiness lives in this world. It is marked by gratitude, acknowledging the marvel of our humanity as God’s gift. This is true holiness. In some ways that is the full meaning of what we call the Incarnation, that our God so loves the world that in Jesus, God shares our humanity cf.(John 3:16-17).

In Luke’s Gospel (Lk.12:13-21), Jesus tells a story, a parable of a person whose crops thrived and he wondered what to do with this abundance. So great was his crop that he decided to build larger barns in order to store it all for the future. But his future was brief and he could not control it. Great as his crops were, his true richness and happiness rested not in them, but in his openness to God’s abiding presence all around him.

So often we miss the present blessing as we wait for some future one or find ourselves wrapped up in some future goal. Seeing and appreciating the present blessings is what makes life meaningful and brings happiness. Such vision is the stuff of holiness.

Sacred moments, places and perhaps especially persons surround us constantly. At first sight, they are ordinary and common for us. But they are in fact part of the God creative gift of life for us. They represent the constant presence of God in all aspects of life. To have an openness and a growing awareness of this presence is the meaning of holiness in every human heart. Building a spiritual life is the quest for this openness and awareness.

In a piece he published in 2018, Pope Francis reminded us of the spirituality that it all around us: “Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God’s presence. We might call them ‘the middle class of holiness’.” (*Gaudete et Exultate* March, 2018 7)

Real holiness, for life, is found in our relationships. Such holiness follows the pattern of Jesus. It offers the face of God’s mercy and love. It heals and reconciles others. It feeds the hungry, frees the captives, gives light to those in darkness. We live holiness when we live with love, in word and in action. Holiness is not a future hope, but a present reality – when we come to see it, when we respond to the invitation from God to be present with us where we are.

In his Encyclical Letter, *Fratelli tutti* (*Brothers and Sisters All*, Oct 2020) Pope Francis again called all humanity to recognition of the holiness we have through our relationships. We are all “brothers and sisters”. He closes the letter with these word of prayer:

May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth, May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, And thus forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. Amen

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

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.



Bus Trip for ‘Survivors’ to the Papal Mass and Apology – A bus trip has been planned from our Diocese for survivors, their support workers, and other members of the Indigenous Communities to the Papal Mass at Ste. Anne de Beaupre on July 28th. The total cost for 56 passengers is \$39,000; \$20,000 of which is already in place. To assist with the remaining \$19,000, please consider a contribution from your parish community of any amount that is possible for you as we assist in this essential next action of our commitment to truth, reconciliation and the journey together as true treaty partners, allies and sisters and brothers. Most of all, we journey together in faith and love. Donations can be made before or after the trip and payable to St. Mary Magdalene Parish or sent by etransfer to office@stmarymagdalene-parish.ca Receipts will be issued. Thank you for your support.

Offertory:

July 23rd & 24th, 2022

Regular	\$1,298.00
Loose	402.50
Mass Intentions	50.00
St. Patrick’s Cemetery	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,780.50</u>

July 16th & 17th, 2022

Regular	\$1,153.00
Loose	175.45
Mass Intentions	40.00
St. Patrick’s Cemetery	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,398.45</u>

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.