

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 9th, 2024 – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Indigenous History Month: During the month of June, you are encouraged to take opportunities to learn more about First Nations history and culture. It is a time to honor the stories, achievements, and resilience of Indigenous Peoples. To help support our journey of becoming better allies, this week we are highlighting information on upcoming Powwows in our region. Traditionally Powwows are a time of celebration and gratitude. A full schedule of the 2024 Powwows is available in the lobby of the church. Additional resources that can be found on our Parish website – stkateri.ca.

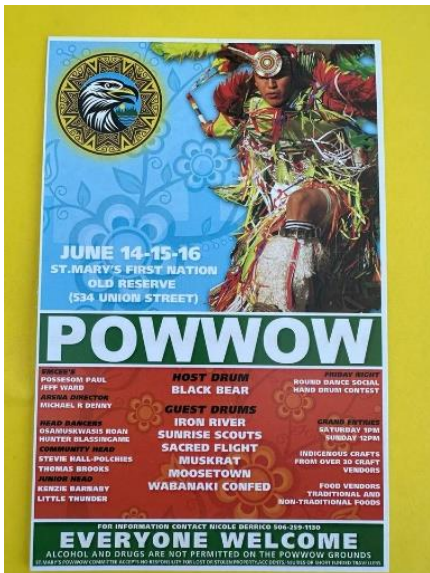


• July 6-7: Welamukotuk (Oromocto First Nation). The Powwow will be held at the Sir Douglas Hazen Park, 15 Wharf Road. More info to come.



• September 14-15: Bilijk (Kingsclear First Nation). The Powwow will be held on the Bilijk Powwow Grounds, 1072 Route 501. More info to come.

Upcoming Powwows in our Region: All are welcome!



June 14-16: Sitansisk (St. Mary's First Nation) 21st Annual Powwow. This event is being held at St. Mary's Old Reserve (534 Union Street). Come celebrate the beautiful Wolastoqyik culture.

Some events will include - Round

Dance Social; Hand Drum Contest; Grand Entries; Indigenous Crafts & traditional and non-traditional foods. For more information on the schedule of events click on the following link:

<https://stmarysfirstnation.com/>

Click on the follow link for a full schedule of the 2024 Powwows (copies also available in the church lobby):

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/aas-saa/pdf/powwow-schedule.pdf>

Parish Website: On our Parish website (stkateri.ca), under the heading “Deepening our Commitment to Truth and Reconciliation” you will find links and videos on the following subjects:

- Becoming Treaty Partners and Praying About Residential Schools – A way of the Cross.
- Open Space, Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice
- Solar Eclipse: Indigenous Knowledge
- Wolastoquey Nation in New Brunswick (WNNB) Ally Toolkit
- Indigenous Authors



Development and Peace

ECONOMIC JUSTICE: The economy must serve people, not the other way around. All people have a right to dignified work, fair wages, and safe working conditions. Work is more than a way to make a living. Work is a

form of participation in God's creation.

"The marketplace, by itself, cannot resolve every problem, however much we are asked to believe this dogma of neoliberal faith.... What is needed is a model of social, political and economic participation that can include popular movements and invigorate local, national and international governing structures with that torrent of moral energy that springs from including the excluded in the building of a common destiny, while also ensuring that these experiences of solidarity which grow up from below, from the subsoil of the planet — can come together, be more coordinated, keep on meeting one another. [...] They help make possible an integral human development that goes beyond the idea of social policies being a policy for the poor, but never with the poor and never of the poor, much less part of a project that reunites peoples." — *Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 168, 169*

Example in Action: Our global economy is not based on equality, but rather depends on inequality. Wealth and natural resources are drained from the Global South into multinational corporations and countries in the Global North. Wages are kept low to increase profit margins, and the system is prone to cycles of booms and busts, leading to unemployment and loss for ordinary people. Power imbalances between working people and companies mean workers do not enjoy a just share of the profits they help create. Powerful banks and politicians argue that markets elevate everyone's quality of life over time, but commodifying the natural world and privatizing services actually excludes the poor and pushes them to the margins.

In Canada, our staff are also part of a labor union. Our members advocate for a change in the global system, including degrowing parts of the Global North's

economies and encouraging equal, just and self-determined development in the Global South.

We need an **economic system that works for everyone** rather than a small class at the top. **Economic justice** means a world where everyone is able to enjoy God's creation and the fruits of dignified work.

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 1st & 2nd

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,035.65
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
Building Fund	5.00
Cathedral Restoration	590.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	35.00
Oromocto Food Bank	45.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,538.34

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

Envelope user #114, please call the office 444-6021 and leave your name and phone number so you can be entered in the Parish database for offertory donations.

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 Catholic School is having its Lasagna Supper June 9th 4:30 to 6:00 at Sts. John and Paul Church in New Maryland. This includes Lasagna, Caesar salad, Garlic Bread and desserts. Adults \$16 Children \$6 ; also a Silent Auction and Bake Sale.

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

READINGS for June 9th

1st Reading: Genesis 3:8-15
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1
Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

June 9th Randy Murphy
June 16th William Buckley / Sandy Goodine
June 23rd Annunciata Colford
June 30th Joyce Buckley

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

June 9th Liz Solomon
June 16th Elaine Geldart
June 23rd Carolann Doherty
June 30th Betty Colligan

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

June 8th John Kelly
June 9th Florence Cameron
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 8th Margie Snell / Lynn Laagland
June 9th Bettyanne McMackin / Sharon Watts
June 15th Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey
June 16th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

June 8th Mary Beth Gorey, Roly McSorley
June 9th Patrick Burgoon, Carl Duivenvoorden, Flora Ederaro
June 15th Anna Mae Snider, Margie Snell, Beth Wright
June 16th Anita Allain, Ray Allain, Bonnie Deveau

Our Sacred Stories
God's Reign for Humanity and All Creation
(Fr. John Jennings)

*Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
Our God is an awesome God.*

This is the beginning of one of the hymns most loved in a parish where I once served, especially in gatherings with youth. In many ways it expressed the faith, trust and hopes of our Christian faith. The reign of God is for all peoples, in all places at all times.

The Gospel writers often present us with the surprising character of Jesus's message. In Mark's version, we see that even Jesus's own family found what he was saying and doing to be a shock (Mark 3:20-35). The message that God's reign is near and among us seems too much for many to accept, beyond belief.

We live in a world where war, violence, injustice and is a constant presence. We see this presence in the various conflicts in the Middle East, in the local conflicts in various African States, in the ongoing tensions in the Ukraine. Normally, we view war and its impact from a human perspective. We see nation pitted against nation, people fighting people, army against army. The impact of war and conflict reaches far beyond the combatants themselves. It has its impact on all. It is truly a universal tragedy affecting all humanity and all of creation.

Counter to this image of war and violence is the image of the kingdom or the reign of God that we hear Jesus proclaim as he begins his ministry. Mark presents this proclamation:

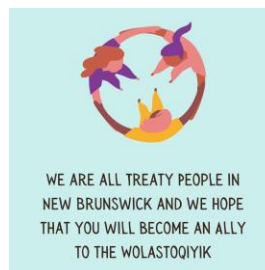
Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come," he said "and the reign of God is close at hand." (Mark 1:14-15)

What is this reign of God all about? What does Jesus proclaim through his message and his mission to the world?

The idea of the reign of God finds its roots in the Old Testament. The Jewish People recognized that their God was personally present and active among them as a People. The God of Israel intervened and acted in their story, their history. Perhaps the best example of this, one which they often recalled, was the Exodus event. They saw this liberation from slavery as a work of God among them through Moses. In addition, the Jewish Scriptures acknowledge that God is also present in all of creation around them.

At the very beginning of the Old Testament, this sense of God's presence acting in all creation appears in the stories of creation in the Book of Genesis. Jesus' proclamation that the reign of God is close at hand grows out of this way of seeing God as present in our history and in all of creation. As Jesus begins his ministry, he announces that God is about to break into our world in a new and powerful way. He announces this reign time and again in his words and actions. It will be this completed, fulfilled reign of God that will bring peace and harmony to humanity and healing and wholeness to creation. Jesus truly proclaims an awesome God. Theologian Dermot Lane writes:

The future reign of God is about the gathering up by God into a condition of fulfilment and transformation of all the human efforts in this life which are directed towards the creation of peace and justice in the world around us.... The reign of God is ultimately about re-establishing right relationships between God and humanity, between humanity and the individual, between humanity and the whole of creation. (Lane. Christ at the Centre 21)



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/>