

# 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Body and Blood of Christ



### Chrysalis House Fundraiser.

A couple of weeks ago our Parish Council met with a student member of our congregation, Sydney Smith, who is working on her Masters of Social Work at St.

Thomas University. As part of her studies, she is currently doing a field placement at Youth in Transition Fredericton in Chrysalis House. This is 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. In order for that to happen, it is important that they have the means to do so.

Sydney's proposal to Parish Council was to hold a fundraiser in our Parish for the collection of much needed items during the month of June. As an active member in her community Sydney understands the importance of building and strengthening relationships in one's environment, "As I continue my journey through the Master's Program, I strive to achieve social justice for those experiencing systemic and societal inequalities." Parish Council voted unanimously to support this fundraiser, to help those in need and support non-profit organizations such as Chrysalis House.

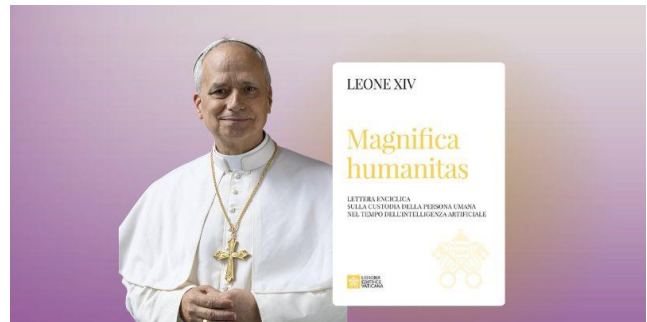
**Fundraiser: For the month of June, we will be asking parishioners to donate items that Sydney has flagged as high priority. These items can be dropped off at St. Ann's Church or Holy Family Church.**

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

In addition, special donation envelopes are available in the lobby of the church for those who may wish to make a monetary donation to Chrysalis House. As always, 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 one excerpt from the encyclical provided by Development & Peace:



**The Duty and Right of Development: #83.** *"For individuals as well as for nations, development is both a duty and a right. Minimum conditions are required for enabling every person and people to flourish in accord with their dignity, without being kept in a state of dependence or excluded from access to necessary goods. Development is truly human when it places people at the center instead of the accumulation of wealth, and when it concerns peoples as well as individuals.... Development is not truly human if it increases consumption for some while shifting costs and burdens onto others, or relegates entire regions to subordinate roles, preventing them from realizing their full potential. Development is integral when it is not limited to the economic sphere, but promotes quality of life in its spiritual, cultural, moral and relational dimensions, while respecting our common home, the diversity of peoples and their ways of life."*

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.

**June 21<sup>st</sup> is designated as National Indigenous Peoples Day,** a day for all to come together and reflect on the contributions of Indigenous Peoples. Watch for upcoming information for this special day.

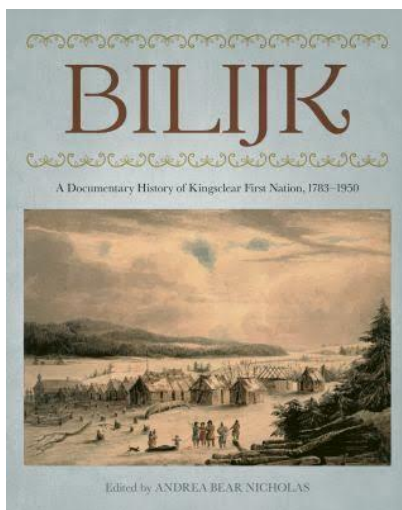
### Upcoming Pow Wows in our Region:



**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.



**Bilijk' book.** 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

**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.

**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.



**Kevin Lee Memorial Greenhouse - Bilijk Community Garden Fundraiser:** The Bilijk Community Garden is hosting a ticket sale 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.

Tickets are 1 for \$2.00 or

3 for \$5.00. If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser, you can contact Student Supervisor Ethan Webb at [ethanwebb1959@gmail.com](mailto:ethanwebb1959@gmail.com)

**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 6-7. You may use the envelopes in your box sets or loose envelopes marked "Cathedral Restoration" for this purpose in the pews or go to our website <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations> to donate. Gifts of either a one-time donation, securities, bequests, or other planned gifts are a tremendous blessing and will aid significantly to the success of this restoration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our finance department at [cchima-okere@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:cchima-okere@dioceseofsaintjohn.org) Copies of the Bishop's letter available in the lobby.

**A Summary of Support for May 30 & 31**

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 3,142.85</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>Hall Donations</b>	<b>307.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,793.31</b>

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

**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)



**BILIK COMMUNITY BINGO**

**Thank you to all the volunteers and those who supported our Bingo night – it made the night a great success.**

**We only have two more Bingo fundraiser nights left before we break for the Summer.**

**COMING SOON! In the coming weeks watch for some exciting news on our last Bingo of the Summer which will feature a BBQ, special draws and prizes and special guests. Don't miss out on your chance to support the fundraiser and be treated to a night of laughter, friendship and tasty snacks from the canteen! The next Bingo nights are:**

**Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**all held at St. Ann's Church in collaboration with St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.**

**Game prizes will be \$80.00 per game!!**

**10 Regular Games and 2 Specials (Jackpot and Winner Take All) Plus 50/50**

**9 up – 10 games - \$15.00**

**3 up – 10 games - \$5.00**

**Specials - \$1.00 per card**

**(must be purchased at the door with regular cards). None will be sold on the floor.**

**There will be a canteen with light snacks and refreshments for purchase!! Doors will open at 5:00 pm and BINGO will start at 6:00 pm. CASH ONLY to purchase cards and Canteen!! All funds collected will be used to support Bilijk Elder Annual Ste. Anne de Beaupré Trip in June 2026.**

**18 Years and Older only and EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

## READINGS for June 7<sup>th</sup>

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-59

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

## Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

June 7<sup>th</sup> Fred Sabattis  
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 7<sup>th</sup> John Monkhouse  
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 6<sup>th</sup> Charlie and Flo Doherty / David Hitchcock  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Arthurenne Basque / Carter Haanstra  
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 6<sup>th</sup> Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden  
Marijke Hurkens  
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

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

June 6<sup>th</sup> Wanda Cairns / Margne Snell  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Annie Zdyb-Rinne / Verna McCloskey  
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



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 Directed 7-Day Retreat** – 4 days within your regular life schedule meeting daily online with a spiritual director, Wednesday June 10 – Sunday June 14 followed by 3 Days at the Villa Madonna, joining another group making a directed retreat from Monday morning, June 15 – Wednesday 4:00 pm, June 17. Cost: \$375.00. **\$75** registration + \$300.00 on arrival at the Villa Madonna. The 4 day "online" portion of this retreat invites you to carve out about an hour each day for quiet, prayer and reflection and step away from the noise and busyness of the world. This gentle, accessible approach will help you receive the graces God has for you without needing to leave home or work.

**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.

**Our Sacred Stories  
God's Loving Touch  
(Fr. John Jennings)**

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven* (John 6:51). These words of John's Gospel are a challenge to us. They call us to recognize the closeness of our God to us all, to all humanity and all creation. We can begin to recognize this touch of God in our scriptures, both the Old and the New Testaments. These are two great stories of faith, helping us to acknowledge God's touch. Each story begins with an acknowledgement that God's love is so immense that God is creative, reaching beyond the divine to create and continue to touch the created. The Old Testament begins with Genesis and the New Testament begins with the Incarnation.

One way of grasping this love of God in our faith tradition as Christians holds that God has a dream. The dream is to share God's love outward beyond God's own self. This means that our faith is that God may well be beyond us, but at the same time there is a closeness of our God which touches all of creation. One of the ways in which we speak of this closeness of God to us is by way of the idea of *sacrament*. It is basic to the Christian understanding of our relationship with God. The idea and the word capture what we mean by embodiment. *Sacrament* offers us God's way of reaching out in the life of creation, all of creation.

In particular, *sacrament* allows us to see that God is experienced in the "stuff" of our human lives. In fact, humanly speaking, we can only experience God as somehow "embodied", as somehow among us in the midst of creation. You might recall an occasion when some experience moved you deeply.

Many years ago, as a student I was with the military. My initial experience was with the Navy and part of the summer was posted to a ship that was on the north Atlantic. There I often was on watch at night. I still recall occasions when alone on a clear night I could see a sky full of stars so clearly and brightly that I was moved by the experience. While at the time, I did not think of it this way, looking back, this was for me a spiritual experience. In some ways it was "sacramental".

Such experiences can take us beyond our ordinary, everyday lives to something extraordinary. Upon reflection, in some ways, we may begin to grasp a sense of divine presence "embodied" in the experience that we encountering.

In Christian Tradition, there are three principal expressions of this embodiment of God among us. We use the idea of *sacrament* to speak of these expressions of God's presence.

The fundamental *sacrament* or expression of God's presence is the person of Jesus. In the Incarnation, Jesus becomes that tangible and visible presence of God with us. In himself he reveals the loving and liberating God and shows forth God's dream.

This Jesus who is the first and fundamental *sacrament* of God, shared this role with his friends and disciples. In the Resurrection of Jesus, the Christ, his disciples were drawn into this role of *sacrament*. The followers of Jesus become members of the Body of Christ, called to be, themselves the embodiment of the presence of God. In short, the church, the followers of Jesus, is the second level of *sacrament*, in our Christian Tradition. We embody the presence of God, when we, like Jesus, live the love and freedom to which we are called as images of God. When we live as that community of disciples, with a love that is life-giving to all, then we are the *sacrament* we are called to be as church.

The sacraments which this community of disciples share are the third level of embodiment in our Tradition. They are, and must always be, an expression of a community of disciples who live for God and others. Sacraments as we celebrate them with the ordinary elements of creation and life (water, bread, oil, wine) are to be further expressions of the presence of God active among us. In this they reveal to our world, our whole world, the dream of God to share love beyond God's own self.

**On this Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord  
may we be a sacramental people and a revelation of  
God's love for our world.**

**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-denominations grace-filled evening.