

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

## Our Lenten Journey—Week Five

**The Gift of Prayer.** Perhaps part of your Lenten Journey this year has been to focus on your prayer life, your personal conversations with God. How can we achieve a consistent prayer life in the midst of all the chaos and turmoil. We can find wisdom in the words of Henry Nouwen, "Indeed praying is the only real way to clean my heart and create new space. I am learning how important that inner space is." To help us further reflect on our prayer life, below are some reflections by Henry Nouwen (Daily Lenten Reflections) on prayer:

**"Presence in Prayer –** *Lord, I believe you are never absent—help my unbelief."*

**"Prayer Means Offering All to God –** *Lord, help me to dwell in your presence today and in moments of prayer, give thanks for the faith You have given me."*

**"Praying with Hope –** *Lord, may I thank you for the many ways your Spirit has enriched my life, especially in guiding my life of prayer, placing within my heart the confidence that you have heard every prayer I have ever uttered."*

**"Praying with Open Hands –** *Lord, I believe that in every prayer you are calling me to a new life. Take away my fears so I can respond to your call in service to others."*

### **Symbols in Anticipation of Easter – Week Five:**

**"Bread".** In the Gospel accounts of the Last

Supper, Jesus calls...(not

simply invites) those at the table

to share in the breaking of bread. The bread is unleavened. This action and His words are part of every Mass.



**St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish**  
**Easter Triduum Mass**  
**(All Masses will be livestreamed)**

**Holy Thursday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>)**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
7pm, Holy Family Church

**Good Friday (April 3<sup>rd</sup>)**  
**Youth Stations of the Cross**  
12noon, Holy Family Church

**Good Friday (April 3<sup>rd</sup>)**  
**Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**  
3pm, Holy Family Church

**Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Resurrection of the Lord**  
8pm, Holy Family Church  
(NO 4:30 Mass on Holy Saturday)

**Easter Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Resurrection of the Lord**  
9:30am, St. Ann's Church  
11am, Holy Family Church



## Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: **SOLIDARITY SUNDAY WEEKEND**

This is Solidarity Sunday weekend (March 21 & 22) and Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *On Track for Justice* Campaign invites

you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

**Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.**

"Our longstanding partnership with Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is very important to us. It allows us to promote economic alternatives to mining and industrial agriculture, thereby strengthening local economies and agroecology. Your contributions help change the reality of communities here and make a difference for many other organizations around the world."

— Mikael Carvalho, Coordinator, Justiça nos Trilhos, Brazil

Pope Leo XIV tells us that "in every situation of our life, we will experience that we are never alone, for as children we are always loved, forgiven and encouraged by God...it is this certainty that makes you free, lifts you above indifference, and spurs you on to love with an open and generous heart." (Video message by Pope Leo XIV to the Young People gathered in front of the Cathedral of Kosice, November 8, 2025).

Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection (envelopes available in the lobby of the Church) or online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). **Thank you for your solidarity!**

**Cookie Sunday Weekend:** Next Cookie Sunday Weekend is March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. 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. Thank you for your continued generosity of donated items for those in need and in support of our Outreach Ministry.

**Food Bank "Everything Tomato & Pasta Campaign"** will continue throughout the forty days of Lent. Help us once again to build our tower of tomato and pasta food items!!

### READINGS for March 22<sup>nd</sup>

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

**Responsorial Psalm:** With the Lord there is steadfast love and great pow'r to redeem.

### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am, St. Ann's Church

**Note: Each Mass will be followed by one hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. If Fr. Bill is unable to celebrate a weekday Mass, a Stations of the Cross will be held.**

**'Show Me the Way' – Lent Sessions:** The next session for our group gathering is on **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Holy Family Church.**

Following this week's session, we will take a break to celebrate and participate in the services for Holy Week. Our final session will be held on **Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.** Please speak to Judy Kelly if you have any questions (506) 478-7274.

# H O L Y



# W E E K

## Readers for Holy Week:

### HOLY THURSDAY – April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm – Liz Solomon

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - TBD

Washing of Feet Introduction – TBD

### GOOD FRIDAY – April 3<sup>rd</sup> (Mass at 3 pm)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm– TBD

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Psalm – TBD

Passion Reading:

Narrator (N) - TBD

Jesus (J) - Fr. Brennan

Other Speakers (S) - Church Congregation

### EASTER VIGIL – April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 8 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – TBD

Prayer - Fr. Brennan

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – TBD

Prayer - Fr. Brennan

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading – TBD

Prayer – Fr. Brennan

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11 – TBD

Prayers of the Faithful – TBD

### EASTER SUNDAY – April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am

1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm – TBD

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions – TBD

## Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Week at Holy

**Family Church:** Please see the sign-up sheet in the

lobby of the church for Masses during Holy Week.

Please sign up if you are interested or able to be a

Eucharistic Minister for Holy Thursday, Good

Friday, Easter Vigil on Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

If you have any questions, please speak to Judy

Kelly, 506-478-7274. Thank you!

Readers – Holy Family - Easter 2026			Reader
March 28, 4:30 pm	Palm Saturday	1st Reading & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading and Intentions <i>Passion Reading:</i> Narrator (N) Jesus (J) Other Speakers (S)	Mary Beth Gorey Roly McSorley  Mona Leblanc Fr. Bill Church Congregation
March 29, 11 am	Palm Sunday	1st Reading & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading and Intentions <i>Passion Reading:</i> Narrator (N) Jesus (J) Other Speakers(S)	Doreen Cormier Patrick Burgoon  Ebuka Ezeokafor Fr. Bill Church Congregation

## Summary of Support for March 14 & 15

**Regular/Loose** \$ 2,796.10

**PAD (wkly. average)** 2,298.46

**D & P** 470.00

**St. Patrick's Cemetery** 25.00

**TOTAL** \$ 5,589.56

## 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)*

## May 13– 24, 2026: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Hector Caissie.

Cost of \$2795 (plus taxes)

includes airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin

or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner

and experienced local guide. (Optional single room

supplement, \$250/p.) **Payment by e-transfer,**

**bank transfer or cheque gets a REBATE of**

**250.00 INFO:** Hector Caissie

at [hectorcaissie@gmail.com](mailto:hectorcaissie@gmail.com) or 506-857-2295.

### Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> Helen McLenaghan  
Mar 29<sup>th</sup> For the People  
Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Pauline Francis  
Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Alden McLenaghan  
Apr 19<sup>th</sup> For the People  
Apr 26<sup>th</sup> Arthur Solomon

### READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Mar 15<sup>th</sup> Elaine Geldart  
Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> Carolann Doherty  
Mar 29<sup>th</sup> Betty Colligan  
Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Mike Solomon  
Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Lawrence Cameron  
Apr 19<sup>th</sup> John Monkhouse  
Apr 26<sup>th</sup> Stacey Chessie

### Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Mar 21<sup>st</sup> Jerry Chessie Jr. / Eddie Skidmore  
Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> Charles Sargeant  
Amanda Desveaux  
Mar 28<sup>th</sup> Martin Clark  
Mar 29<sup>th</sup> Paul McGrattan  
Apr 4<sup>th</sup> For the People  
Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Kay & Alfred Feeney  
Earle & Annetta McGuire  
Claude & Donna Roy  
Apr 11<sup>th</sup> For the People  
Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Members Murphy & Burgoyne  
Esther Lawrence  
Apr 18<sup>th</sup> Dr. Shiva Kumar Sishta  
Apr 19<sup>th</sup> Mildred and Joe Connors  
Apr 25<sup>th</sup> For the People  
Apr 26<sup>th</sup> Ernest Stuart Dickeson

### READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Mar 21<sup>st</sup> Margie Snell / Joan Sowers  
Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> Chinyere Alozie / Norma Downing  
Anuli Ezeokafor / Debbie Landau  
Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider  
Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Noreen Bonnell / Ebuka Ezeokafor  
Oluchi Ezeokafor / Jane Buckley

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Mar 21<sup>st</sup> Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton  
Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin  
Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly  
Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard



**Coldest Night of the Year Update:** The confirmation students from our Parish are overwhelmed by the support they received from everyone for our fundraiser! Because of your tremendous support, we were able to raise \$4,530 far exceeding our goal of \$1,500. We thank everyone for your great support of our bake sale, and also for additional donations that were made online and in person. Thank you to the students and families as well that participated, as we couldn't have done it without you! The CNOY walk fundraiser raised over \$136,000 to help support those in need in our community.



**Ste. Anne de Beaupre – June 2026. For anyone that had expressed interest in the Annual trip to Ste. Anne de Beaupre with Rick Bourgeois, please give Rick a call to secure your seat and deposit. Phone 506-327-6777.**

**Our Sacred Stories**  
**Sharing Common Loss and Grief**  
**Standing in Solidarity**  
**(Fr. John Jennings)**

Death is a reality of our existence. Often it is a time of both pain and confusion. It comes as such a shock. With it come waves of questions. Why is it happening to me, to us? To whom shall I turn? Grief and loss hurts. We feel so alone and isolated. It carries a pain and confusion that strikes at the very core of our lives. Whether the experience is physical death and the loss of a loved one or an experience of another form of death, deep loss – of home, of country or of freedom we face it. Whatever its form, death brings the pain, confusion and dislocation of grief.

Death, however, can also bring forth great love. The love expressed among family, the love revealed in friends and the community that can surround and support us is huge. Not long ago, I had the honour of assisting at a funeral. What was most striking was the collection of stories and memories that were shared by the members of the deceased's family members. They shed many tears, but somehow the tears seemed to be healing. It was as if the sense of loss and the way it was expressed by the tears was more than sadness. The tears and the memories brought new life to all of us in that room. The experience of death draws us into grief. But it also draws us into the power of healing and life-giving love.

John's gospel (11:1-45) offers us a story of death and grief, pain and tears. But it is also a story of life-giving love. Lazarus and his two sisters, Martha and Mary are friends of Jesus. The two sisters send word that their brother is sick and call on Jesus to come. By the time he arrives, Lazarus has died. The sisters are grieving. It is a painful time for them and for many others, including Jesus. But it is also a time of healing and love. Martha, Mary and Jesus all loved Lazarus. Their tears of grief were also tears of love for someone they had lost. Grief is painful, but at the same time, it is always an expression of love and love is life-giving.

For three Sunday's now we have listened to John's Gospel. We have heard stories of people who encounter Jesus. First, the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, then the encounter of the blind man with Jesus, this weekend it's the story of the raising of Lazarus. All three of the stories are about someone who faces a barrier or border, a kind of death that puts those who are excluded from the fulness of life-giving relationship. Their encounters with Jesus are expressions of God's love that brings life and full communion.

Whenever we face loss, it is in some way a taste of death, and so we grieve. When we lose a family member or a friend, we grieve. When our freedom is eroded by oppression, injustice, economic exploitation, war or poverty we grieve the loss of our community. All of these are loss for us, a taste of death. And so we grieve, personally and as a world community.

Such grief is a sign of broken connection, of relationship lost. To stand with someone in grief is to express great love for them. The experience may be physical death and the loss of a loved one or another form of death, deep loss – of home, of country or freedom. To stand with them in grief is to honour the loving relationship among us even in the confusion and dislocation of death. It is to be in solidarity.

This Sunday our church marks what we call "Solidarity Sunday". We are asked to recognize that all around our world there are many who stand in the grief of poverty, injustice, oppression, violence and economic exploitation. As Jesus stood with Mary, Martha and Lazarus in their experience of brokenness, so we stand in solidarity, sharing our love with all humanity in its experiences of death and loss.

We share our world with many races, colours, cultures and creeds. And, we are a wounded world. We suffer from war, hardship, poverty, injustice and oppression. The deaths that we experience are our common burden. May our sharing of gifts, talents and resources to ease the suffering be a sign that we are one human community and that we stand in solidarity with all.



## 2026 Theme

“For the battle belongs to the LORD.”

1 SAMUEL 17:47

**Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference & LEAD Registration is now open.** This is a call to all high schoolers to come and explore how Jesus meets our deepest longing for meaning, joy, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at **Steubenville Atlantic in Halifax, July 10–12, 2026**, and encounter the transforming love of Christ. Youth in grade 9 through grade 12 are welcome to attend. If you are interested as a youth or a chaperone, you can learn more at <https://www.steubenville.ca> or to register click on the following link: [Steubenville Registration](#). You may also speak to Sharon Watts, Fr. Bill, or Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis, Diocese of Saint John: 506-627-6465 or email [catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org)

Youth who are interested in registering for the conference should speak to Fr. Bill or Sharon Watts as the Parish will assist with financing.

**CHRISM MASS:** Bishop Riesbeck invites the faithful of the diocese to the Chrism Mass, which is being held on Tuesday, March 31, at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Come and celebrate with our priests as the oils are blessed and distributed throughout the diocese for the Sacraments in the upcoming year. Besides the Cathedral parking lot, there is additional parking available in the St. Joseph’s Hospital Staff Parking. Reception to follow in the Cathedral rectory.

**PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND:** The Good Friday Collection, on April 3, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked. This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration. Envelopes will be available at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your generous support of this important work.

You are invited to the **St. John Paul II Parish Lenten Mission at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Oromocto on Sunday, March 22nd at 6:30 pm.**

The mission will feature the following activities:

- Praise and Worship
- Quiet Prayer Time
- Adoration
- Inspirational Talk
- Individual Confessions
- Benediction