

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 9th, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Development and Peace:

A signature to *Turn Debt into Hope*



Next Sunday, March 16, you will be invited to sign the global *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign petition that calls for an end to unjust debt. With inequalities widening as rich countries continue enriching themselves by

exploiting the resources of the poorest countries, we respond to Pope Francis's call:

"In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice." (Message for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2025). A copy of the Bishops Letter of Support is available at the entrance of the church.

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!



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 featuring pastoral reflections based on the Reading for that Sunday. 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).

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).

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!

Please note a special guest speaker is coming to our Parish this Wednesday evening March 12th @ 7 pm. **Steve Patterson, Director of Community at 12- Neighbours 'Tiny Home Community** will speak on 'Living the Gospel deeply through Action, Outreach and Right Relationship'. Steve was formerly the Youth Pastor at Brunswick Street Baptism Church. All are welcome.



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!!

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!

<u>Summary of your Support for March 1 & 2</u>	
Regular/Loose	\$ 4,051.10
PAD (wkly. average)	2,164.62
St Patrick’s Cemetery	45.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund	50.00
Building Fund	50.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,360.72

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

READINGS for March 9th

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
 2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13
 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann’s

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 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 8th Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider
 Mar 9th Noreen Bonnell / Ebuka Ezeokafor / Maureen Hawthorne
 Mar 15th William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
 Mar 16th Jane Buckley / Maurice Harquail / Chinasa Trinita

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Mar 8th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
 Mar 9th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard
 Mar 15th Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
 Mar 16th JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey

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.

Our Sacred Stories

Lent: A Gift, A Challenge & A Discovery of our Mission (Fr. John Jennings)

Here we are – Lent again. Here we are – Lent again. Traditionally, it is a time of penance and giving up things, habit and behaviors – but also a time of idealism and promise. It is about setting aside those elements of our lives which impede the goodness of God’s dream for us. Lent is about turning away from the temptations, the “stuff” that is hurtful, wasteful and dehumanizing in our lives and in our world.

But it is also about becoming. It is about turning around to be the person and the world of God’s plan for us. It is about turning away from self-centeredness and selfishness – and turning towards God and to those many “others” who are part of our lives. It is about using our time and our energy in life-giving ways – that our world may become the world that God has intended. During Lent we discover the message of hope and promise.

Our observance of the Lenten season has its origins in the early Christian Church and is associated with the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. These are the sacraments of welcome and generally take place for new Christians at Easter. From the earliest times, Christians developed the custom of welcoming new members at Easter time.

When the new member was ready to become part of the community, they asked to be initiated at Easter, the feast of the new and risen life. There was a brief and more intense period of prayer, fasting and good works. This was Lent – a time of transformation, a conversion.

The image of this transforming moment is found in the Gospels. We can see it in the desert experience of Jesus himself. After his baptism in the Jordan by John, Jesus ventured into the desert (Luke 4:1-13). There he searched for the mission to which the Spirit was leading him. He struggled with temptations. Then in that same desert, Jesus found his call and his mission. He came out of the desert, proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom of God, among us.

Every year, Lent is our desert experience, a time to rediscover our connection with our loving parent God. In the desert of our Lent, we have the opportunity to step back and see where we are in our journey, our

personal life pilgrimage in faith, our relationship with God and with one another.

Several years ago, Dr. Michael Higgins, in his blog quoted an author named Brian Doyle. Just before he died, in 2017, Doyle reflected on his own life, especially his core relationships and his Catholic faith in “A Prayer for You and Yours”. Of his faith, Doyle had this to say: “I saw for the first time in my life that there were two Catholic Churches, one a noun and the other a verb, one a corporation and the other a wild idea held in the hearts of millions of people who are utterly uninterested in authority and power and rules and regulations; and very interested indeed in finding ways to walk through the bruises of life with grace and humility.” (Quoted by Michael Higgins in “Pontifex Minimus”, 12 Feb 2021)

- **What might we discover in our Lenten Journey this year?**

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!

Knights of Columbus Saint Patrick’s

Breakfast: Sunday, March 9th, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00 and Families \$30.00. 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.

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
Season
of
Lent



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