

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 2nd, 2025 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



World Day of Prayer

2025: An international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative, **World Day of Prayer (WDP)** is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. This year's date is **Friday, March 7th** with the theme, *"I Made You Wonderful"* (Psalm 139:1-18) and has been prepared for us by our sisters of the

Cook Islands which consists of 15 islands located in the Pacific Ocean. "...Psalm 139:1-18 is woven together with stories of three women from the Cook Islands. We come to understand that God knows us, is always with us, and made us unique and special." (WDP Committee 2025)

The artwork for this year entitled "Wonderfully Made", is by a mother-daughter team from the Cook Islands, Tarani and Tevairangi Napa. Their inspiration was the love of their home, their faith and their heritage and are honored to share this artwork with us. Tarani is a certified primary school teacher, entrepreneur and artist and the mother of six children. Her daughter Tevairangi is also an artist and has two children.

Ei katu (head garlands) are made by women and young girls from the islands and is worn by both females and males as a symbol of love and belonging. The garland, made of flowers and shaped in a circle, reminds us that everything is connected.

This year's theme invites us to acknowledge that each one of us was made with love by God and by knowing this truth, our life can be changed as we radiate and shine from within. Knowing this truth, helps us to treat others as made wonderful by God. "Our first Guiding Principle in the World Day of Prayer articulates that our starting point is Christian women. This has been an essential conviction of our movement over the last century.

Too often, women and girls have been silenced and oppressed, making this upcoming theme from WDP Cook Islands particularly relevant. The message that we, as women and girls, are "fearfully and wonderfully" made in the image of God reinforces our movement's support of women in expressing their faith and speaking about their lives in prayer and worship before God and in community." (WDP Committee 2025)

The theme song for this year "Wonderfully Made", was composed by Ruru Maeva of the Cook Islands and was written especially for the 2025 WDP Cook Islands Program. Click on the following link to listen to this beautiful song: [WDP Song 2025](#)

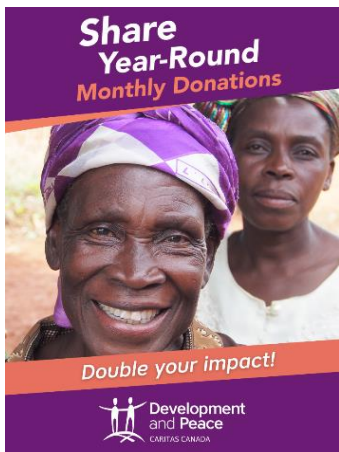
Services: You are invited by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada to attend the **World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, March 7th at 2pm at St. Mary's and All Saints Anglican Church**, 780 McEvoy Street, Fredericton (storm date: Sunday, March 9th at 3pm) or on **Sunday, March 9th at 2pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian and St. Paul's United Church**, 512 Charlotte Street, Fredericton (storm date Sunday, March 16th at 2pm). Everyone is welcome!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – MARCH 5TH
10:30 am, Holy Family Church
3:00 pm, St. Ann's Church
7:00 pm, Holy Family (this Mass will be live-streamed).

Schedule of Weekday Masses during Lent:

Tuesday, March 11th, 10:30am, Holy Family Church
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)



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.

Share Year-Round donors become lifetime members of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. They can take part in awareness-raising activities and vote at our assemblies. Together, we fight for global social justice, unite our voices for peace and work for the dignity of every individual in solidarity with our partners.

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!

Cookie Sunday Weekend: This is Cookie Sunday weekend. In addition to cookies, the Food Bank needs pasta, pasta sauce and soups. 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!

Activities for Lent pamphlet available at the entrance of the church.

Shelter & Foodbank Donations. A huge **THANK YOU** to parishioners from St. Ann’s Church, Holy Family Church, and Residents from Shannex for your generous donations at last weekend’s Cookie Sunday! Your kindness continues with over 2,000 smiles being donated to local food banks and shelters. In this Jubilee Year may we continue to find ways to be Pilgrims of Hope!

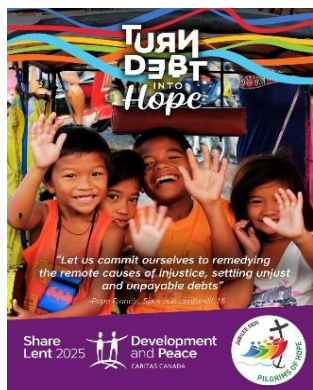
Food bank donations throughout Lent: We are sure you all remember this tower we built last year during Lent as part of our Lenten drive for the food bank. With Lent just around the corner, we are again asking you to donate the following items for the food bank: tomato soup, tomato sauce, tomato paste,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



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 Sessions on Wednesday, March 12th at 7 pm. Our focus will be on **‘Living the Gospel deeply through Action, Outreach and Right Relationship’**. Our guest speaker will be **Steve Patterson, Director of Community at 12-Neighbors ‘Tiny Home’ Community. Steve was formerly the Youth Pastor at Brunswick Street Baptist Church.**

The Theme will be: **“Praying With Our Life Experiences in Ways That Connects Us More Deeply to God and Others”**. Input and facilitation of the process for the session will be with Pam Breau and Fr. Bill Brennan.

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!



Development and Peace: This Lent, Turn Debt into Hope

In 2000, during a Jubilee Year, Development and Peace— Caritas Canada took part in a global campaign whose resounding success led to the cancellation of over \$100 billion in foreign debt for 36 of the world's most impoverished countries.

Today, more than 100 countries in the Global South are facing a debt crisis, as the structural causes of indebtedness have not changed. Moreover, the situation has worsened with predatory lending, the economic effects of the pandemic and global inflation. **Today, 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on debt servicing than on health or education.**

2025 is a Jubilee year. A year in which Pope Francis invites us to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them." (*Spes non confundit*, 16). Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to this call through the global **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign which begins next weekend, March 9th.

Here are a few ways you can join us:

1. **Donating** online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on **April 6, the fifth Sunday of Lent**. Your generosity helps support over 79 projects in 34 countries around the world!

2. **Get the Mini-magazine** (copies available in the lobby of the church) and follow the **Solidarity Calendar** with your family. Discover all the resources at devp.org/lent/resources.

Summary of your Support for February 22 & 23

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,960.10
PAD (wkly. average)	2,164.62
St Patrick's Cemetery	45.00
Yorsalim and Dawit Maherai	90.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund	50.00
Building Fund	50.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,359.72

READINGS for March 2nd

1st Reading: 1 Sirach 27:4-7
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
 Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Mar 2nd Angus Cameron
 Mar 9th Jean Murphy / Bertin Girard
 Mar 16th Claudette Grexton
 Mar 23rd Corporal Ron Francis
 Mar 30th For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Mar 9th Stacey Chessie
 Mar 23rd Carolann Doherty
 Mar 30th Betty Colligan

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Mar 1st James Andrew McAllister
 Mar 2nd Carl Smyth
 Mar 8th Henry Whalen
 Mar 9th Walter Randall
 Mar 15th Joe Connors
 Mar 16th Sylvain & Marilyn Haché
 Mar 22nd Peter Kennedy
 Mar 23rd Mary Lynch

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Mar 1st Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright
 Mar 2nd Chinyese Aloizie/Norma Downing/
 Debbie Landau
 Mar 8th Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider
 Mar 9th Noreen Bonnell / Ebuka Ezeokafor /
 Maureen Hawthorne

Mar 5th ASH WEDNESDAY

10:30am Marijke Hurkens and Chris Robbins
 7pm Margie Snell and Patrick Burgoon

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Mar 1st Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey
 Mar 2nd Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange
 Mar 8th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
 Mar 9th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

Mar 5th ASH WEDNESDAY

10:30am Colleen Hamilton and Harold DeCoursey
 7 pm Sharon Watts and Ewart Kenney

Our Sacred Stories
LENT: A SEASON OF TRANSFORMATION
(Fr. John Jennings)

Ashes, a symbol and sign for the coming Lenten season. This coming Wednesday we will gather and use this sign as a beginning of our season. Why ashes? What makes ashes so appropriate for Lent? One way in which ashes are such a sign is that they represent a transformation.

Often the ashes used at Ash Wednesday come from the burning of the palms from the previous year. Burning transforms the palms to ashes. Perhaps that transforming process is the most significant way in which ashes are a symbol for us. Lent as much as it is a time for penitence is much more a time of conversion or transformation.

We are disciples of Jesus, called to draw closer to what we see in Jesus, i.e. to become like Jesus. The writer of the Letter to the Philippians expressed this as: "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." (Phil 2:5). A disciple is called to imitate the master. Like an apprentice, the disciple learns and then practices what is learned. He/she is transformed into the master.

This transformation or change of heart is a lifetime task for us. It involves developing and nurturing what we call our spirituality. Lent is a season to draw our attention to the process more pointedly. It is not complicated, or especially religious or theological or even devotional. Better expressed, our spirituality is about what helps us make sense of our life and the lives of those around us. It is practical faith lived out every day.

Spirituality writer Ron Rolheiser ("Holy Longing" ch.1) tells us that our spirituality is about what offers us meaning and motivation in our lives. Rolheiser calls it the "fire" that energizes us. We need religion which ties us together as a community of believers. We need theology. It allows us to express beliefs. And we need devotions which can help us to focus our beliefs. But first, we need spirituality, for it touches our heart and leads us to life-giving actions in our life.

A number of years ago, an author named Robert Fulghum published a book with a very interesting title: "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten". Fulghum introduces the book by saying that it represents what gives meaning to his life and actions. In other words, it is a kind of practical spirituality.

Here is a brief piece of what Fulghum tells us:

"All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten....

These are things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life – learn some and think some... When you go out into the world watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together." (Fulghum 5-6). [Perhaps this is good wisdom and spirituality for all ages, personally, in community and in our world.]

It is in our spirituality that Lent draws our attention to conversion of life. As disciples we are called to imitate Jesus, our master in the everyday experiences that we have. It is in these life experiences that our spirituality takes on flesh and affects our personal and global worlds. When it does this, then the face of Jesus appears among us in one another. Lent is a gift of God's Spirit for our time and for our world.

May God's Spirit fill us all as we enter our Lenten season.

Knights of Columbus Saint Patrick's

Breakfast: Sunday, March 9th, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street.

Adults \$10., Children \$5. and Families \$ 30..

Traditionally, proceeds from our March breakfast are used to support a Seminarian. This year, we will be supporting Ryan Tapley of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish. Everyone welcome.

Rosary: Please join us every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. Everyone is welcome!

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**

The Little Black Book – Lent 2025

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Suggested donation \$2 each which can be dropped in the basket provided. Thank you!