

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 23rd, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Development and Peace: Turn Debt Into Hope Campaign

Why is debt a problem? Today, more than 100 countries in the Global South are facing a debt crisis. Their situation has been worsened by the pandemic,



by exorbitant interest rates and by global inflation.

More than 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on repaying foreign debt than on health or education. This has become an obstacle to sustainable development.

Many countries now owe so much that their debts are impossible to repay have become a crushing burden for current and future generations.

Should the global financial system be reformed?

Yes, it should! And why? Because the foreign debt crisis is not inevitable. It is the result of political choices. Reforming the global financial system would transform the lives of billions of people. It would shift the focus from enriching creditors to favouring people, creating a just society and saving the planet.

What does the petition call for? The global *Turn Debt into Hope* petition calls for:

1. Canceling unjust and unsustainable debts;
2. Reforming the global financial system to prioritise people and the planet
3. Establishing a binding; and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations.

Together, let us repeat the resounding success of the global Jubilee 2000 campaign, which had led to the cancellation of over \$100 billion in foreign debt for 36 impoverished countries.

Let us join voices with Pope Francis, with our bishops, and with organizations and movements

around the world. Let us call to *Turn Debt into Hope*—to end the injustices the foreign debt that impoverished countries bear. **Please sign our global campaign petition before leaving church.** You can also sign it online at devp.org/debt. Make this gesture one of your Jubilee year actions!

What Can I Do This Week?

- Pray for the most vulnerable who suffer most from the debt crisis; the young who need education, the ill who need health care and the poor who need jobs.
- Go for a walk in nature and spend time in the beauty of God's creation.

An opportunity for Adult Faith Formation in our Parish: 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.

This is the fifth of six sessions to be presented. 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. This is for newly inquiring about the Catholic faith or those who want to learn more and deepen their faith journey.

Schedule of Weekday Masses during Lent:

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).

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!

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.

Cookie Sunday Weekend/Food bank donations: Cookie Sunday Weekend is **March 29th & 30th**. In addition to cookies, we continue to collect for the 'anything tomato' campaign for the Foodbank. Throughout Lent we are asking you to donate the following items: tomato soup, tomato sauce, tomato paste, crushed or stewed tomatoes, etc. Let's get busy building a new tower!!

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!

Summary of your Support for March 15 & 16 will be available next weekend.

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**

Development and Peace SHARE LENT

Share Lent's Solidarity Sunday is celebrated on the 5th Sunday in Lent in parishes across Canada, with donations collected for Development and Peace/Caritas Canada's work in the Global South. You can assist by giving generously to Share Lent on the **weekend of April 5th & 6th**. Check out the Mini-Magazine for more information.

READINGS for March 23rd

1st Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Mar 23rd Corporal Ron Francis

Mar 30th For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Mar 23rd Carolann Doherty

Mar 30th Betty Colligan

April 6th Lawrence Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Mar 22nd Peter Kennedy

Mar 23rd Mary Lynch

Mar 29th Arnetta Crowley

Mar 30th Nancy Ross

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Mar 22nd Anna Mae Snider / Joan Sowers

Mar 23rd Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden
Flora Ederaro

Mar 29th Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright

Mar 30th Anita Allain/Ray Allain/Bonnie Deveau

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Mar 22nd Leslie Carr / Judy Kelly

Mar 23rd Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin

Mar 29th Joan Sowers/Harold DeCoursey

Mar 30th Ewart Kenney/Patrick Burgoon



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!

Monthly Indigenous Rosary:

The next Rosary date is scheduled for **Saturday, March 22nd, 2025, at 1:30pm Atlantic time**. New participants can [click here to register](#) and receive the Zoom link. Registration is required only once. Zoom links will be sent the day before and the morning of the event. The upcoming Rosary events will take place on the 4th Saturday of the month through June 2025.



This monthly gathering meets virtually to pray the Rosary in 5 Indigenous languages spoken across Turtle Island. "The Holy Rosary is a prayer that is common to all Catholics in this land and has been prayed for generations in every Indigenous language. This gathering is an opportunity to pray as one with the intention that all who live in this land, Indigenous and non-Indigenous may experience healing and reconciliation on a renewed journey of justice and peace for our children." (Intention courtesy of Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle).



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope – Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

There will be a Pilgrimage of Hope to the Cathedral on the first Saturdays in the month throughout the year. The next date is April 5th. Everyone is welcome to attend any Pilgrimages throughout the year including those designated for specific regions. The designated date for our Parish Group to participate in a Pilgrimage to the Cathedral has been scheduled for Saturday, July 5th. This group includes St. John the Baptist Parish (Woodstock/Nackawic); St. Barbara's Parish (Minto/Chipman); Mother of Mercy Parish (Johnsville/Bath/Florenceville/Juniper); and St. John Paul II (Oromocto/Lincoln/Village of Gagetown). More information to follow.

Miramichi Region: The Annual Shrine Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be held Sunday, July 13th at 3pm. Why not add this pilgrimage to your Jubilee Year to do list. Any questions on this pilgrimage, please contact Cassie at goodshepherdparish92@yahoo.com or 506-843-2210.

The Jubilee happens every 25 years and you don't want to miss out. A quote from Pope Francis, "In the course of the year, every effort should be made to enable the People of God to participate fully in its proclamation of hope in God's grace and in the signs that attest to their efficacy."

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. 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).

Our Sacred Stories

Salvation and Liberation – God’s Message of Care and Compassion (Fr. John Jennings)

Seven hundred years is a long time. How surprising is it that more than 700 years ago our faith community, our church began a custom that endures, even today? In the year 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called for the celebration of the first Jubilee year. Following the Jewish custom of Jubilee, held every 50 years, the Christian community was called to undertake a time of forgiveness, reconciliation and new life. Such a Jubilee was intended to bring rebuilding and renewal to both community and individuals.

With a year of Jubilee, all were to renew their relationship with God, with one another and with creation. Among other things, such jubilee renewal was seen to include the healing of differences and tensions, the forgiveness of sins and debts and the resting and renewal of lands by letting it lie fallow. In the end, the Jubilee year was a chance to “start over” and not be burdened with the failures of the past. It was to be the opportunity for new life, marked by a fresh start and the peace that all long for.

Since initiating this custom in the year 1300, our faith community has continued to celebrate it in some way every 50 years (more recently, every 25 years) as a way of becoming a community of forgiveness and reconciliation. In doing so, the Catholic community has lived in hope of becoming increasingly a community of compassion and care, one that works to build, peace and reconciliation among ourselves and among all the peoples of the earth.

Pope Francis summoned us to see this year, as a Jubilee year. To mark this year, he called for the whole community to see ourselves as “Pilgrims of Hope” for the sake of our world. Such a pilgrimage calls us to bring to our world a longed-for blessing. Into a world marked by differences and tensions, violence and exploitation, pilgrims of hope can plant the peace and reconciliation, freedom and liberation that so many seek. We are to be missionaries of peace and healing for all.

The words drawn for the Old Testament Book of Exodus express well God’s call, issued to us as it was issued to Moses: *I have seen the misery of my people.... I have heard their cry.... I know their suffering,... and I have come down to deliver them* (Exodus 3:7-8).

This is a message for today. It is what we are all about as God’s People, as Church. The message we hear in the Gospels and the Good News we are called upon to share is what Jesus has handed on to us. It is the message of God’s care and compassion for all humanity – a message

of liberation for all. In the Gospel of this 3rd Sunday in Lent (Luke 13:1-9) the figure of the gardener reveals this message of compassionate care for the weak and the vulnerable.

The work of the Christian is the work of liberation. We are about freeing those in bondage of injustice and oppression. We are about showing compassion to the sick and the suffering. We are about lifting the burdens of the poor and the powerless. We are to be a people of the liberation, for all.

The Catholic Christian Church in Canada reaches out to touch our world with the Good News of liberating love in many ways. One of these touches is through the ***Catholic Organization for Development and Peace***. All over the globe the resources of ***Development and Peace*** are used to care for those facing the burdens of poverty and injustice. In a few weeks, on the 5th Sunday of Lent, as a Christian community, ***Development and Peace*** will lead us to stand in solidarity with these most burdened peoples of our world. In doing so, we live the Jubilee Year of Hope and build relationships marked by peace and new life together.

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**

Spring Faith Formation Opportunities, first in a series offered on Zoom by Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis and facilitated by Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation entitled: **Called to Witness and Proclaim A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization and Catechesis in the Family**. This is open to parish catechists, parents, and anyone interested in faith formation of young people. Join us on **Tuesday, March 25, 2025**. You can choose to attend either from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83533326016> or from 7pm to 9pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86396438396>

The next formation opportunity will begin on April 24 for a 4-week online retreat based on the book *Into His Likeness - Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ* by Edward Sri. The book can be ordered through Amazon or Sunrisemarian.com. No registration required. Watch for our third formation opportunity coming in May!