

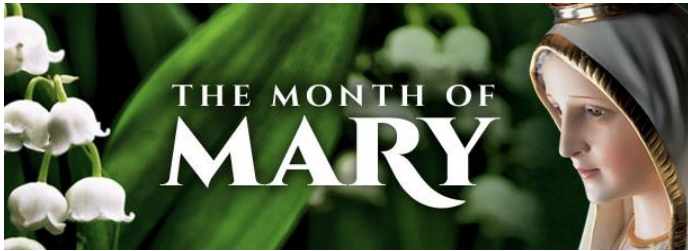
# St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Mass Schedule: St. Ann's Sunday @ 9:30 am/Holy Family Saturday @ 4:30 pm and Sunday @ 11:00 am

**May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**



**Month of Mary.** Traditionally, May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. During this month we are called to deepen our spiritual lives, turning our hearts to Mary as our guide and intercessor. We are also reminded of Mary's own deep faith trusting in God's plan for her. May we also be inspired by her example to say 'yes' to God's will for each of us.

"Throughout the Church the joy of gathering together in the name of Mary, our Mother, is renewed especially by praying the Rosary together. We relive the experience of those days between Jesus's ascension and Pentecost, when the disciples gathered in the upper room to invoke the Holy Spirit. Mary Most Holy remained in their midst, her heart keeping watch over the fire that animated the prayer of all." (Pope Leo XIV)

Some key Marian dates to note during the month of May include May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Our Lady of Fátima. Our Lady of Fátima is a title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary after she appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. On May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary). This is the occasion where Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth and where Mary proclaimed her song of praise, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).

## *A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin*

*O blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, we come before you with trust and devotion. Full of Grace you welcomed God's will with a faithful heart.*

*Teach us to say **yes** in our own lives, to trust in God's plan and to work with humility and love. O Mother of Mercy, look kindly upon us in our needs. Comfort us in sorrow, strengthen us in weakness and guide us along the path of holiness. Wrap us in your gentle care and lead us always closer to your son, Jesus, that we may live in his peace and share in his joy.*

*O Mary, our refuge and our hope, pray for us now and always, Amen.*

*(Prayer from the Daily TV Mass)*

**Rosary.** The Rosary is prayed every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During the Easter Season we will be praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Everyone is welcome to come and pray together.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**MOTHER'S DAY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST! Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to 1 pm at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent St., Adults \$12, Children \$5 and Families \$35. Everyone Welcome!**



**BILIK COMMUNITY BINGO**

**Thank you to all the volunteers and those who supported our April 27<sup>th</sup> Bingo night – it made the night a great success. It was a wonderful night of laughter, friendship and tasty snacks from the canteen! We hope to see you at the next Bingo night which is scheduled for:**

**Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Ann's Church**

**in collaboration with St. Kateri Parish.**

**Game prizes will be \$80.00 per game!!**

**10 Regular Games and 2 Specials (Jackpot and Winner Take All) Plus 50/50**

**9 up – 10 games - \$15.00**

**3 up – 10 games - \$5.00**

**Specials - \$1.00 per card**

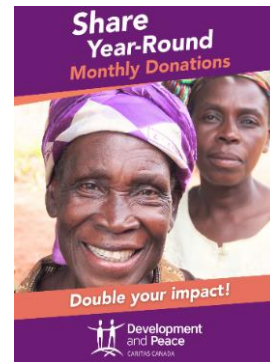
**(must be purchased at the door with regular cards). None will be sold on the floor.**

**There will be a canteen with light snacks and refreshments for purchase!! Doors will open at 5:00 pm and BINGO will start at 6:00 pm. CASH ONLY to purchase cards and Canteen!! All funds collected will be used to support Bilijk Elder Annual Ste. Anne de Beaupré Trip in June 2026.**

**18 Years and Older only and EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

**Hey Teens! Only 12 youth spots remain** on the second bus for **Steubenville Atlantic!** (after our spots are filled - youth will be put on a waiting list) Registration is closing soon, for the July 10–12 conference in Halifax. If you're entering Grade 9 through graduating Grade 12, this is your chance to experience an unforgettable weekend of faith, music, powerful speakers, and hundreds of teens from across the region. Register now so you won't be disappointed. **Talk to your parish RE Coordinator or priest before registering.** <https://www.steubenville.ca/register-now>

**Development and Peace: Become a Share Year-Round Donor.** A monthly donation allows Development and Peace – Caritas Canada to plan its long-term support for the people of the Global South and to reduce its administrative costs. Being a Share Year-Round donor simply means acting for social justice and human dignity all year long.



**Double your impact.** Become a Share Year-Round monthly donor or increase your monthly contributions during Lent, i.e., between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost (May 24), to have your total annual donation (or increase), **matched dollar for dollar!** To register to become a Share Year-Round Donor, call 1-800-494-1401 or click on the following link: <https://devp.org/en/monthly-donations/>

Your support forges bonds of solidarity across borders, **for the price of...a few coffees (\$15/month)...an evening at the movies (\$30/month)...or a restaurant meal (\$50/month).** Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

**A Summary of Support for May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

<i>Regular/Loose</i>	<b>\$4,132.50</b>
<i>PAD (wkly. average)</i>	<b>2,298.46</b>
<i>St. Patrick's Cemetery</i>	<b>15.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,445.96</b>

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish.**

**Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at St. Anthony's Church on Friday, May 15 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!**



**UPDATE on 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.

**What you should know:**

- Transportation is provided by the Diocese, and pick-up is from Saint John (2 locations) and Fredericton (1 location).
- Rooms are the dorms at the University, and it is usually one youth per room.
- Chaperones are vetted through Patricia Lee's office (Director of Catechesis, Diocese of Saint John) and require a valid police criminal record check.
- It is one chaperone per five youth of the same gender.
- Meals are all served at the cafeteria at the University and lots of food choices are available, plus items for those with special dietary needs (the University feeds thousands each year throughout the academic year).
- The cost per youth is \$250.00 with \$50 being non-refundable.
- Each Parish is responsible for their own fundraising.
- Youth who are interested in registering for the conference should speak to Fr. Bill or Sharon Watts as the Parish will assist with financing.
- The Parish is billed following the conference.

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 Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis, Diocese of Saint John: 506-627-6465 or email [catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org)

**READINGS for May 10<sup>th</sup>**

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18  
Gospel: John 14:15-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

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

May 10<sup>th</sup> Myrtle Goodine  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Raymond Francis  
May 24<sup>th</sup> Joyce Buckley  
May 31<sup>st</sup> Alden McLenaghan

**READERS AT ST. ANN'S**

May 10<sup>th</sup> Carolanne Doherty  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Betty Colligan  
May 24<sup>th</sup> Mike Solomon  
May 31<sup>st</sup> Lawrence Cameron

**Mass Intentions at Holy Family**

May 9<sup>th</sup> Raymond, Norman and David Goodine  
May 10<sup>th</sup> Norah Mary Marshall  
May 16<sup>th</sup> Gertrude Maynard  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Eileen Ryan  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> Tyler Messer  
May 24<sup>th</sup> Theresa Egeland / Richard Murphy  
May 30<sup>th</sup> Rick Doyle / Fr. Martin Tobin  
May 31<sup>st</sup> Tomasz Zdyb (STIB)

**READERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

May 9<sup>th</sup> Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider  
May 10<sup>th</sup> James McGroarty / Clair-Sophia Obi  
Genevieve Obi / Oma Okoye  
May 16<sup>th</sup> Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Chinyere Alozie / Norma Downing  
Anuli Ezeokafor / Debbie Landau

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

May 9<sup>th</sup> Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell  
May 10<sup>th</sup> Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin  
May 16<sup>th</sup> Ron Breau / Judy Kelly  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton  
May 24<sup>th</sup> Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange



## THANK YOU!!

A heartfelt thank you Maxine Solomon for all her hard work in preparing a delicious spaghetti dinner fundraiser this past week at St. Ann's Church Hall. The fundraiser was an amazing success with plates selling out in one hour. A special thank-you to the dedicated volunteers who so generously gave of their time. Lastly, a thank you to everyone who turned out for the meal and supporting the event to raise funds for the Elders trip to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré. Your generosity makes all the difference!

Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00PM at Holy Family Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Our Sacred Stories

#### Jesus Among Us – Living Together with the Spirit

*The one who has my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me; and the one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them. (John 14:21)*

One of the blessings of traveling in foreign places is the experience of going to Eucharist and hearing the buzz of conversation as people enter the church and later exchanging the Peace of Christ with people in languages I do

not speak. This experience makes it clear that our Eucharist is a gathering of friends who share a common faith. On many occasions, what is often most striking is beyond words. We are greeted by many with gestures and smiles.

We may have different origins and customs, but our common faith includes a shared Spirit, and this Spirit calls us to a love that is a bond for us. Our faith is more than a common creed and customary prayers. Our shared faith joins us in shared love. This is the action of the Spirit that brings us together as faith friends.

A vibrant faith community is marked by a Eucharist that comes to life in its hospitality, inclusiveness and love. Such an expression of the Spirit might appear to be natural and easy, but it demands commitment and attentiveness from a whole community. When we experience this Spirit, we discover the love that is spoken of in John's Gospel. To love one another in this way, to live this love in relationships is to recognize the Spirit of the Risen Jesus among us. This is a true Eucharistic community.

It is only a few years since our experience of Covid-19 forced us into isolation. For a time, circumstances led us to replace our real Eucharistic experience with one that we only had as visual images of our Eucharistic celebrations. We viewed them but we were not really part of the Eucharist that were seeing.

Sometimes even now, we have a temptation to limit ourselves to seeing the Eucharist as our personal prayer time, linking us to Jesus in a very private fashion, a time of peace, silence and solitude. There is a place for such private prayer and personal spirituality. But it is not in our occasions of Eucharist. Our Eucharistic celebrations are times of thanksgiving by our whole community of faith. Such occasions deserve acknowledgement of one another with hospitality and inclusiveness. Eucharist is broader than personal prayer and seeks to join us with one another as a whole faith community.

John 14:15—21 is part of the farewell discourses that Jesus spoke to his disciples at the Last Supper. He reached out and reassured them that although he was soon to leave them, they were not to be left alone. He prayed that the Father give them another Advocate, the Spirit. Through this Spirit, Jesus remains with us.

Jesus reassured his disciples that he would not leave them orphaned. Indeed, he did not, for his Spirit remains with us, only waiting to find expression in the practical love that moves and enlivens any community – family, friends, parish community, even a nation. To be open, welcoming, and inclusive is to reveal the Advocate, the Spirit among us.

**Q/ In our experience of Eucharist together, are we to experiencing Jesus' Spirit acting among us?**