

# 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

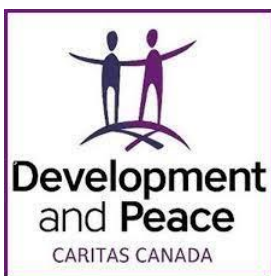
**Chrysalis House Fundraiser.** For the month of June, we are continuing our fundraiser to support Youth in Transition Fredericton, Chrysalis House a non-profit organization that provides a safe environment for youth (16-19 years old) who are or at risk of experiencing homelessness to develop essential life skills.

Sydney Smith an active member of her community and a student enrolled in the Social Work Master's Program at STU has flagged items as high priority for Chrysalis House where she is currently doing a field placement for the summer:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Non-perishable food items

In addition, special donation envelopes are available in the lobby of the church for those who wish to make a monetary donation. Items can be dropped off at St. Ann's Church or Holy Family Church.

We thank you for your consideration of this fundraiser. Any contributions will make an impact!



## Development and Peace – Caritas Canada

Pope Leo XIV released his very first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* or "Magnificent Humanity." The encyclical

headlines include a discussion of AI, the history of Catholic Social Teaching, peace and in this time of global instability the ever-present need for international development. The encyclical invites us all to celebrate and defend the gifts of human life in a world that more than not demonstrates little value for life and God's creation. The following is a second excerpt from the encyclical provided by Development & Peace:



## The Material Costs of the Digital Age

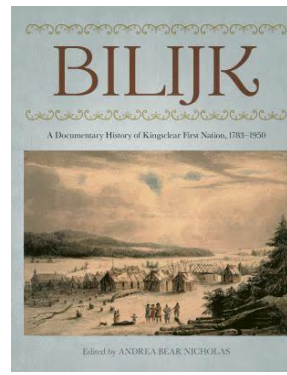
173. *"Nothing in the world of AI is immaterial or magical. Every seemingly immediate and flawless response is the result of a long chain of mediation, involving vast networks of natural resources, energy infrastructure and, above all, people. A significant part of the digital economy's functioning relies on the silent work of millions of people engaged in essential yet largely unseen activities, such as data labeling, model training and content moderation, often involving disturbing material. In many cases, these workers are young people, predominantly women, working under demanding conditions for minimal wages. Added to this invisible labor is the even harsher work of extracting the resources required for the production of the devices and microprocessors on which AI depends. In some regions of the world, children and adolescents work in dangerous conditions, crushing the materials from which rare earth elements are extracted... If technology promises emancipation, yet produces new forms of global subordination, it stands in contradiction to the fundamental principle of human dignity."*

You can read more on the encyclical by clicking on the following link from the Development and Peace website: <https://devp.org/en/magnifica-humanitas-pope-leo-xiv-encyclical/>

## 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.



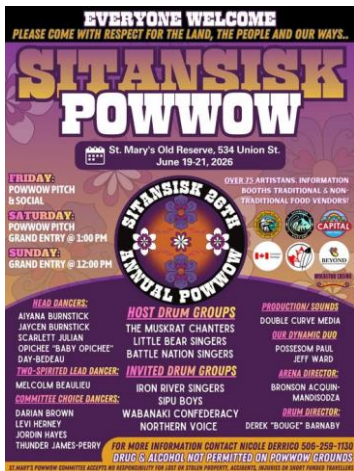
Historian, author and Professor Emeritus from St. Thomas University Andrea Bear Nicholas recently completed the book 'Bilijk' a documentary history of Kingsclear First Nation from 1783-1950 which includes Oral Traditions, archival documents, paintings, maps

and photographs which documents the history of Bilijk, the first Welastekwey community to be established as a reserve. Click on the link that follows and listen to an audio clip of a CBC interview with Andrea Bear Nicholas as she speaks on her journey on the completion of her new book.

Click here

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/audio/9.7146872>

## Upcoming Pow Wows in our Region:



**Sitansisk (St. Mary's First Nation) Pow Wow – June 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.** 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. Host drum groups will

include The Muskrat Chanters, Little Bear Singers and Battle Nation Singers. There will also be traditional Indigenous dancing, traditional food vendors and over 75 artisans! Everyone is welcome to attend. The Pow Wow will be held at St. Mary's Old Reserve, 534 Union Street.

### A Summary of Support for June 6 & 7

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 3,953.78</b>
<b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>	<b>2,298.46</b>
<b>St. Patrick's Cemetery</b>	<b>35.00</b>
<b>Pope's Pastoral Works</b>	<b>515.00</b>
<b>Chrysalis House</b>	<b>565.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,367.24</b>

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish.**

Watch for more highlights on upcoming Pow Wows and special events in future Bulletins. 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

**Note from Fr. Bill:** I will be away from May 20<sup>th</sup> till June 15<sup>th</sup>. I will also be at the Villa Madonna Retreat House on the weekend of June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. I have been able to arrange for a priest to be here each weekend for Masses when I am away. For assistance when I am away please contact Judy Kelly through the Parish Office @ 506-444-6021. Leave a message and she will be checking phone messages often.

**Rosary** - Rosary is prayed every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family. During Ordinary Time we will be reciting the Luminous Mysteries. All are welcome to attend.

## Readings for June 14<sup>th</sup>

First Reading: Exodus 19:1-6a

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 9:36—10:8

**Responsorial Psalm:** We are his people: the sheep of his pasture.

## Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

June 14<sup>th</sup> Florence Cameron

June 21<sup>st</sup> Sandy Goodine / Gregory Francis/  
Claudette Buckley

June 28<sup>th</sup> Claudine Nowlan

## READERS AT ST. ANN'S

June 14<sup>th</sup> Stacey Chessie

June 21<sup>st</sup> Elaine Geldart

June 28<sup>th</sup> Carolanne Doherty

## Mass Intentions at Holy Family

June 13<sup>th</sup> John Kelly / Graham & Walter  
Randall

June 14<sup>th</sup> Leona Murphy

June 20<sup>th</sup> Henry Albuquerque

June 21<sup>st</sup> For the People

June 27<sup>th</sup> Romeo & Antoinette LeBlanc

June 28<sup>th</sup> For the People

## READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

June 13<sup>th</sup> Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley

June 14<sup>th</sup> Anita & Ray Allain / Bonnie Deveau  
Victoria Olopade

June 20<sup>th</sup> William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc

June 21<sup>st</sup> James McGroarty / Clare or Sophia  
Obi

Genevieve Obi / Oma Okoye

June 27<sup>th</sup> Margie Snell / Joan Sowers

June 28<sup>th</sup> Chinyere Alozie / Norma Downing  
Anuli Ezeokafor / Debbie Landau

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

June 13<sup>th</sup> Ron Breau / Judy Kelly

June 14<sup>th</sup> JoAnne Linton / Laura McDonald

June 20<sup>th</sup> Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton

June 21<sup>st</sup> Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin

June 27<sup>th</sup> Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey

June 28<sup>th</sup> Ewart Kenny / Patrick Burgoon



Our Taste and See June retreats are shaped by the spirituality of St. Ignatius, which is often described as us “finding God in all things”. Come

taste and see God’s longing also for YOU ... in the silence, in nature, in scripture, in worship, in community and in your daily life. From Wednesday June 10th to Wednesday June 17th, 2026, we are offering two (2) retreats. Both retreats are directed retreats.

**The Silent Directed 3-Day retreat at the Villa - Monday June 15 – Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>.** In the beautiful and restful atmosphere at the Villa Madonna come join us for silence, space, relaxation, prayer, and daily meetings with a spiritual director.

Apart from the opening and closing assemblies, you choose how to use your time. Eucharist (Mass) and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are options available for those who desire these opportunities. **Cost: 325.00. \$25 registration + \$300.00 on arrival at Villa Madonna.** Perhaps one of our June 2026 retreats might be God’s invitation to you. See our AASEA website [aaseasaintjohn.ca](http://aaseasaintjohn.ca) to apply or contact Bob McDermott at [mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca) or at 506-696-4772.

**Summer Readers at Holy Family – It’s the time of year when you create the Reader Schedule for July and August. The Sign-Up sheet is posted in the lobby of the Church. **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 and email address 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.

For any questions, please contact Jane Buckley by emailing [jmb1958@me.com](mailto:jmb1958@me.com) or call 506-444-1396.



**Kevin Lee Memorial Greenhouse - Bilijk Community Garden Fundraiser:** The Bilijk Community Garden is hosting fundraiser for a chance to win a Loose Tea Steeper & Traditionally Harvested Bilijk Tea. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of a potato harvester for the Bilijk Community Garden.

If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser there are **special donation envelopes** in the lobby of the Church (please add your name and phone number on the envelope in order to be included in the draw for the Tea set) or you can contact Student Supervisor Ethan Webb at [ethanwebb1959@gmail.com](mailto:ethanwebb1959@gmail.com)

**Catechists are Invited to Heart & Soil: Family Faith Encounter Workshop:** A one-day formation workshop **Facilitated by Jim Anderson.** This workshop is inspired by Dr. James Pauley's *An Evangelizing Catechesis* which reminds us that every form of catechesis must be **evangelistic in nature, centered on Christ**, and designed to draw children and families into a life of **missionary discipleship**. There is **no cost** for this workshop, but registration is helpful for meal planning. Please register with your parish RE coordinator. Fredericton: Saturday: June 20th, Msgr. Boyd Family Centre - 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.

### **Coming to St. Dunstan Church Major Relic of Saint Brother André**

We are blessed to welcome the **Major Relic of Saint Brother André (André Bessette)** to **St. Dunstan Church** on **Friday, June 26**. This special evening of prayer and devotion will be led by **Fr. Jomon Kalladanthiyil, CSC**, from **St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal**.

#### **Evening Schedule:**

- **6:00 PM** Exposition of the Major Relic of Saint Brother André
- **6:05 PM** Talk with PowerPoint Presentation
- **6:30 PM** Eucharistic Adoration
- **7:00 PM** Mass in honour of Saint André Bessette
- **7:40 PM** Veneration of the Relic & Anointing with the Oil of St. Joseph

All are warmly welcome to attend this non-denomination grace-filled evening.

**Our Sacred Stories**  
**Disciple Formation – Now what?**  
**(Fr. John Jennings)**

As we return to what we call “Ordinary Time” in our liturgies, we begin to reflect on who we are as disciples of Jesus the Christ. Over the rest of this year, we will discover being a disciple means for us. Among the things we will discover is that it is not about “saving our souls”. It is not about getting ourselves into heaven. It is much more about what we do for and with those who share our lives here on earth and how we use our human gifts for the sake of those around us.

In short, being a disciple is about living a life that assists the rest of humanity, around us to live as Jesus lived. This means living with the compassion and love, the acceptance and openness to others that we discover in Jesus himself. To do so means we build families, communities and societies marked by peace, justice and love.

Jesus gathered a motley crew of followers around him. The twelve that we hear of in the Gospel, were no shining lights. They were not rabbis or teachers or experts in the law, but people such as fishermen, tax collectors, ordinary women and men from small local communities. They were not especially pious, nor did they have a lot of knowledge of the Jewish Law of Moses. Those who became his disciples were simply curious, wanting to know more about him.

The followers of Jesus began their connection by a simple encounter with the person of Jesus. As they watched and listened, they became friends. Spending time listening and watching, they became more intrigued, growing closer to him.

Matthew’s Gospel describes the manner in which the relationship between Jesus and his disciples grew. There was a basic message that was the foundation of all that Jesus said and did. Matthew relates it early in his telling of the story: “Jesus began his preaching with the message, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand’” (Matt.4:17). Everything else, all he said and did was the announcing of Gospel, Good News, in word and action. The disciples of Jesus had encountered someone who was marked by the compassion of God.

The central section of Matthew’s Gospel has Jesus teaching his disciples what the kingdom looks like. Chapters 5-7 of Matthew presents the Sermon on the Mount. It reveals Jesus going up on a hillside to describe the qualities that express the closeness of the kingdom among them. Those who take on the qualities of the Kingdom, Jesus compares to the builder “who built his house on rock” (Matt. 7:24-25)

The disciples did not receive all this solely for themselves. In fact, it was intended to be a message with a mission. The healing and reconciliation that Jesus brought in action was an expression of compassion. His mission was for the wounded, the broken and the loss of all humanity. God’s dream was life and love, peace and justice for all humanity and was intended for the whole of creation. As the poetic creation account in Genesis expressed it: “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good” (Gen.1:31).

Having instructed and formed his followers as disciples, Jesus called them to take the message on, as a mission. They were formed in order that they might be what the master was for them. The compassion that he revealed to all was to be their mission – it was to proclaim the good news: “The kingdom of heaven has come near. Cure the sick, raise the dead, and cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.” (Matt.10:7-8).

In a world much marked by division, violence and injustice, the message and the mission of the community of Christians is one of peace and justice, healing and reconciliation. The pastoral mission of the church is one marked by the compassion shown by Jesus. Its mission is one of openness and welcome to all. Over the course of Ordinary Time this year, this is our call, as disciples of Jesus.

More than a decade ago, Pope Francis issued an apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel* that set the mandate for his papacy. It was a pastoral mandate in keeping with the compassion Jesus expressed and to which he called all his disciples. “The Church which ‘goes forth’ is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice.... Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy....” (Pope Francis. *The Joy of the Gospel* 24, 2013)

# BINGO

AGES 18+  
ONLY

## NIGHT

FREE BBQ  
FOR ALL  
PLAYERS



VARIETY OF GAMES

CASH PRIZES

MONDAY JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> 2026 AT 6PM

ST ANN'S CHURCH HALL (BASEMENT)

BOOK OF 9 UP - \$15.00

BOOK OF 3 UP - \$5.00

SPECIALS \$1.00 A CARD

TOONIE BALL - \$2.00

LAST BINGO OF THE SUMMER!!

RETURNING AUGUST 24 2026!

THIS IS A FUNDRAISING BINGO FOR THE BILJK SENIORS GROUP  
ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO ST ANNE DE BEAUPRE IN PARTNERSHIP  
WITH ST KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC PARISH

## BILJK COMMUNITY BINGO FUNDRAISER

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF  
CELEBRATION ON

Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at

St. Ann's Church Hall

Pack your dabbers and bring your appetite and join us for the last night of bingo for the summer as we celebrate time spent together. Join in on the fun and enjoy a sizzling BBQ featuring burgers, hot dogs and all the fixings. The BBQ starts at 5pm and is 'FREE' for all bingo players. Bingo games will follow the BBQ (games start at 6pm) with some special prizes. The canteen will be open throughout the evening with a great selection of refreshments and snacks.

Don't miss out on this special celebration and a chance to support the fundraiser for the Elders annual trip to Ste. Anne de Beaupré at the end of June.

A huge '**THANK YOU**' to all the volunteers and those who supported the Bingo Night! The bingo is open to those 18 years & older only. Everyone is welcome!

**Bingo night will resume on  
Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.**