

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

June 1st, 2025 – Ascension of the Lord

A Deep and Heartfelt Thank You from Fr. Bill:

Last Sunday's Celebration of my 40th Anniversary of Priesthood fills me with so much gratitude and joy. Along with me, my family members who joined us were deeply touched as well by the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) and the Pot Luck Feast Downstairs. As you know, I was very deeply moved and so grateful for all of your participation in attending, planning, bringing such a variety and banquet of foods in a Spirit of welcome, inclusion and joy. A special thank you for the amazing music, volunteers who set up and cleaned up, the gifts of organization and the Special Gift to 'mark the day'; A Toronto Maple Leaf's Jersey. Your abundant cards, notes of gratitude and blessing and generous gifts are greatly appreciated. Of course, an extra special thank you to Barb Perry, Judy Kelly and John Smith, Pastoral Council Chair for their leadership. As Ukachi and Jaachi, choir members, wrote in the Big Card from the Choir: 'Let's Rock and Roll' (Ukachi) and 'Keep on, Keepin On' (Jaachi). Let's keep doing it together with God's lead and the gift of Jesus Christ and The Holy Spirit! Thank you! Thank you! Love and prayers! Fr. Bill

General Parish Meeting for St. Kateri

Tekakwitha Parish: All are invited to a General Parish Meeting at St. Ann's Church Site, Kingsclear (Bilijk) **for 2:00 pm on Sunday, June 8th.** 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.

Two Retreats offered by the AASEA (a group of Spiritual Directors in the Diocese) at the Villa Madonna Retreat House:

1. A 4-Day Silent Directed retreat from Monday, June 16th at 2pm till Thursday, June 19th @ 2pm. You will meet with a Spiritual Director each day and have the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist (Mass) each day and lots of time in the beautiful natural surroundings of the Villa Madonna Retreat House: Directors: Fr. Bill Brennan, Sandra Roy, Charlena Keenan-Bourque, Dorie McDermott and Anne Hodd. Cost: Residential \$450 (Max 15 retreatants) and Commuter \$250 (Max 3 retreatants)
2. A 4- Day Silent Guided-Directed Retreat titled 'Say But The Word' from Thursday, June 19th @ 9:30 am till Sunday, June 22, @ 1 pm. On this retreat we will learn how to open our hearts and our lives to the healing ministry of Jesus in each part of the Mass. Retreat Leaders: Pam Daigle, Doug Hubbard and Fr. Bill Brennan Cost: Residential \$475 (Max 15 retreatants), Commuter \$275 (Max 3 retreatants)

To register for either retreat contact Bob McDermott @ mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca. For further information on the retreat and registration go to website www.aaseasaintjohn.ca menu item – Longer Re treats – Residential

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place this **Sunday, June 1st at 3pm at Holy Family Church (St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish).** Bishop Riesbeck will confirm candidates from the three regional Parishes, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, St. Mary Magdalene Parish and Our Lady of Peace Parish. Congratulations to all the students being confirmed. Parishioners are invited to share in this wonderful celebration with the students.

FREDERICTON REGIONAL JUBILEE MISSION:

On June 2-4, Bishop Riesbeck will preach a three-day Jubilee Mission on the theme, "Rejoice in Hope." Inspired by *Spes Non Confundit*, the Jubilee Bull of Indiction of Pope Francis, Bishop Riesbeck will speak on our need for hope in these times, the relevance of Jesus as the anchor of our hope, and the role of the Holy Spirit as the agent of hope empowering us to mission as apostles of mercy and hope. These missions will take place at Saint Theresa's Church (Our Lady of Peace Parish) beginning from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm, ending with a reception. Each session will begin with Mass followed by a teaching, with a healing rosary on Monday, Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday and commissioning prayers on Wednesday. Come and be a seeker of hope!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khOPij3hbUg>

Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimages: Upcoming dates:

June 7: Miramichi Regional Pilgrimage

July 5: Fredericton Upper and Lower Saint John River Regional Pilgrimage

Aug. 2: Mary Undoer of Knots Jubilee Pilgrimage

Sept. 6: Fredericton Proper Regional Pilgrimage

Oct. 4: Our Lady of the Rosary Jubilee Pilgrimage

Nov. 1: Saint John Kings and Charlotte County Regional Pilgrimage

Dec. 6: Our Lady Star of the Sea Jubilee Pilgrimage Dec.

8: Diocesan—wide Pilgrimage Day in honour of the Immaculate Conception.

Summary of your Support for May 24th & 25th

<u>Regular/Loose</u>	\$ 3,598.55
<u>PAD (wkly. average)</u>	2,314.62
<u>Building Fund</u>	10.00
<u>Cathedral Restoration</u>	12.00
<u>Holy Land</u>	20.00
<u>Seminarians & Retired Priests</u>	217.00
<u>St. Patrick's Cemetery</u>	10.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ 6,182.17

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

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

June 1 st	For the People
June 6 th	James Andrew McAllister
June 15 th	For the People
June 22 nd	Sky Sabattis
June 29 th	For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

June 1 st	John Monkhouse
June 6 th	Stacey Chessie
June 15 th	Elaine Geldart
June 22 nd	Carolann Doherty
June 29 th	Betty Colligan

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

May 31 st	Sister Betty Rae Lee
June 1 st	Richard Tenderenda
June 7 th	For the People
June 8 th	Irene Roy
June 14 th	John Kelly
June 15 th	Leona Murphy Walter & Graham Randall
June 21 st	David Carr
June 22 nd	For the People
June 28 th	Henry Albuquerque Mass of Thanksgiving
June 29 th	Murphy & Burgoyne Families

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

May 31 st	Anna Mae Snider / Joan Sowers
June 1 st	James McGroarty / Clair & Genevieve Obi
June 7 th	Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright
June 8 th	Chinyee Alozie/Norma Downing/Debbie Landau

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

May 31 st	Lynn Laagland / Harold DeCoursey
June 1 st	Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard
June 7 th	Wanda Cairns/Colleen Hamilton
June 8 th	JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey

READINGS for June 1st

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Responsorial Psalm: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada:

During the month of June, you are encouraged to take opportunities to learn more about First Nations history and culture. There are many wonderful and enriching occasions to help support your journey of becoming better allies. Over the next few weeks, we will be highlighting information on upcoming Pow Wows and events in our region. Pow Wows are cultural celebrations of pride and gratitude and an opportunity to discover the rich traditions and cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples. A reminder that **June 21st is designated as National Indigenous Peoples Day**, a day for all to come together and reflect on the contributions of Indigenous Peoples. Watch for upcoming information for this special day.

Upcoming Pow Wows in our Region:



Sitansisk (St. Mary's First Nation) 25th Anniversary Pow Wow – June 13th-15th: Come and listen to the voices of the ancestors of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) people as they share their culture through music, dance and traditional ceremonies. Enjoy drumming from the Northern Cree

Singers and Show Time Singers along with other fantastic drumming groups, traditional Indigenous dancing, local cuisine, and Indigenous crafting from over 30 vendors! 🥁 Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Pow Wow will be held at St. Mary's Old Reserve, 534 Union Street.

July 5-6, Oinpegitjoig L'Noeigati

(Pabineau): The

Pabineau First Nation invites you to join them for their vibrant and heartwarming Pow Wow celebration to honor their heritage with traditional Indigenous dancing, singing, arts, crafts, foods, and contemporary entertainment. The venue will be held on the Flying Eagle Memorial Pow Wow Grounds at 1290 Pabineau Falls Road, Pabineau.



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

Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 11th, at 7:00 pm at Holy Family Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ascension: A Story of Letting Go – A New Beginning (Fr. John Jennings)

Change is a reality of our lives. Sometimes it takes us to new and even exciting places and experiences. There are however changes in our lives that bring a sense of loss and pain. The death of a partner or friend or a move that takes us away from the persons or places that we consider home. Such changes, such departures are part of our lives. Saying farewell is always painful. But it can also be a new beginning.

One of the hard experiences in life for me has been moving from one parish community to another. In doing so, the close ties of the community are broken and the circle of friendships that emerged in the former parish can disappear. This is a loss, but it is part of service in parish communities, or any other setting dedicated to building relationships and community. An example might help here.

Many years ago, shortly after ordination, I found myself working part-time in a largely Italian community in Toronto. After almost four years, I realized that I had grown to see the parish as “my community”. Personal relationships had grown, friendships and connections had developed so that I felt part of the families and individuals in the parish. Then I had to move on. What I discovered was that letting go of this community was hard. But I also discovered that it would in fact make room for another community elsewhere to emerge. Letting go led to a new beginning. Over the years, there have been the blessings of many communities, many new beginnings. Farewells were never a complete break.

The memories and the blessings of that earlier experience have remained. Gifts of all the communities served continue to mentor my present experiences. Many of those whom I met over the course of the past five decades continue to be in contact, in friendships, visits, phone calls and emails. The new beginnings simply made the experiences broader and wider over the years. Though we left each other’s physical presence we had not really left one another. There is a presence that continues, a sense of being apart and yet still together, of “leaving yet remaining” with one another.

When the Scriptures speak of the Ascension, it may seem that Jesus is somehow leaving his disciples, but when we look more closely at the Gospel accounts it is evident they speak of leaving and at the same time staying. There is a sense of Jesus leaving and yet remaining with his disciples.

The classic image of the ascension of Jesus is captured in the story that we find in the Acts of the Apostles. The writer of the Acts tells the story of the earliest Christian communities after the resurrection of Jesus. Acts begins with the story of Jesus leaving the disciples and ascending, or put another way with the return of Jesus to the Father. It is a story of “leaving yet remaining.”

After telling of the appearances of the risen one to the disciples and of the way in which Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples are called upon to be the *witnesses* to all they have heard and seen, that is, to the

message and the mission of Jesus. Filled with the promised Spirit, they are to take what they have experienced to the whole world, to the ends of the earth. Jesus leaves them yet remains among them. Thus, they are to be the ongoing presence of the risen Jesus for our world.

In every Eucharist we hear the words ***Do this in memory of me***. As a community of faith we recall in living fashion Jesus’ whole life, death and resurrection, what we call the Paschal Mystery. Each time we gather at the Table sharing Eucharist we celebrate together that Jesus who has returned to the Father, continues through the Spirit to be with us. Each time we celebrate together, we remember and enact this “leaving yet remaining” story as disciples of this **Risen Jesus**, and share this Good News with our world, near and far.



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage-It's Our

Turn! Bishop Riesbeck has

extended a special invitation to the parishioners of St. Kateri

Tekakwitha Parish along with four

other Parishes in this region to attend a **Jubilee Pilgrimage Mass on Saturday, July 5th at the Cathedral in Saint John.**

This will be a special day filled with prayer, private devotions, adoration of the blessed sacrament followed by celebration of the Pilgrimage Mass. Confessions are available until Mass time.

We are finalizing arrangements to provide bus transportation to the Cathedral on July 5th at no charge to the participants. In order to arrive in Saint John at 9:30am the bus will have to depart Fredericton at 8am. The events for the day end at 1pm at which time the bus will return to Fredericton. Those interested in reserving a seat on the bus are asked to contact Judy Kelly via email at office@stkateri.ca or call 506-444-6021. **The deadline to reserve a seat is June 16th.**

Copies of the schedule are available in the lobby of the church or on the Parish website stkateri.ca.

“For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the “door” of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all “our hope”. –Pope Francis, Spes non Confundit

Pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Québec Our Lady of Peace Parish is looking to see if there is an interest in a five-day pilgrimage mid-September. Based costs for 56 Pilgrims, lodging, tours, estimate approx. \$1000/person. Contact Ricarda 506-367-2005 or Ricarda_@outlook.com by May 30th.