

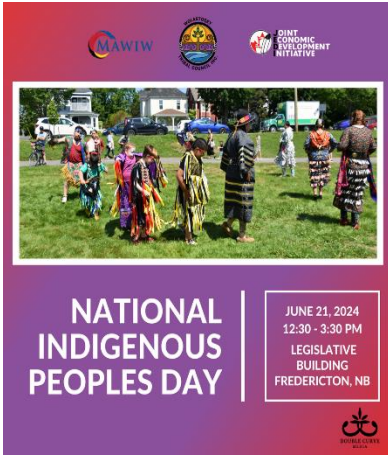
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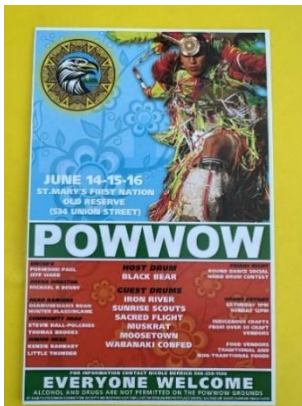
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Mass Schedule: St. Ann's Sunday @ 9:30 am/Holy Family Saturday @ 4:30 pm and Sunday @ 11:00 am

June 16th, 2024 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



National Indigenous Peoples Day is June 21st: This week we are highlighting a couple of activities for National Indigenous Peoples Day (this coming Friday) as we continue to seek opportunities to learn more about First Nations history and culture and supporting our journey as we strive to become better allies.



Sitansisk 21st Annual Powwow (St. Mary's First Nation). This weekend is Sitansisk Annual Powwow. Come hear the drum beat of Mother Earth on June 14, 15, & 16 at St. Mary's Old Reserve (534 Union Street). Click on the following link for more information on the schedule of events:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/239686049557017>

Activities for June 21st

'Hello Crows' will be at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery (703 Queen Street) this coming Friday from 12 noon to 1pm. Formed in 2022, this group of highly talented Wabanaki songwriters and storytellers, also represent a collective voice both for their people and their generation. Through their performances they hope to educate audiences about their history and beautiful culture while sharing the social obstacles their community continues to face today.

The Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI), the Wolastoqey Tribunal Council Inc. (WTCI) and the MAWIW Council (Elsipogtog, Neqotkuk and Esgenoôpetitj First Nation communities)

will once again be hosting a family day filled with festivities, activities for kids and onsite vendors on the grounds of the NB Legislature Building this coming Friday from 12:30pm to 3:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn and celebrate Indigenous culture!

Other Activities:

Wabanaki Healing Garden. The entrance is situated in the Fredericton Botanic Garden (Prospect Street entrance). The Healing Garden is the



brainchild of Cecelia Brooks, a Knowledge Keeper from St. Mary's First Nation, and her son, Anthony Brooks. "One of the things that Anthony and I talked about was the reconciliation process here in Canada, and that we truly believe that it's the grassroots people that will initiate that and carry that," said Cecelia Brooks. "Since time immemorial the Wabanaki People have lived in gratitude and nurtured reciprocity with plants and all other beings on this earth we know to be our mother. Sharing this harmonious approach to life and living beings is reflected in the Wabanaki worldview through our ancient languages, culture, dance, and song. The garden is an expression of our love and hope for the healing and nurturing of the earth and all her people." For more information on the Healing Garden and guided tours click on the following link: <https://www.wabanakitreespirit.ca/new-page-1>

CBC Gem Documentaries: Last February our Parish presented two watch and learn documentaries on Indigenous Spiritual Ceremony. This event also supports the Truth and Reconciliation 94 Calls to Action, "Recognizing that all Canadians, as treaty peoples, share responsibility in establishing and maintaining respectful relationships".

Both these documentaries 'Telling Our Story' and 'My Name is Wolastoq' can be found online at CBC Gem.



Development and Peace – Ecological

Responsibility: The Earth is sacred. All of creation has its own intrinsic value. We have a responsibility to protect and cherish the Earth’s ecological diversity, beauty and life-sustaining systems.

Together, we must care

for and protect our common home for future generations.

Example in Action: God’s creation is given to all to be enjoyed by all. But climate change, caused our production and consumption habits, threatens human, animal and plant life around the world.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada supports grassroots partners working for ecological justice in a variety of ways, like promoting climate-resilient farming, defending fragile bioregions and resisting destructive extractive industries. While climate change affects us all, its worst effects are borne by those who are least responsible for it. That makes our partners’ work with the most vulnerable communities especially important.

Canada has additional responsibility because of its special relationship to industries that have a long history of human rights and environmental abuses. A majority of the world’s mining corporations are headquartered or raise capital in Canada. Communities harmed by Canadian mining in the Global South find it immensely difficult, if not impossible, to pursue justice in Canadian courts. That is why our members have been advocating since 2008 for ways of holding Canadian corporations accountable and giving

the communities they harm abroad a way of seeking justice in Canada.

Our economic systems can no longer be considered as separate from the environment and human beings. We cannot pursue infinite economic growth on a finite planet. **We must reject solutions that leave out the poor.** To respond to the call of God to care for creation, **we must build people-led, ecologically sustainable alternatives.**

Rosary: Every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During Ordinary Time we will be reciting the Luminous Mysteries. Everyone is 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.

Summary of your Support for June 8th & 9th

Regular/Loose	\$ 4,140.65
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
Building Fund	740.00
Cathedral Restoration	30.00
St. Patrick’s Cemetery	305.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,043.34

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

1. Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD). Forms are at the entrance of the churches. Return to parish office.
2. Mail your envelopes St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.
3. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) You may send your donations by Electronic Funds Transfer to office@stkateri.ca

Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Family Church: A new schedule is available in the entrance of the church for the period May 18th to September 29th, 2024. Eucharistic Ministers are required to wear a mask when serving communion. If you have any questions, please speak to Judy Kelly. Thank you for serving in this vital Ministry that supports our Liturgy.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Notice: There will be no Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts in the months of June, July and August. The Breakfasts will resume on Sunday, September 8th with a breakfast for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Thank you for supporting the Breakfasts, and have a great summer!

Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 20th, 7:00PM at Holy Family Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Jewelry Sale! "Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers" is pleased to announce that we are once again planning to host a **Jewelry Sale** next fall at the Charlotte Street Arts Center. Proceeds will go to The Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho, 2 Canadian organizations working tirelessly at the grass roots level to support the challenged grandmothers of sub-Saharan Africa.

If you have earrings, necklaces, rings, bangles, or other jewelry treasures that you no longer wish to keep, we would love to receive your donations. Just bag and leave in the designated box at the back of Holy Family church.

Thank you again to the parishioners of St. Kateri Tekakwitha who continue to offer support to "Grandmothers". If you have any questions, please email Mary Dickinson: mary.bergin@gmail.com

Our Lady of Grace School has openings for the next school year, call 506-459-3518 for more info.

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 21st at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

READINGS for June 16th

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

June 16th William Buckley / Sandy Goodine
June 23rd Annunciata Colford
June 30th Joyce Buckley

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

June 16th Elaine Geldart
June 23rd Carolann Doherty
June 30th Betty Colligan

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

June 15th Leona Murphy / Robert Wilkins
June 16th Foster Phillips & Family
June 22nd Claudette Buckley
June 23rd Marie Ann Burton
June 29th Lynn Justason
June 30th Ann Hawkins

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

June 15th Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey
June 16th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard
June 22nd Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
June 23rd Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

June 15th Anna Mae Snider, Margie Snell, Beth Wright
June 16th Anita Allain, Ray Allain, Bonnie Deveau
June 22nd Mona LeBlanc / William Cormier
June 23rd James McGroarty / Claire & Genevieve Obi

Copy of the Bishop's Letter – Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at the church entrance.

Our Sacred Stories

Parables: Patience vs Pushiness in the Reign of God (Fr. John Jennings)

Stories! We all seem to love them. We read novels. We watch movies. We follow many a TV series. Jesus told many stories as he walked with his disciples. The Gospels call these stories parables. A parable is a story based on ordinary life – gardens, fishing, working, playing. But parables are about more than ordinary life. Such stories take us to another dimension. They allow us to see the spiritual side of our lives, taking us beyond the ordinary, the material, the social dimension which so often dominates.

Jesus uses parables to tell us what the Reign of God is like, what it means for us. This Sunday we hear two of Jesus' parables. The ordinary, the material element of the stories focuses on planting seeds. But Jesus tells them for the other element, the spiritual dimension of the Reign of God. As Jesus puts it: *The reign of God is as if..... or is like.....*

Mark's Gospel offers us a parable about the person who scatters the seed on the ground and then has to wait patiently for growth to occur. In this story we hear a call to recognize that we cannot control the Reign of God. It comes because of God, not because of us. And it demands patience not pushiness on our behalf. It calls for a willingness to sow the Reign wherever we are and then patiently wait while God works in us, in those around us and in our world.

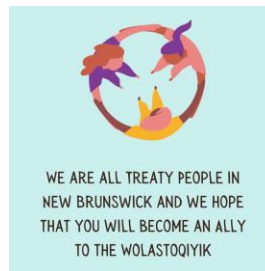
Some 30 years ago, an archbishop in El Salvador, Oscar Romero became heavily involved in working for the poor and disadvantaged of the country. He was assassinated by some of the powerful people who resisted his efforts for the poor. His words, before he died are a call for us to recognize how we work for the building of the Reign of God. It is God's Reign, not our own. Our efforts and willingness to commit are important. But what becomes the Reign in the midst of our world will come from God, not from us. Here are Oscar Romero's words:

This is what we are about. We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces efforts far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in that.

This enables us to do something and to do it well. It may be incomplete, but it is a Beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the Master Builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

Our Christian call demands our efforts, but we do not control the results. Patience not pushiness, commitment, not control builds the Reign of God for all humanity. Are we "seed-planters" in our place and time?



Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick (WNNB) Ally Toolkit.

As noted on the Truth and Reconciliation website: "for Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples to coexist peacefully, a relationship must be built on understanding and respect. That

understanding can be a first step to better relations on a range of issues including environmental, spiritual, societal, and justice matters." The link below provided by the WNNB is a great resource on what it means to become an ally and how we can best accomplish this as individuals and within our Parish. Woliwon- Thank you. <https://wnnb.wolastoqey.ca/toolkit/>

Open Space, Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice.

The Jesuit Forum brings small groups together to reflect, share, and speak openly to help discern pathways to a more socially just and spiritually fulfilling world. The April 2024 issue, entitled "*Discerning...The Confession of Genocide for Truth and Reconciliation*", is being provided as another opportunity to learn and educate us on our journey to becoming better allies. The link is available on our website.

<https://jesuitforum.ca/resources/open-space/>