

# 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – Easter Sunday**



## Fr. Bill's Easter Message:

*On several occasions this past week people have said to me, "I can't believe that it is Easter again already."*

*I certainly feel the same way. However, on deeper reflection, the truth is that it has been Easter over and over again every day of the past year thousands and*

*millions and billions of times.*

*Whenever there has been new creation born into our world and universe, this is God's creative love and life at work; be it a star, plant, fish, mosquito, lizard, moose or a human being. This is Easter Grace!*

*Whenever a kind, loving, or forgiving gesture has taken place, this too is Easter Grace!*

*Wherever a person or group speaks out against injustice and oppression and takes action to make 'right relationship', this is Easter Grace and Reconcili-action!*

*Wherever we pray and hope for God to break into circumstances in our lives in which we have no control to make much change or our efforts seem too small and inadequate, this is Easter Hope at work in us!*

*Wherever loved ones are making the passage through death, and we are with them from near or far away places through our prayer, support, care, and a faith that assures us and them that God's promise of Resurrection and Eternal Life for them is real and to be trusted, this is Easter Presence!*

*Whenever groups with diverse backgrounds, beliefs, ways of expressing their faith, ideologies, and ways of being family and community can sit together with a deep commitment to listen in a way that brings peace through dropping our protective armor of prejudice and the dismantling of military arms, this indeed is an Easter Miracle!*

*As we celebrate Easter Sunday and the 50 days of the Easter Season this year, may we notice each day the reality of God's presence through the Risen Christ among us through reflecting on the 'litany' above and anything you might add to this 'litany' as you experience and observe God's abundant Easter presence always and forever!*

*Happy Easter!*



**Development & Peace National Stations of the Cross, Good Friday morning,**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:30am (Atlantic Time).** This year the Stations are hosted in Grand Falls Newfoundland & Labrador. There is need to pre-register, just click on the following link: [National Way of the Cross | Development and Peace \(devp.org\)](http://NationalWayoftheCross|DevelopmentandPeace(devp.org)) and then click on the YouTube link to Immaculate Conception Parish. Wishing you all a blessed Holy Week and Happy Easter!

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

**Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Mar 28)**  
7pm, Holy Family Church

**Good Friday, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**  
3pm, Holy Family Church (Mar 29)  
**Stations of the Cross led by The Youth Group (along with Sharon Watts & Margie Snell) at 12 noon**

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

**Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord**  
9:30am. St. Ann's Church

**Special note about Holy Saturday and the ‘Sacred Fire’ connected to the Easter Vigil:** The Easter Vigil always begins with lighting a new fire recognizing the gift of God’s fire within the universe, the center of the earth, on the earth, within each of us and Christ as Light for the World. This year Wolastoqey Fire Keeper and Parishioner Mike Solomon will make and attend a ‘Sacred Fire’ in an area in front of Holy Family Church (parking area) for us to gather, be in a circle of community and prayer before the Vigil. The Fire will be there by 6 pm and the Easter Vigil begins at 8 pm with Fire being taken from this Sacred Fire to light our New Pascal Candle. You are invited to spend a bit or an extended period at the Sacred Fire during this time. Even if you gather there for a moment or two as you arrive for the Vigil will be a gift.

**Development and Peace: Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024!**



For decades many families in the Global South have been losing the ability to feed themselves adequately. Our sisters and brothers in the Global South need our solidarity more than ever.

If you have already

donated, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the **Reaping our Rights** campaign with your Share Lent donation. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place the Share Lent envelope in the offertory (envelopes are available in the lobby) or donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give).

Thanks to your generosity, on Solidarity Sunday last weekend our Parish collected \$2273.15. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

“And if, in the ashes that we are, the fire of the love of God burns, then we will discover that we have indeed been shaped by that love and called to love others in turn. To love our sisters and brothers all around us,

to be considerate to others, to feel compassion, to show mercy, to share all that we are and all that we have with those in need.” –Pope Francis, February 2024. By sowing justice, we reap hope, peace, solidarity, and dignity. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

**Interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister?** Over the next several weeks, I will be preparing a new schedule for Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at Holy Family Church, please contact July Kelly (459-2781) by **April 14<sup>th</sup>** so you can be added to the new schedule.

A reminder to all our Eucharistic Ministers that masks are still required when distributing communion. A box of masks has been placed on the small table just off the altar. Thank you for serving in this vital Ministry that supports our Liturgy.

Summary of your Support for March 23/24

<b>Regular/Loose</b>	<b>\$ 1,715.75</b>
<b>Solidarity Sunday (D&amp;P)</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>
<b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>	<b>1,827.69</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>St. Patrick’s Cemetery</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Holy Land/Good Friday</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,043.44</b>

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

**OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:**

1. Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD). Forms are at the entrance of the churches. Return to parish office.
2. Mail your envelopes St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.
3. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) You may send your donations by Electronic Funds Transfer to [office@stkateri.ca](mailto:office@stkateri.ca)

**Offertory Envelope User #218 (MacDonald). Please call and leave a message at the office with your full name and address (444-6021). New Envelope User #195, please call the office and leave your name and address.**

**Cookie Sunday Weekend: IT'S** Cookie Sunday weekend **March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>**. In addition to cookies, we continue to collect the following items for the Foodbank: canned vegetables and tomato soup. Donations can be dropped off at Holy Family Church at the Saturday Mass at Holy Family Church or Sunday Mass at both St. Ann's Church and Holy Family Church. Thank you for your continued support!

***Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers (GHG) Bridge Luncheon; April 25, 2024.*** GHG will be hosting a Bridge Luncheon on Thursday, April 25th at St. Theresa's Church Hall, 1 William St., Fredericton, from 12:00 to 3:00pm. \$60.00 per table. Proceeds to support the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho. Please call **Mary Waters** at **506-455-0574** to reserve a table. (Please leave a message if no answer).

**Divine Mercy:** Divine Mercy is held every Friday at 3pm at St. Ann's Church. Please call Nelson Solomon at 363-4493 for further information. All are welcome.

#### **READINGS for March 31<sup>st</sup>**

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel: John 20:1-18

**Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.**

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

Mar 31<sup>st</sup> For the People  
Apr 7<sup>th</sup> Charles W. Solomon

#### **READERS AT ST. ANN'S**

Mar 31<sup>st</sup> Mike Solomon  
Apr 7<sup>th</sup> Lawrence Cameron

#### **Mass Intentions at Holy Family**

Mar 30<sup>th</sup> For the People  
Mar 31<sup>st</sup> Lucy Bourque  
Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Peter & John Awit and Family  
Apr 7<sup>th</sup> Lorna MacNeil

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

##### **For Holy Week**

##### **Holy Thursday (March 28<sup>th</sup>)**

Harold DeCoursey/Patrick Burgoon

##### **Good Friday (March 29<sup>th</sup>)**

Joan Sowers/Leslie Carr

##### **Easter Vigil (March 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Margie Snell/Dorothy Blanchard

##### **Easter Sunday (March 31<sup>st</sup>)**

Ewart Kenney/Verna McCloskey/Judy Kelly

#### **READERS AT HOLY FAMILY FOR HOLY WEEK**

##### **Holy Thursday (March 28<sup>th</sup>)**

1st Reading and Psalm – Liz Solomon  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Margie Snell

##### **Good Friday (March 29<sup>th</sup>)**

1st Reading and Psalm – Noreen Bonnell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Mike Solomon  
Passion Reading:  
Narrator (N) – Debbie Landau  
Jesus (J) – Fr. Brennan  
Other Speakers (S) – Church Congregation

##### **Easter Vigil (March 30<sup>th</sup>)**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 1:1-2, 2 – Mary Beth Gorey and  
Roly McSorley

Psalm – Sung by Ryan Tapley

Prayer – Fr. Brennan

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Exodus 14:15-31; 15:20, 1–James McGroarty

Psalm – Sung by Ryan Tapley

Prayer – Fr. Brennan

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11 – Anuli Ezoekafor

Psalm – Sung by Ryan Tapley

Prayer – Fr. Brennan

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11 – Patrick Burgoon

Prayers of the Faithful – Norma Downing

##### **Easter Sunday (March 31<sup>st</sup>)**

1st Reading and Psalm – Jane Buckley

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Intentions – Maurice Harquail

## Our Sacred Stories

### Easter: Season of New Life and Rebirth for Jesus....and for Us (Fr. John Jennings)

"[He] suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended

Into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead."  
(Apostles Creed)

Easter takes us through an entire season of rebirth and new life. Beginning with Good Friday and lasting until the Feast of Pentecost our Christian community celebrates the core of our faith, the Paschal Mystery. It is the feast expressing the passing of Jesus from death to new life. The words of our Apostles Creed express our faith in this part of the Christian story. What we might miss is that it is also the passing of ourselves from death to new life.

The resurrection stories in the Gospel present the disciples and friends of Jesus, the crucified one seeking him at the tomb, among the dead. They do not find him there. Nor would they find him in any place that represents domination, death, violence, greed, oppression and bondage. They would find him in the places of life and light, liberation and peace. This is where the risen one is to be found.

The resurrection sends Jesus back into the world. His resurrection proclaims that there is life after death, there is hope and promise. The power of evil, oppression and bondage is broken. The world and humanity are given new life.

What we may not realize is that like the risen Jesus, we too are sent back into the world, again and again. Despite all our many experiences of evil and failure in our own lives, our falling short in our calls to love and cherish one another – these "small deaths of our own do not define us. We are called to rise again, and again. As we do so, we bring the risen one with us. We carry Jesus into our world of families and friends, of commerce, economics and politics. We carry him into the places of oppression, bondage and poverty, of violence and suffering. As Jesus, we carry the resurrection and its hope. We bring what the risen one brings – PEACE. This is the Good News – we believe in the possibility of new life for all.

The spiritual writer, Carlo Carretto in "Blessed Are You Who Believed" describes the presence and power of the risen Jesus that we welcome into our lives and that we bear into our world. It is lived faith for us.

When you forgive your enemy, when you feed the hungry, when you defend the weak, you believe in the resurrection. When you have the courage to marry, when you welcome a new-born child, when you make a home together, you believe in the resurrection. When you wake at peace in the morning. When you sing to the rising sun. When you go to work with joy, you believe in the resurrection.

The resurrection is for all. The promise of new life, of hope and healing, of peace and liberation is for all. The risen life of Jesus can take flesh and come alive in us.

**The Mission of the Catechist Workshop** for all Religious Education Coordinators and Catechists is being held for the Fredericton Region on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church Parish Centre, 1 William Street, Fredericton North. The event will be lead by Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis, and Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation. A light lunch will be provided. The workshop will provide a space to reflect upon the call of Jesus in the mission of the Catechist as we prepare for developments in catechetical formation for our young people in the Diocese of Saint John.

**Steubenville Atlantic 2024 Youth Conference** – Youth aged 14-18 are invited to participate in this event held at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, NS from July 5-7. If you are between 18 and 21, you can attend as a peer leader. Before registering please talk to your parish priest or RE coordinator about registration. Conference information can be found on the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth website under Steubenville Atlantic. Transportation to NS is included in the registration fee of \$300.00. Pick up locations will be from Fredericton, Saint John, and Moncton. For more information please contact Patricia Lee at [catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org) or 506-627-6465.

**There will be a traditional East European Blessing of Easter Food at Saint Dunstan's on Holy Saturday at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome.**

**Since Easter Monday is our Peace Service at Saint Dunstan's, we will change to April 8 at 7 pm.**

**Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St. Magdalene Parish on April 7 at 3 pm. Father Suresh will be present.**

**Bishop Riesbeck's Easter Message – copies available at the entrance of the church.**