

# St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

Office: 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3 Phone (506) 444-6021

Father Bill Brennan, Parish Priest Website: [stkateri.ca](http://stkateri.ca) Email: [office@stkateri.ca](mailto:office@stkateri.ca)

Mass Schedule: St. Ann's Sunday @ 9:30 am/Holy Family Saturday @ 4:30 pm and Sunday @ 11:00 am  
**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**



## Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday Weekend

Are you ready for  
Solidarity Sunday? Next  
weekend is the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday of Lent (April 5<sup>th</sup>

& 6<sup>th</sup>) and is **Solidarity Sunday Weekend**. This is a time to give to special church collections organized for Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's annual Share Lent Campaign. The money raised sustains their efforts to secure justice and dignity for our most marginalized sisters and brothers around the world.

**A Matter of Justice** : In the name of all the Bishops of Canada (CCCB), we are invited to act alongside Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, by encouraging our communities to give generously to Share Lent, especially on **Solidarity Sunday Weekend (April 5-6)** to help support our sisters and brothers in the Global South who face the injustice of insurmountable debts for which they are not responsible. As Pope Francis reminds us, **"If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry.**

"You can assist in this effort by:

Signing the petition at the entrance of the church; and  
Giving generously to the Share Lent Campaign.

Special envelopes are available in the lobby of the Church or donate [on the D & P website](#). **Let this be our witness in this Jubilee Year. Cont. next column.**

\* \* \* \*

**Schedule of Weekday Masses during Lent:**  
**Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am, St. Ann's Church**  
**Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Holy Family Church**  
**(Stations of the Cross).**

**Tunisia: Demanding Fairer Policies:** Resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions trap Tunisia in debt. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the Tunisian Economic Observatory (OTE), analyzes the country's debt policies, and informs Tunisians about economic issues, enabling them to demand fairer and more equitable policies to promote sustainable development that benefits everyone. OTE was established in 2013, and its mission is to empower the people of North Africa, enabling citizens, institutions and associations to play an active part in sustainable development. Its impact has resulted in over 400 people participating in OTE workshops and more than 10,000 were reached online via the web and social media to strengthen democracy, inform citizens about economic reforms and help them influence public policy. See the Mini-Magazine (copies available at the entrance of the church) for more information.



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

**Holy Thursday (April 17)-Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
7pm, Holy Family Church

**Good Friday (April 18)-Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** 3pm, Holy Family Church

**Saturday, Easter Vigil (April 19)-Resurrection of the Lord** 8pm, Holy Family Church (NO 4:30 Mass on Holy Saturday)

**Easter Sunday (April 20)-Resurrection of the Lord**  
9:30am, St. Ann's Church  
11am, Holy Family Church

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

***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!

**Cookie Sunday Weekend/Food bank donations:**

**It's Cookie Sunday Weekend March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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**

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 4,418.70</b>
<b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>	<b>2,164.62</b>
<b>St Patrick's Cemetery</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Catholic Missions in Canada</b>	<b>220.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,828.32</b>

**Summary of your Support for March 22 & 23**

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 3,154.85</b>
<b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>	<b>2,164.62</b>
<b>St Patrick's Cemetery</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,319.47</b>

**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)**

**READINGS for March 30<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**Mass Intentions at St. Ann's**

Mar 30<sup>th</sup> For the People  
Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Amara Sacobie  
Apr 13<sup>th</sup> For the People  
Apr 20<sup>th</sup> Annunciata & Henry Colford  
Apr 27<sup>th</sup> Keith Jones

**READERS AT ST. ANN'S**

Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Betty Colligan  
Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Lawrence Cameron  
Apr 13<sup>th</sup> John Monkhouse  
Apr 20<sup>th</sup> Stacey Chessie  
Apr 27<sup>th</sup> Elaine Geldart

**Mass Intentions at Holy Family**

Mar 29<sup>th</sup> Arnetta Crowley  
Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Nancy Ross  
Apr 5<sup>th</sup> For the People  
Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Danny Dionne  
Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Deatra Scheers / June Wilkins  
Apr 13<sup>th</sup> Patricia Ellen Hickey Dickeson  
Apr 19<sup>th</sup> For the People  
Apr 20<sup>th</sup> Joanne Hurley  
Apr 26<sup>th</sup> For the People  
Apr 27<sup>th</sup> Eileen Ryan

**READERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mar 29<sup>th</sup> Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright  
Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Anita Allain/Ray Allain/Bonnie Deveau  
Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Paula Ryan / Margie Snell  
Apr 6<sup>th</sup> James McGroarty, Clare & Genevieve Obi

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mar 29<sup>th</sup> Joan Sowers/Harold DeCoursey  
Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Ewart Kenney/Patrick Burgoon  
Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell  
Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange



## Development and Peace SHARE LENT

**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 5<sup>th</sup>) and Pentecost (June 8<sup>th</sup>) 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!

### Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers Bridge Luncheon Fundraiser:

Apr.24 at 12 noon at St. Theresa's Church Hall (William Street, Nasib) \$60.00 per table. Proceeds go to grassroots organizations in sub-Saharan Africa, through the SLF & Help Lesotho. **To reserve a table, contact Mary Waters at 506-455-0574 or email [shaunmary89@gmail.com](mailto:shaunmary89@gmail.com)**

### "He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds." - Psalm 147:3

God of all wholeness, heal our hearts of all that prevents us responding to our sisters and brothers excluded by 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.



## 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**Two Sons and a Parent: Our Challenge**  
**(Fr. John Jennings)**

This 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent we hear one of the most beautiful and moving of Jesus' parables. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) It is a story that touches the heart of every person. It expresses something that is part of the human experience. All our relationships are marked in some way by this story – a story of disappointment with self, of self-righteous resentment and of abundant, healing, unconditional love.

The parable of the “Prodigal Son”, sometimes called the parable of the “Prodigal Parent” is one in which we find ourselves identified, in so many ways. Luke tells it as Jesus' response to the scribes and the Pharisees who were criticizing him for his willingness to reach out with openness to all, even those who were seen as most undeserving. “This fellow welcomes sinner and eats with them.” For Luke and his community in early Christianity the story focused on the religious elites of their day. For us, perhaps it has an even fuller meaning – both personal and communal as church.

The story of the “Prodigal Son” has three characters, the younger son, the older son and the father. Each of these persons is us. Each of them presents some aspect of our own personal experience and each of them presents to us both a challenge and a consolation. As well, each of the persons expresses something very close to our communal or our church experience, with its challenges and consolations. The younger son is us. The older son is us. The loving parent is us.

The younger son, after receiving all of his inheritance from his loving parent, leaves home and squanders what he has received. He wants to return home but he is obsessed by guilt and cannot allow himself to return forgiven. His failures and sin pose a barrier to his home-coming. He is unable to see that his father loves him. The challenge he has is that he cannot “let go” of his past, his sin. It blocks his capacity for full reconciliation and joy. To “let go” of sin and failure means we can remember, without identifying with it. The younger son had a struggle.

The older son faced a different challenge. So intent was he on doing the “right thing” that he had come to behave more as a slave of his loving parent than as a son. He kept all the rules, he worked for the father and spent his energies in what he saw as the father's commands. But he was filled with resentment and this boiled over when the father welcomed home the younger son. This older son could not see the relationship of love that bound the father to both his sons. He could not see that his father's love was an unconditional gift, not an earned or merited love. His resentment blocked all hope of compassion and joy for him.

The older son had a struggle.

The father in this story faced the challenge of freely giving love and compassion in a setting where it was deeply needed. For him compassion and joy was overflowing, but he faced one son who seemed incapable or accepting this gift and another son who could not understand it. The father had a struggle.

Whether we are looking with our own eyes or the eyes of our Catholic community of faith, we can see ourselves in this story. Our guilt often closes us to the open love and forgiveness of our God. At the same time, frequently, as a church, we show resentment when those who fall short of what we consider our faith tradition and “regulation” seek to return. As church we create walls for the divorced, the LGBTQ and others “to come home”. We sometimes struggle to be the face of our God of unconditional love. Jesus' parable is truly the story of all of us – as persons and as church. It is a challenge, but a challenge we must face, personally and as church. We have a struggle.

**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](mailto: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!