

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 8th, 2025 – Pentecost Sunday



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage-It's Our Turn! Bishop Riesbeck has extended a special invitation to the parishioners of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish along with four

other Parishes in this region to attend a **Jubilee Pilgrimage Mass on Saturday, July 5th at the Cathedral in Saint John.**

This will be a special day filled with prayer, private devotions, adoration of the blessed sacrament followed by celebration of the Pilgrimage Mass. Confessions are available until Mass time.

We are finalizing arrangements to provide bus transportation to the Cathedral on July 5th at no charge to the participants. In order to arrive in Saint John at 9:30am the bus will have to depart Fredericton 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 or call 506-444-6021. **The deadline to reserve a seat is June 16th.**

Copies of the schedule are available in the lobby of the church or on the Parish website 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

General Parish Meeting for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish: All are invited to a General Parish Meeting at St. Ann's Church Site, Kingsclear (Bilijk) **for 2:00 pm on Sunday, June 8th.** At this time the Parish Finance Council will give a report on the Revenues and Expenses for 2024 and for the First Months of 2025. They will also present a detailed picture of all assets and accounts/amounts that belong to the parish. The Parish Council will also provide an update on activities in the past year and any upcoming events.

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

1. A 4-Day Silent Directed retreat from Monday, June 16th at 2pm till Thursday, June 19th @ 2pm. You will meet with a Spiritual Director each day and have the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist (Mass) each day and lots of time in the beautiful natural surroundings of the Villa Madonna Retreat House: Directors: Fr. Bill Brennan, Sandra Roy, Charlena Keenan-Bourque, Dorie McDermott and Anne Hodd. Cost: Residential \$450 (Max 15 retreatants) and Commuter \$250 (Max 3 retreatants)
2. A 4- Day Silent Guided-Directed Retreat titled 'Say But The Word' from Thursday, June 19th @ 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. For further information on the retreat and registration go to website www.aaseasaintjohn.ca menu item – Longer Retreats – Residential

Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimages: Upcoming dates:

June 7: Miramichi Regional Pilgrimage

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.

Summary of Support for May 31 & June 1

Regular/Loose	\$ 4,389.45
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
Building Fund	602.00
Food Bank	25.00
Poor and Needy Fund	300.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	510.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,141.07

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*

Rosary - Join us every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During the Easter Season we will be reciting the Glorious 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.

STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC

Registration for Steubenville Atlantic deadline is June 13. Don't miss this opportunity for high-school aged youth to attend an unforgettable weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun, happening July 11-13 at Dalhousie University in Halifax. Contact your parish priest or religious education coordinator for more detail. Don't delay, we have one bus filled! Come and bring a friend!

Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 11th, at 7:00 pm at Holy Family Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Québec Our Lady of Peace Parish is looking to see if there is an interest in a five-day pilgrimage mid-September. Based costs for 56 Pilgrims, lodging, tours, estimate approx. \$1000/person. Contact Ricarda 506-367-2005 or [Ricarda @outlook.com](mailto:Ricarda@outlook.com) by May 30th.

READINGS for June 8th

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

June 6 th	James Andrew McAllister
June 15 th	Florence Cameron
June 22 nd	Sky Sabattis / Claudette Buckley
June 29 th	For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

June 6 th	Stacey Chessie
June 15 th	Elaine Geldart
June 22 nd	Carolann Doherty
June 29 th	Betty Colligan

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

June 7 th	For the People
June 8 th	Irene Roy
June 14 th	John Kelly
June 15 th	Leona Murphy Walter & Graham Randall
June 21 st	David Carr
June 22 nd	For the People
June 28 th	Henry Albuquerque Mass of Thanksgiving
June 29 th	Murphy & Burgoyne Families

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

June 7 th	Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright
June 8 th	Chinyee Alozie/Norma Downing/Debbie Landau
June 14 th	Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley
June 15 th	Noreen Bonnell / Ebuka Ezeokaor / Maureen Hawthorne

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

June 7 th	Wanda Cairns/Colleen Hamilton
June 8 th	JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey
June 14 th	Joan Sowers / Judy Kelly
June 15 th	Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin

Development and Peace - New Humanitarian Projects in Three Countries: Funding from the Government of Canada has enabled Development and Peace to support projects with local partners to assist over 215,000 people over the next two years, countries affected by conflicts such as Sudan, Ukraine and Bangladesh.



As noted in a recent press release from Development and Peace, "Due to the unprecedented scale of armed conflicts and the global climate emergency, humanitarian needs are

reaching levels never seen before. These trends motivate us to keep addressing the root causes of poverty, fighting for social justice and fulfilling the moral duty to bring immediate relief to our sisters and brothers in need." To read more about these new projects click on the following link:

Development and Peace – Share Year-Round: Donate monthly and become a '**Share Year-Round**' donor. Your recurring, predictable donations make a significant difference throughout the year. This support not only drives our mission, but it also encourages us to continue our efforts to make the world a better place. They provide financial stability to our support partners working in communities and strengthen our ability to respond rapidly to emergency relief.



There is still time to double your impact! Start or increase your monthly donations up until Pentecost Sunday, June 8th, to have your total annual donation (or increase thereof) matched dollar for dollar! Each February, you will receive a tax receipt for the total amount of your monthly contributions over the previous year.

Thank you to all our donors, who are the cornerstone of our efforts! To find out more, visit <https://devp.org/en/monthly-donations/> or pick up a **Share Year-Round** monthly donations pamphlet in the lobby of the church. Become a **Share Year-Round** donor today!

Upcoming Pow Wows in our Region:



Sitansisk (St. Mary's First Nation) 25th Anniversary Pow Wow – June 13th-15th: 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.

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 or click on the following link: [2025 Pow Wow Schedule](#)

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

Lord Stanley's Cup: The Spirit and Gifts (Fr. John Jennings)

The final round of the NHL playoffs is beginning with two teams, Edmonton Oilers and Florida Panthers vying with each other for the Stanley Cup. So often the teams playing in the finals are not the teams expected as the season began. Some of the favourites may still be around. But frequently in the playoffs, some “underdog” surprises everyone. Why does this happen? The favourites have great talent. Through the regular season their performance may have been excellent, much better than the “underdogs” who simply squeaked into the playoffs. Time and again it is these “underdogs” who end up taking the cup. How does this happen?

Perhaps talent is only half of the game. What is needed is “spirit”, “heart”, the drive to use the talents and gifts to their full. This spirit allows the talent to work as a team. It gives the team the drive to reach beyond what appear to be their capabilities. Our talents, our gifts will take us only so far. Without spirit or what we sometimes refer to as “heart”, our talent, gifts and skills are lifeless. A team, a people, a community, a person can experience this. We can be dogged by a “defeated spirit.”

Those disciples who gathered after the crucifixion faced this reality. They had walked and talked with Jesus. They had heard his message. They had seen his actions. They had been his friends and followers.

Now they lost heart and were filled with fear. Their hopes were dashed. But the appearance of the risen Jesus, like the one we see in John's Gospel (John 20:19-23) on this Pentecost Sunday draws them back to the power and hope of the Spirit that gives them heart.

The appearance of the Risen One restores their hope and as Jesus breathed the Spirit upon them it restores their mission. They were to continue the mission of Jesus. Like him, they were to take up the mission of forgiveness and reconciliation, of healing and new life. The disciples were to bring liberty and freedom to all peoples.

This Spirit, that was to remain with the disciples is the one that Paul refers to in his letter to the Christians in Corinth (1Cor.12:3-7) – *Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit*. The Spirit was for all and was to mark the whole community of believers. Just as it takes a family to raise a child, so it takes community of believers to accomplish the mission of Jesus for the whole of humanity.

The Spirit poured out upon the disciples on that first Pentecost gave them new gifts which brought new life, new heart to their own personal talents and abilities. They became a community of disciples, filled with energy and drive for the message and the mission. The outpouring of the Spirit builds the disciples into a community of believers and missionaries of the message of Jesus. They become Church, focused on hearing the message anew and taking it out to the ends of the earth. Filled with this Spirit, they went forth and began to change the world with the message and the mission that they had received.

We are Church, called to be a Spirit-filled community of disciples of Jesus in our own time and place. On this Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the Spirit that we have been given. With this Spirit and the variety of gifts that we possess, we are to bring new heart to a world seeking hope and promise and a sense of new life. May God bless us with energy and commitment to carry out the mission we have been given.