

# 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## Bishops' Message to G7 Leaders Calls for "Building Bridges for Peace, Justice and Human Dignity"

Ahead of the G7 Summit which took place from June 15 to 16 in France, the presidents of the Catholic Bishops' conference of Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States sent a message to their nations' leaders. The following are highlights of the appeal:

1. **Reaffirming multilateralism and the primacy of international law:** We call upon G7 states to reaffirm their commitment to genuine multilateralism, grounded in international law, cooperation among nations, and respect for human dignity.
2. **Placing the human person at the heart of development and international solidarity:** We call upon G7 states to renew their commitment to international solidarity and to an equitable partnership with countries of the Global South.
3. **Protecting children and young people in the digital age:** We call upon G7 leaders and technology companies to establish clear international rules so that new technologies serve the human person and the common good.

We also encourage G7 states to promote education in dialogue and respect for religious and cultural differences, and to embrace a pedagogy of joyful remembrance as a leaven for a peaceful future.

4. **Assuming a shared responsibility towards creation and displaced peoples:** We call upon G7 states to commit to bold and verifiable measures to accelerate a just ecological transition, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, expand renewable energy and support the most vulnerable countries in facing the consequences of climate change.

To read the entire article click on the following link from the Development and Peace – Caritas Canada website: <https://devp.org/en/bishops-message-to-g7-leaders/>

### Annual Pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré

We pray for the Elders travelling to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré this weekend. May their pilgrimage be one of peace and spiritual renewal.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Fundraiser for this annual pilgrimage.

**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**

Any contributions will make an impact!

**It's Cookie Sunday Weekend: June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** - 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.

**Summer Readers Schedule at Holy Family** Thank you to everyone who signed up for time slots for reading over the summer months. For Saturday's 4:30pm Mass we still are missing one reader for August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Jane Buckley if you are able to fill the remaining spot for this date. You will find a copy of the Summer Readers Schedule in the lobby of the Church.

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

**Development and Peace – Caritas Canada**

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

Pope Leo has expressed great concern on the increase in war and in the growth of industries that profit from war.

*#193. The growth of the military-industrial complex has become a defining feature of the current political landscape and has become a key sector in the economy of various countries. The close link between economic interests, the military apparatus and political decisions produces an "armed nation," in which war appears as a natural extension of politics, and the arms market becomes an autonomous driving force behind military decisions. Nor can we ignore the enormous economic*



*interests behind war. The armaments industry, and countries that supply weapons, profit from a market that thrives precisely on conflicts. In this sense, there are also financial interests that contribute to fueling tensions in various regions of the world.*

**A Summary of Support for June 20 & 21**

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 4,274.40</b>
<b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>	<b>2,298.46</b>
<b>St. Patrick's Cemetery</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Pope's Pastoral Works</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Chrysalis House</b>	<b>320.00</b>
<b>Bilijk Garden Fundraiser</b>	<b>35.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Cathedral Restoration</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,042.86</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)*

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
SUMMER SOCIAL**

**SUNDAY, JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> FROM 4 – 6 PM**

COLD PLATE DINNER – Includes Ham, Dinner Roll, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Cucumber, Tomato and Strawberry Shortcake for Dessert. \$18.00 per plate

Eat in or Take Out – please email your name, number of dinners and indicate "Eat In or Take Out" by June 30<sup>th</sup>

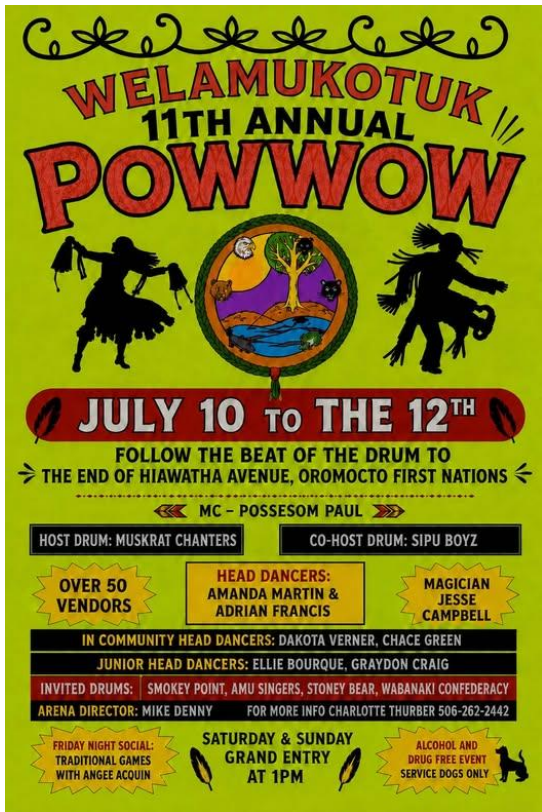
Payment required on July 5<sup>th</sup> between 4 and 6 pm ... CASH ONLY PLEASE!



**Gitpo Spirit – Annual Fisherman Pow Wow.** This event is being held on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

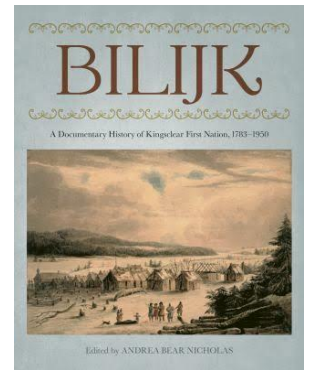
The event will feature Xavier Burnsed of Gesgapegiag and Shay Ward of Natoaganeg, as head dancers for this year’s event. More information to come on the schedule of events.



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE:**

**Welamukotuk 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Powwow.** Follow the beat of the drum to the end of Hiawatha Avenue, Oromocto First Nations. The PowWow is scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be over 50 vendors. Invited drums include: Smokey Point, Amu Singers, Stoney Bear and Wabanaki Confederacy. Host Drum will be Muskrat Chanters and Co-Host Drum Sipu Boyz. The event also includes Community Head Dances, Dakota Verner and Chace Green and Junior Female Head Dancer (Jingle Dance) Ellie Bourque and Junior Male Head Dancer (Grass Dancer) Graydon Craig. Grand Entry is scheduled on Saturday and Sunday at 1pm. All are welcome!

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

**Readings for June 28<sup>th</sup>**

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-12a, 14-16  
 Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11  
 Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

**Responsorial Psalm:** Forever I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord.

**READERS AT ST. ANN’S**

June 28<sup>th</sup> Carolanne Doherty  
 July 5<sup>th</sup> Betty Colligan  
 July 12<sup>th</sup> Mike Solomon  
 July 19<sup>th</sup> Lawrence Cameron  
 July 26<sup>th</sup> John Monkhouse

**Mass Intentions at St. Ann’s**

June 28<sup>th</sup> Claudine Nowlan / Patricia Okoye  
 July 5<sup>th</sup> Alden McLenaghan  
 July 12<sup>th</sup> For the People  
 July 19<sup>th</sup> Constance Solomon  
 July 26<sup>th</sup> Gregory Francis

## Mass Intentions at Holy Family

June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Romeo & Antoinette LeBlanc
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	For the People
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Estabrooks
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Gaul & Family
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sean Richards
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Enitan Andrews / Lidia Rosario Valle
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Cronin
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ray St. Laurent
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen MacSween / Gary Stewart
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Nora Marshall

## READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Margie Snell / Joan Sowers
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Chinyere Alozie / Norma Downing Anuli Ezeokafor / Debbie Landau
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Kelly / Norma Downing
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Chinasa Trinatta / Victoria Olopade

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ewart Kenny / Patrick Burgoon
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange

### Our Sacred Stories / Church: Alive and Active Fr. John Jennings

The Gospel writer, Matthew appears to be struck by the kindness and compassion of Jesus. In chapter 5 he begins what we refer to as the Sermon on the Mount (ch.5-7) with a series of beatitudes. These blessings are directed to the many needs of the crowds who gathered around Jesus. Jesus recognized the searching and the struggles that were evident in the crowds that gathered with him and his disciples.

Then, in chapter 10 Matthew goes further in responding to the crowds with his compassion and expression of God's love for them. In what is sometimes referred to as the Sermon on the Mission he passes along his mission to his disciples who now become apostles or proclaimers of the Good News.

It is not an easy mission and it will call for great dedication, for they will encounter struggles, as the prophets before them encountered. As encouragement in this call, Jesus points out to them: *Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me, and whoever welcome me, welcomes the one who sent me* (Matt. 10:40).

Those disciples of Jesus who found themselves faced with the call to be apostles and charged with announcing or sharing the Good News with others are the roots of our "church". The spiritual writer and Franciscan priest, Richard Rohr recently wrote in his daily online meditation (15 Jun 26):

*Jesus's first image of church is so simple we could miss it: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them (Matthew 18:20)".*

This statement in Matthew's Gospel captured a vision of "church" that we often miss and perhaps still long for. In general, we most often think, speak, and express an image of "church" in an institutional way. We have rules, rubrics and laws which direct us. There are some standard images that we find in our buildings. Often, our word "church" conjures up, not a community or people, but a structure.

Recently, I had the honour of presiding over a funeral for a family I first met decades ago. It was a close family and a large one. The family members consisted of four generations including the deceased parent along with the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Together, they had contributed much time, talent and efforts to build up many communities over the years. But in this time, they needed to be together as one. And they were.

It was apparent at the funeral that they enjoyed being together. It was also apparent that they and all wanted to be together to show gratitude and faith as they were saying farewell to their mother (grandmother and great grandmother). It was also equally apparent that the celebration and their involvement in it was also an expression of a shared faith. That faith might be uniquely held by each member, but it was also manifestly communal – it brought them together.

Our scriptures help us to grasp something that was apparent to the early Christians, our ancestors in the faith. The Christian church is like a family. There is much uniqueness present in the members of a human family, but there is much that draws and holds them together. When the apostle Paul wrote to the various Christian communities that he visited as an apostle of Jesus the Christ, these were the "churches" that he helped to establish. One of these "churches" was the community in Corinth.

For Paul, these "churches", were what he referred to as "the body of Christ". Like any body, they have many distinct parts, but they are one body, joined together by God's love, through the Spirit. Our faith is founded on a person, Jesus the Christ. With our living and loving faith, we become the Body of Christ.

Real faith in Jesus is a living relationship. It is marked by constant growth. It is never the same, day to day and it repeatedly demands choices, "forks" in the road along the way. Perhaps surprisingly for us we discover that faith, our faith is "caught" from others not so much "taught" by others, for it is a faith grounded on a person and that person is Jesus, the Christ. We live in relationship with him, and with one another. We are a family, a community. We are "church".