

# 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Most Holy Trinity**



**Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage-It's Our Turn!** Join your fellow parishioners who have already signed up for the **Jubilee Pilgrimage Mass on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at the**

**Cathedral in Saint John.** Bishop Riesbeck has extended this special invitation to the parishioners of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish along with four other Parishes in this region and a bus has been reserved to provide transportation to Saint John and back. This day will be filled with prayer, private devotions, adoration of the blessed sacrament followed by celebration of the Pilgrimage Mass. Confessions are available until Mass time. There will also be a display of relics.

In order to arrive in Saint John at 9:30am the bus will have to depart Fredericton from Holy Family Church 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](mailto:office@stkateri.ca) or call 506-444-6021. There is no cost to attend. **Don't miss this special opportunity – sign-up now!**

Copies of the schedule are available in the lobby of the church or on the Parish website [stkateri.ca](http://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*

**Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimages:** Upcoming dates:  
**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.

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

A 4- Day Silent Guided-Directed Retreat titled 'Say But The Word' from Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto:mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca). For further information on the retreat and registration go to website [www.aaseasaintjohn.ca](http://www.aaseasaintjohn.ca) menu item – Longer Retreats – Residential

**Reflection from Fr. Bill:** Nature is in full glory these Spring days. I offer you the following as a prayer practice to be present with our God who creates it all.

**The Sabbath Walk** – 'For thirty minutes' walk slowly and silently – preferably outside in nature, but it can also be done indoors – without trying to get anywhere. It is more of an amble, a stroll. Let your senses guide your walk. If you are drawn to a leaf, a stone, a color, a chink in the concrete, a shape in the floor, the fragrance of the grass, simply stop, and linger, and allow the moment to be, to smell or touch or thoroughly observe whatever is available for you..... When you are called to stop, stop and investigate. When you are called to begin again, move on. After thirty minutes notice what has happened to your body, mind, your sense of time.'

(From Wayne Muller, *Sabbath, Find Rest, Renewal and Delight in our Busy Lives*).

HAPPY  
**FATHER'S**  
DAY

### Summary of Support for June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 3,514.07</b>
<b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>	<b>2,314.62</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>St. Patrick's Cemetery</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,923.69</b>

#### *OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:*

1. *Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD). Forms are at the entrance of the churches. Return to parish office.*
2. *Mail: St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.*
3. *Electronic Funds Transfer to [office@stkateri.ca](mailto:office@stkateri.ca)*

**Rosary** - Join us every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During ordinary time we will be reciting the Luminous Mysteries.

**CORPUS CHRISTI COLLECTION:** The annual collection for the Cathedral Restoration will be taken up in the parishes on the weekend of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), this year on June 21-22. Envelopes will be available at the church entrance.

**Summer Readers at Holy Family** – It's the time of year when you create the Reader schedule for July, August and early September. The Sign-Up sheet is on the Bulletin Board in the entryway. **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 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.

### **READINGS for June 15<sup>th</sup>**

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31  
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5  
Gospel: John 16:12-15

**Responsorial Psalm: Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

#### **Mass Intentions at St. Ann's**

June 15<sup>th</sup> Florence Cameron  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> Sky Sabattis / Claudette Buckley  
June 29<sup>th</sup> For the People

#### **READERS AT ST. ANN'S**

June 15<sup>th</sup> Elaine Geldart  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> Carolann Doherty  
June 29<sup>th</sup> Betty Colligan

#### **Mass Intentions at Holy Family**

June 14<sup>th</sup> John Kelly  
June 15<sup>th</sup> Leona Murphy  
Walter & Graham Randall  
June 21<sup>st</sup> David Carr  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> For the People  
June 28<sup>th</sup> Henry Albuquerque  
Mass of Thanksgiving  
June 29<sup>th</sup> Murphy & Burgoyne Families

#### **READERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

June 14<sup>th</sup> Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley  
June 15<sup>th</sup> Noreen Bonnell / Ebuka Ezeokaor /  
Maureen Hawthorne  
June 21<sup>st</sup> William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> Jane Buckley / Maurice Harquail /  
Chinasa Trinita

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

June 14<sup>th</sup> Rita Maxwell / Judy Kelly  
June 15<sup>th</sup> Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin  
June 21<sup>st</sup> Leslie Carr / Margie Snell  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon



**Laudato Si': Why It Matters More Than Ever 10 Years On.**  
Development and Peace recently published an article on Pope Francis encyclical 'Laudato Si'.

"In his landmark letter, Pope Francis gave us the challenge to hear "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" and called for an "ecological conversion". In this Jubilee Year, *Laudato Si'* takes on new significance, not only because of its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but also because among the encyclical's many themes is attention to both financial and ecological debt." (LS, 49)

Pope Francis reflection on the time that passed between when he wrote *Laudato Si'* and the 2023 COP28 conference on climate change, writing:

"I have asked that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons. We will feel its effects in the areas of healthcare, sources of employment, access to resources, housing forced migrations, etc." (LS, 2)

"As Pope Francis reminded us, "we need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hid, still less is there room for globalization of indifference." (LS, 52)

To read more of this article by Dean Dettloff, Research and Advocacy Officer, educator and storyteller click on the following link and select the 'News' tab: <https://devp.org>

A copy of the book *Laudato Si'* is available on the book shelf in the lobby of the church. If you chose to read this book, please return it when you are finished so others may read it as well.

Also, on the Development and Peace website is an **open letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney re. Canada's role in building "a world guided by solidarity, justice and sustainability"** by Luke Stocking, Development and Peace Interim Executive Director. Click here to read the entire letter: <https://devp.org/en/to-prime-minister-mark-carney/>

## Upcoming Pow Wows in our Region:



**Sitansisk (St. Mary's First Nation) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pow Wow – June 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</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. 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.



**National Peoples Indigenous Peoples Day:** The Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI), Wolastoqey Tribal Council Inc. (WTCI), and Under One Sky will be hosting the annual Indigenous Peoples Day event at Officers' Square on

Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am to 3pm. Festivities for the day include activities for kids, making it a perfect family day out. There will also be a number of vendors. Mark your calendars and take this opportunity to celebrate and learn more about Indigenous Culture!

## 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](http://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](http://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

### Our Sacred Stories

#### The Mystery of God's Hug – The Love of the Trinity (Fr. John Jennings)

"Mystery" can mean many things. Sometimes we use it in reference to something that is hard to understand. Often it refers to a story such as a novel or movie in which the ending only becomes clear as it finishes. A "mystery" can also mean a question to which we cannot find an answer or a solution, it remains unsolved. In our faith tradition, we use the word "mystery" for some of the greatest aspects of our faith. In this case, what we mean by **a mystery** is a truth or aspect of our faith **the truth of which is so great, that we can never exhaust it.**

If we think this is rather strange, perhaps we might note that our faith is not the only aspect of our lives where we encounter such "mystery". Consider for a moment our relationships with others, especially the intimate relationship of a married couple. As long as they are together and as close as they may become, they will often admit that they never fully understand one another. Each day, each new circumstance will reveal something new about their partner. And that is a "wonder-full" thing about their adventure through life together, a true mystery in our lives.

The mystery of the Trinity is the mystery of God's love, God's **hug** for all humanity, all creation. The great

story of this wonder or mystery is to be found in the first book of the Jewish or Old Testament, The Book of Genesis (Gen.1). This account tells of God's overflowing love for all creation as God's love brings every thing into life. The story is a poetic expression of God's love and the delight in which God holds all that has come into being: *God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good* (Gen.1:31).

In the prologue to John's Gospel, John reminds us of the wonder of God's delight as God joins us by sharing our flesh in Jesus. The Gospel writer puts it very simply: *The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father* (John 1:14). The divine and the human come together.

Our God is Trinity – Father, Son, Spirit. This is one of the deepest and the earliest beliefs of the Christian Tradition. It is also most expressive of our image of God. To have faith in God who expresses love and harmony, compassion and care, healing and comfort, is to have faith in the Trinity, a God who hugs us constantly to God's own self, always and forever.

To see God as Mother or Father, a loving, life-giving parent is to see our God as the creative one, giving life to all that is. This is our God who gives and sustains life in all the universe. More than this, this is the God, who like a parent loves life into existence and supports it with this same inexhaustible love.

This loving, creating God has come among us in Jesus, the incarnation of God. So great is the love held in the heart of our God that it spills out in an overflowing flood as God takes on our humanity in the person of Jesus. God is ever with us, Emmanuel.

Such love cannot be just for a moment or a time. It is constant and forever. In the Spirit we are given the continuous hug of our God. We cannot win it or lose it. God's hug is ever with us, in our joys and sorrows, our good times and our bad. Like the hug of the mother, the embrace of the father, the love of our God, expressed in the Trinity has a warmth and comfort that draws us together. We are held in the heart of God. What an overflowing mystery! Truly, God's hug.

**Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at St. Anthony's Church on Friday, June 20th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!**