

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 11th, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mary and Mothers: The Month of May is dedicated to Mary, Mother of Jesus, and is also the month in which we celebrate Mother's Day.

As I think of all the different ways in which Mother's Day is celebrated and those special loved ones we celebrate, I began to reflect on the scriptures and the prominent role of mothers who exemplified faith and trust in God, who loved and cared for their children, who provided joy and gratitude, wisdom and guidance, humility, encouragement and forgiveness.

- Eve: Her name means "mother of all living", the first woman and the first mother to live and embrace all of God's creation. Her gifts to us include strength, knowledge, intuition and leadership.

- Sarah: Wife of Abraham and subsequently the mother of the nation of Israel. She conceived at an older age (90) and as promised by God gave birth to a son whom they named Isaac. Her gifts to us include faith, loyalty, patience and sharing.

- Elizabeth: Mother of John the Baptist and cousin of Mary. Also giving birth to a son later in life, they named him John as instructed by an angel. She dedicated her son to God who became a great prophet. Her gifts to us include foresight, trust, praise and faithfulness.

- Mary: Mother of Jesus. A young humble peasant girl who became the human mother of Jesus. She is the most honored mother in the Bible. Her gifts to us include humility, courage, acceptance, love and grace.

There are many, many other examples of mothers in the scriptures. This month may be a good time to begin your own pilgrimage of honoring these special mothers whose gifts help us to see all the ways God is with us in our own lives.

Wishing all mothers a Happy and blessed Mother's Day!



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

There will be a **Community Brunch** held at **St. Ann's Church Hall, Bilijk First Nations (Kingsclear)** on **Saturday, May 17th from 11 am till 1 pm**. No charge. Donations to the Bilijk Seniors Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre will be appreciated. The Brunch is put on by Maxine Solomon and other participants on the Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre. Everyone is welcome!

FREDERICTON REGIONAL JUBILEE MISSION:

On June 2-4, Bishop Riesbeck will preach a three-day Jubilee Mission on the theme, "Rejoice in Hope." Inspired by *Spes Non Confundit*, the Jubilee Bull of Indiction of Pope Francis, Bishop Riesbeck will speak on our need for hope in these times, the relevance of Jesus as the anchor of our hope, and the role of the Holy Spirit as the agent of hope empowering us to mission as apostles of mercy and hope. These missions will take place at Saint Theresa's Church (Our Lady of Peace Parish) beginning from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm, ending with a reception. Each session will begin with Mass followed by a teaching, with a healing rosary on Monday, Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday and commissioning prayers on Wednesday. Come and be a seeker of hope!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khOPij3hbUg>.

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

As we prepare to celebrate Fr. Bill's 40th anniversary, we ask that you join us in thinking about serving others? What does it mean to serve, what does it mean to inspire, what do I do as an individual to make our world a better place? Jesus challenges us each day to do better for one another. If we follow the simplicity of his words we can achieve great things together. Fr. Bill uses words such as reconciliation, welcoming, kindness, generosity and love each week to convey the teachings of Jesus. The message may be simple in its delivery, but they are truly impactful when actioned in the lives of those in need of food, shelter, medicine, understanding, friendship, safety and faith. His commitment to family, faith and service are inspirational to all.

Food Items: See the sign-up sheet at the entrance of St. Ann's Church and Holy Family Church. **Please note** on Sunday (May 25th), if you are bringing in a food item, please deliver it directly to the kitchen in the Church Hall prior to Mass where a team of volunteers will be onsite to assist you. We hope to see you on May 25th following Mass in the Church Hall at Holy Family.

Summary of your Support for May 3rd & 4th

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,834.70
PAD (wkly. average)	2,164.62
St Patrick's Cemetery	35.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,034.32

Rosary - Join us every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During the Easter Season we will be reciting the Glorious Mysteries.

General Parish Meeting for St. Kateri

Tekakwitha Parish: All are invited to a General Parish Meeting at St. Ann's Church Site, Kingsclear (Bilijk) **for 2:00 pm on Sunday, June 8th**. At this time the Parish Finance Council will give a report on the Revenues and Expenses for 2024 and for the First Months of 2025. They will also present a detailed picture of all assets and accounts/amounts that belong to the parish. The Parish Council will also provide an update on activities in the past year and any upcoming events.

Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimages: Upcoming dates include:

June 7: Miramichi Regional Pilgrimage

July 5: Fredericton Upper and Lower Saint John River Regional Pilgrimage

Aug. 2: Mary Undoer of Knots Jubilee Pilgrimage

Sept. 6: Fredericton Proper Regional Pilgrimage

Oct. 4: Our Lady of the Rosary Jubilee Pilgrimage

Nov. 1: Saint John Kings and Charlotte County Regional Pilgrimage

Dec. 6: Our Lady Star of the Sea Jubilee Pilgrimage

Dec. 8: Diocesan—wide Pilgrimage Day in honour of the Immaculate Conception

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. In addition to the designated Parish dates, there will be a Pilgrimage of Hope to the Cathedral on the first Saturdays in the month throughout the year. The next date is May 3rd. Everyone is welcome to attend any Pilgrimages throughout the year including those designated for specific regions.

STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC!

One bus is already filled! Hey teens aged 14-18, get ready for an epic adventure at **Steubenville Atlantic!** Happening from **July 11-13, 2025** at **Dalhousie University**, this is your chance to experience a **life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ**. Ignite your faith, strengthen your prayer life, and get empowered to live on mission long after the conference ends. **Deadline to register:** June 13, 2025. Need financial assistance? Check with the parish religious education coordinator about fundraising opportunities or contact Patricia Lee at catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!



Join Us for the Final Spring Faith Formation Session! You're warmly invited to the third and final session of our Spring Faith Formation Opportunities on Zoom!

This inspiring event, titled "The New Evangelization: Building the Civilization of Love," will be hosted by Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis, and facilitated by Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation. Join us on **May 28, 2025 from 7 to 9 pm**. Don't miss this chance to deepen your faith and connect with our community. To register, simply email catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or text 506-627-6465. We'll send you the Zoom link once you're registered. We look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings in this Jubilee Year!

Little White Books for Easter available at church entrance, suggested donation \$2.00 each. Please drop donation in basket provided.

Holy Family - Eucharistic Minister Schedules for May to August are available at the church entrance.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

May 11th Myrtle Goodine
May 18th For the People
May 25th The McKerrral Family

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

May 11th Betty Colligan
May 18th Mike Solomon
May 25th Lawrence Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

May 10th Raymond Goodine
May 11th For the People
May 17th Arnetta Crowley
May 18th Walter Randall
May 24th Connie Levesque
May 25th For the People

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

May 10th Paul Ryan / Margie Snell / Beth Wright
May 11th Jane Buckley / Maurice Harquail / Chinasa Trinitta
May 17th Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley
May 18th Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden
Flora Ederaro
May 24th William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
May 25th Anita & Ray Allain / Bonnie Deveau

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

May 10th Wanda Cairns / Leslie Carr
May 11th Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin
May 17th Lynn Laagland / Joan Sowers
May 18th Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange
May 24th Margie Snell / Colleen Hamilton
May 25th Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon

READINGS for May 11th

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52
Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
Gospel: John 10:27-30

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people: the sheep of his pasture.

Our Sacred Stories
Disciples: A Community of Jesus's Friends
(Fr. John Jennings)

Recently, the Winnipeg Jets played an amazing game to win their way through the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs. In the final game of the series against the St. Louis Blues, the Jets were down by two goals in the third period with less than 2 minutes remaining. They managed to score twice in the final two minutes to tie the game and take it into overtime. After a scoreless 1st overtime period, in the second overtime period, the Jets scored again and won the game and the series. It was a remarkable achievement for the whole team. Playing as a team often reveals something well beyond what an individual can accomplish.

What is true of a team applies to our role as disciples of Jesus, sharing his mission in the world. We are all, in our humanity social beings. Our faith is a community faith, best lived and expressed and shared in how we live with one another, celebrate with one another and care for one another.

It is no small thing that Jesus surrounded himself with a group of disciples, and with them sought to share good news with crowds of people. After his death as the Risen One, he appeared most often to groups of disciples. It was when they gathered to share the faith they had in this Jesus that this community of Jesus's friends had their hearts opened and were able to "see" that he was risen and remained among them. We see this repeatedly in the accounts of the Risen Jesus found in the Gospels.

It is also no small thing that where we are most aware of our Christian faith is when we join together to share our stories, and around the Eucharistic table, breaking the bread and sharing the cup. Our faith is all about the Risen Jesus, not just in "me", but in all of us, a community of faith.

One of the great gifts of the Second Vatican Council was the recovery of the original meaning and interconnection of the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. These are our prime community sacraments. They all express our belonging to a community of believing disciples. These three sacraments celebrate various stages and aspects of our communal belonging.

Very often around this time in the Easter season, we have the honour and pleasure of celebrating the significance of these sacraments. It might be in a Baptism, when we welcome new members into our midst. Or it might be when we witness the Confirmation of some young people, whose baptism is confirmed in our community. Often it is welcoming some of our youngest members to

the table of the Lord for the first time in their first Eucharist. What a step in their life of faith as they find themselves, like others coming to the table with their fellow community members.

These youngest among us are no longer left out, only able to watch as others, Mom and Dad, older brothers and sisters go to communion. More than once we have seen them come up with their family and stand saying: "Can I have a cookie too?" Now they are no longer on the outside looking in. This is their table too, for it is the table of their community. Sharing Eucharist together – we are a community of believers. Our highest call is to be an inclusive community, open to all and welcoming all – no matter their age, or race or culture or circumstances in life. May our Table be one where all are welcome and included.

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers Jewelry Sale Fundraiser; Saturday, May 10, 9am-4pm; Wilmot United Church. (cash or cheque) Proceeds go to grassroots organizations in Sub-saharan Africa.
Thank you so much to those who contributed jewelry over the last number of months.

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 16th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast: Sunday, May 11th, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Proceeds will be used to assist with expenses for Saint Charbel Parish young people travelling to a Maronite Rite Youth Conference. Everyone welcome.

"O CANADA EH" NIGHT - Knights of Columbus Council 1942 sponsored fundraiser for N.B. Right to Life vision to open HOPE HOUSE MATERNITY HOME for pregnant women in need. Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Knights Hall on Regent Street. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner served at 6 p.m. Menu: Chicken Fricot Soup, Hearty Vegetable Soup, Rolls, pie, tea, coffee, juice. \$7.50 per person. We need people to donate food items. Silent auction for items including home baked goods. Tickets must be pre-purchased: E transfer- bgreen067@gmail .com or payment at NBRL office. Following dinner we will have Karaoke entertainment.