

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

March 16th, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Development and Peace: *Turn Debt into Hope*: SIGN THE PETITION!



Our Partners Make the Difference. Peru faces an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign owned, deplete its natural resources, harm the environment and human rights. These industries unjustly

enrich the Global North at the Global South's expense. Our partners, the Comisión Episcopal de Acción Social (CEAS, Episcopal Commission for Social Action) and the Institut Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives.

"Our territory is under concession without our consent. The extractive companies want to move our territory to get the oil, damaging places like the *ojos de agua* (eyes of water). These water sources are vital to us, the Asháninka, providing water not only for us but for other species. This economic model is not ours as Indigenous peoples; it distances us from Mother Nature and our spirituality." – Karen Pamela Huere Cristobal, Indigenous Asháninka activist, Peru

What can you do this week? As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, let's journey together during the 40-days of Lent.

The mini-magazine which is available in the lobby of the church offers some suggestions for this week from the Solidarity Calendar:

- March 16th is the Second Sunday of Lent, and the symbol is 'a pencil and clipboard' encouraging everyone to **SIGN THE PETITION** to cancel debt and break the debt cycle (available at the back of the church).
- Pray for our sisters and brothers who are weighed down by heavy burdens of debt.
- A challenge: Pick one meal this week to be made entirely of locally grown ingredients. This is especially tricky in the winter!
- March 22nd is **World Water Day**. Water is essential to life, so let's take care to not waste it. Google "The Story of Bottled Water."

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis calls on us to take part in the global ***Turn Debt into Hope*** campaign to "*forgive the debts* of countries that will never be able to repay them." Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, we must act!

SIGN THE GLOBAL PETITION calling for: Canceling unjust and unsustainable debts; reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and the planet; and establishing a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations. Please sign the petition at the entrance of the church or online at devp.org/debt.

Journey Through Lent Video Series: Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5th and for each Sunday in Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday, a video will be uploaded to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Reading for that Sunday. This series is designed for individuals, families, and communities, providing spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare for the Easter Season.

To access the videos, click on the following link: <https://www.cccb.ca/> and then click 'Learn More' in the Journey Through Lent 2025 (blue box).

An opportunity for Adult Faith Formation in our Parish: The Parish Survey (the Disciple Maker Index) results indicated a strong desire of adults in the parish for opportunities to learn about their faith, discuss their faith and connect with others on the faith journey. In response, there will be six evening sessions for Adults scheduled between January 21st and into the Easter Season. These sessions will be 90 minutes in length and will each have a theme. You are welcome to attend any or all of these events. There will be input on a particular 'theme' or 'aspect' of our faith followed by an opportunity for small groups to have conversation. This is for those who are newly inquiring about the Catholic Faith or those who want to learn more and deepen their faith journey. The next session is **Thursday, March 27th @ 7pm: 'Easter Triduum'**. Session led by Fr. Bill. *Triduum is taken from a Latin root that means "three days" and is celebrated as one great feast. It is a period that traces the final days of Jesus' life, his death, and his resurrection from the dead. Starting with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening, The Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening or Easter Sunday Mass.*

Schedule of Weekday Masses during Lent:

Monday, March 17th, 7pm, Holy Family Church
 Tuesday, March 18th, 10:30am, St. Ann's Church
 Monday, March 24th, 7pm, Holy Family Church
 Tuesday, April 1st, 10:30am, St. Ann's Church
 Monday, April 7th, 7pm, Holy Family Church (Stations of the Cross).

Food bank donations throughout Lent: We are sure you all remember this tower we built last year during Lent as part of our Lenten drive for the food bank. With Lent just around the corner, we are again asking you to donate the following items for the food bank:



tomato soup, tomato sauce, tomato paste, crushed or stewed tomatoes, etc. Essentially it is the '**anything tomato**' campaign. Donations will be accepted all throughout Lent – let's get busy building a new tower!!

Summary of your Support for March 8 & 9

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,927.15
PAD (wkly. average)	2,164.62
St Patrick's Cemetery	25.00
Development and Peace	20.00
Building Fund	20.00
Ash Wednesday	1,141.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,297.77

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

READINGS for March 16th

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
 Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Parish Survey (the Disciple Maker Index) results indicated a strong desire by parishioners for additional opportunities for prayerful devotion. In response we are adding '**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**' following each weekday Mass during Lent. The consecrated host will be displayed for one hour for those who wish to spend silent time in meditation and reflective prayer. All are welcome!

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Mar 16th Claudette Grexton
Mar 23rd Corporal Ron Francis
Mar 30th For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Mar 23rd Carolann Doherty
Mar 30th Betty Colligan

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Mar 15th Joe Connors
Mar 16th Sylvain & Marilyn Haché
Mar 22nd Peter Kennedy
Mar 23rd Mary Lynch
Mar 29th Arnetta Crowley
Mar 30th Nancy Ross

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Mar 15th William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
Mar 16th Jane Buckley / Maurice Harquail /
Chinasa Trinitta
Mar 22nd Anna Mae Snider / Joan Sowers
Mar 23rd Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden
Flora Ederaro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Mar 15th Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
Mar 16th JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey
Mar 22nd Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
Mar 23rd Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin

Rosary – The Sorrowful Mysteries: Join us every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church as we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries including mysteries created by the National Indigenous Rosary Group. All are welcome!

A Prayer for Lent:

God of all wholeness, heal our hearts of all that prevents us responding to our sisters and brothers excluded from poverty and prevented from living a full and healthy life.

This Lent, may we: Implore justice through our prayer, stand in solidarity through our fasting, and reach out through our giving.

Send your life-giving power to revive the weary, restore the broken and renew the face of the earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



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.

This Lent you can double your impact! Start or increase your monthly donations any time between Ash Wednesday (March 5th) and Pentecost (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!

Our Sacred Stories

Transfiguration: Seeing with the Eyes of Faith (Fr. John Jennings)

The Second Sunday of Lent each year takes us to an episode in the Gospels that is referred to as the *transfiguration*. Peter, James and John go up on a mountain (or a hill) with Jesus. There, Jesus is *transfigured* before them. This story appears in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. This year we hear Luke's version. (Luke 9:28-36) What is this all about?

The story of the *transfiguration* is one of those Gospel accounts that recognizes Jesus' relationship with the Father and the mission he has been given. It is an expression of how the disciples saw Jesus after the resurrection. The Gospel writers relate it at this point as a foreshadowing of the faith of the post-resurrection Christian communities. In short, it was seeing through the eyes of faith.

Christian faith calls us to see ourselves through the eyes of faith. At our baptism we are given the promise of eternal and risen life. At the same time we are called to be disciples of Jesus and to share the mission that Jesus had to build the Reign of God in the midst of our world.

As we listen to the Gospel story of the *transfiguration* we might note two elements of Luke's account. First, we can notice Peter's immediate response to the event. He wants to remain on that mountain. The experience is so satisfying that he does not want it to end. But, end it must, he and the other disciples have a mission. What the experience, what they see through the eyes of faith, is not just for them. They must share the Good News. This can only happen if they come down from the mountain, with Jesus to build the Reign of God in the world.

The second element focuses their eyes of faith on Jesus himself. They must recognize the special relationship that Jesus has with the Father. They must see him as the Son, the chosen one.

As they do this they then must listen to him. In listening, truly listening in faith, they will grasp the message of the Good News. It is a message of love and hope for all humanity and it is in sharing this that they will be disciples of Jesus.

These eyes of faith are our own. They allow us to do as the disciples were called to on that mountain. Like them we have a call to discipleship. With our eyes of faith we begin to see that we have a special relationship with Jesus and through Jesus to the Father. We are truly God's People, the adopted daughters and sons of God, beloved and cherished by our God who is parent to us. Spiritual writer, Megan McKenna describes how this affects all disciples: "The transfiguration story is a way of life that we are called to imitate." (*Lent: The Sunday Readings* 81)

As God's beloved people, we have a call to our world and all humanity. The Good News that we recognize through the eyes of faith is the message we take to our world. All humanity is seen as God's holy people. All our world is God's sacred gift, and we are called to cherish and care for this creation we have been given. As Jesus was *transfigured* to reveal the glory of God present to the disciples, so we are to reflect this same glory of God in ourselves and to see it in all creation.

Franciscan LEAD is for high-school aged youth who are passionate about their Catholic faith, active in their youth groups, and ready to step up to the next level of leadership through evangelization and discipleship training. <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/franciscan-lead/> **First round applications due April 1st, 2025. LEAD week is held prior to Steubenville Atlantic, (July 11-13, 2025) in Halifax, Before applying please contact Patricia at 506-627-6465 or by email: Catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org**

Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at St. Anthony's Church on Friday, March 21st at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

Regional Lenten Reconciliation Celebration will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Parish (St. Dunstan's Church) on Sunday, April 6th @ 3 pm. Everyone is welcome.