

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 21st, 2026 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



BINGO NIGHT

AGES 18+ ONLY

FREE BBQ FOR ALL PLAYERS

VARIETY OF GAMES

CASH PRIZES

MONDAY JUNE 22ND 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 BILIK SENIORS GROUP
ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO ST ANNE DE BEAUPRE IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH ST KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC PARISH

The poster features a dark red background with the word 'BINGO' in large, glowing, dotted letters at the top. Below it, 'NIGHT' is written in large, yellow, glowing letters. The text 'AGES 18+ ONLY' is on the left and 'FREE BBQ FOR ALL PLAYERS' is on the right. In the center, there are two bingo cards and several bingo balls. The bingo cards are red with white numbers. The bingo balls are colorful and have letters on them. At the bottom, there are two golden bingo cages filled with balls. The text 'VARIETY OF GAMES' and 'CASH PRIZES' is written in white, bold letters. Below that, the date and location are listed. The prizes are listed in white text. At the bottom, there are two white rounded rectangles with black text. The first one says 'LAST BINGO OF THE SUMMER!! RETURNING AUGUST 24 2026!'. The second one says 'THIS IS A FUNDRAISING BINGO FOR THE BILIK SENIORS GROUP ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO ST ANNE DE BEAUPRE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC PARISH'.

BILIK COMMUNITY BINGO FUNDRAISER

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION ON Monday, June 22nd at St. Ann's Church Hall

To celebrate the Last Bingo of the Summer and give thanks for all who have contributed as players and volunteers to the great success of the Bingo there will be:

- ✚ A BBQ beginning at 5 pm. All are welcome and all is free!
- ✚ Each game there will be \$100 prizes instead of \$80!
- ✚ Instead of the 50/50 game it will be winner-takes-all.
- ✚ The Jackpot game will be \$50 for one line, \$50 for two lines and \$250 for full card.
- ✚ There will be Door Prizes and a Cake to celebrate.

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

The bingo is open to those 18 years & older only. Everyone is welcome!

Next Bingo is Monday, August 24th.
Woliwon! Thank you!

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!

Cookie Sunday Weekend: June 27th & 28th is Cookie Sunday Weekend. In addition to cookies, the Food Bank is once again in need of 'anything tomato' i.e. tomato soup, tomato sauce or paste, canned pasta and pasta. Donations can be dropped off at Holy Family Church at the Saturday Mass or Sunday Mass at both St. Ann's Church and Holy Family Church. Any donation you can provide is most appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry!

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.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada

Pope Leo XIV released his very first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* or "Magnificent Humanity." 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 one excerpt from the encyclical provided by Development & Peace:



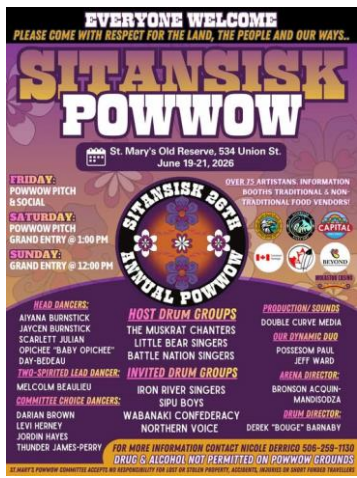
We Can All Do Our Part

#212. *“At this point, however, a subtle temptation may emerge, namely the thought that the problems are too big and we are too small, and that our choices, therefore, cannot make a difference. This is a polite form of resignation, often disguised as realism. Certainly, not everyone has the same power to make a difference. There are those who govern, make investment decisions, lead institutions, conduct research, educate, produce or provide information, and then there are those who only seem to live their daily lives. Yet, no one is without responsibility. We all have our own areas for action, and it is precisely there — and nowhere else — that we must choose whether to fuel the mentality of force (even if only through indifference, cynicism, lies or hatred), or to preserve the mindset of peace (with truth, moderation, closeness and care).”*

A Summary of Support for June 13 & 14

Regular/Loose	\$3,278.20
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
St. Patrick's Cemetery	1,035.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	10.00
Chrysalis House	385.00
Bilijk Garden Fundraiser	310.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,316.66

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



Upcoming Pow Wows in our Region:

Sitansisk (St. Mary's First Nation) Pow Wow – June 19th-21st. 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.

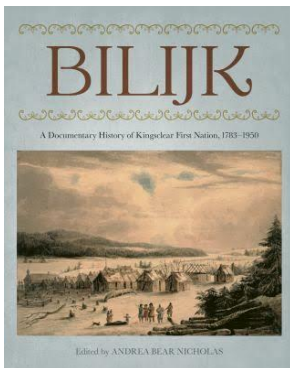


**Fishermen
POW WOV**
Spirit of Peace and Friendship

Gitpo Spirit – Annual Fisherman Pow Wow. This event is being held on July 1st, Waterford Green, Chatham. A Sunrise Ceremony will be held at 6:30am in honor of Dalton "Doc" Francis, who was a key

member of the team since its inception.

The event will feature Xavier Burnsed of Gesgapegiag and Shay Ward of Natoaganeg, as head dancers for this year's event. More information to come on the schedule of events.



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>

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

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 or call 506-444-1396.

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.

Readings for June 21st

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15
Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your steadfast love, answer me.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

June 21st Sandy Goodine / Gregory Francis /
Claudette Buckley
June 28th Claudine Nowlan

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

June 21st Elaine Geldart
June 28th Carolanne Doherty

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

June 20th Henry Albuquerque
June 21st For the People
June 27th Romeo & Antoinette LeBlanc
June 28th For the People

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

June 20th William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
June 21st James McGroarty / Clare or Sophia Obi
Genevieve Obi / Oma Okoye
June 27th Margie Snell / Joan Sowers
June 28th Chinyere Alozie / Norma Downing
Anuli Ezeokafor / Debbie Landau

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

June 20th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
June 21st Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin
June 27th Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey
June 28th Ewart Kenny / Patrick Burgoon

Our Sacred Stories - The Way of God's Love (Fr. John Jennings)

What is the vision we have of our God? Is our God the divine judge? Is our faith, our relationship with God and with God's People especially dependent on how we follow the law, the commandments, and the rules? Is our relationship different - warmer, more life-giving? Is it possible the gift of Jesus the Christ, leads us in a different more open and welcoming relationship with our God.

The spiritual writer and priest, Ron Rolheiser consistently takes us beyond the rigid and bound sense of faith, to a relational faith that is marked by warmth and a life-giving divine presence for us all. His work is based on a host of Christian spiritual writers who are well versed in our scriptures and in our long Christian Tradition. It often broadens our vision of God.

In Against an Infinite Horizon: The Finger of God in Our Everyday Lives (Crossroads Publishing, 2001) 186, Rolheiser quotes the 14th century English hermitess, Julian of Norwich. Julian was a young woman living in the midst of troubled times. The England of the mid-14th century was facing a deadly epidemic, bubonic plague. So threatening was it that it became known as the "Black Death". The experience of such an epidemic, with a high death rate was more than a health threat, it was a spiritual crisis for the population of England, and beyond. In the midst of this crisis, Julian became a hermitess at the Norwich Cathedral.

She lived in complete solitude in a tiny cell attached to the church. There she offered her life in prayer for the suffering population and brought spiritual support to all who were in need. Her writings filled with hope and a vision of God's constant love, continue to nurture the vision of God's love and presence down to our own day. Richard Rohr shared a piece of what Julian wrote:

My mind was lifted up to heaven, and I saw our Lord as ... in his own house where he had called his much-loved friends and servants to a banquet. I saw that the Lord did not sit in one place but ranged throughout the house, filling it with joy and gladness....He himself was the happiness and peace of his dear friends,... radiating measureless love like a marvelous symphony, and it was that wonderful face shining with the beauty of God that filled that heavenly place with joy and light. (186)

"Crisis" seems to fill the news channels today. If it is not what seem to be insoluble conflicts in the Middle East or between Russian and Ukraine, it is the many impacts from these conflicts on peoples around the globe, especially in areas that have already been struggling. Whether global or personal, the threats that we might sense often lead to fear, discouragement and even some despair.

The Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah found himself threatened as he sought to speak God's message to Israel (Jer.20:10-13). Even his close friends were rejecting the message he bore and in doing so, they were rejecting him. He cried out: "Terror is all around."

In the midst of this "terror", however the prophet recognized that he did not stand alone. With him stood the Lord, the God whose message he was proclaiming. In the midst of his rejection and fear, Jeremiah knew he could rely on the Lord, who was a God of "steadfast love". (Ps.69) It seems, that in the 14th century crisis facing Julian and her community in Norwich, there was a confidence in God's constant loving presence.

God does hold us in "steadfast love", even when we are locked in fear. To discover this as revealed in the relationships that we value, whether family, friendships or community is important. All our relationships reflect our relationship with God. God's loving relationship with all Creation is expressed at the very start of the Old Testament: *God saw all he had made and indeed, it was very good.* (Genesis 1:31)

Matthew wrote his gospel expressing the faith story of Jesus the Christ as recalled in his own time and community. He compared his fellow Christians to sparrows to make a point about God's great and unconditional love for them: *Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.... So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows* (Matt 10:29-31)

The delight, joy and light expressed by Julian of Norwich, the confidence expressed by Jeremiah and the faith and hope revealed in Matthew's Gospel are all expression of God's constant, unconditional and "steadfast" love. Jesus the Christ is the revelation of this love for us, all humanity.