

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 18th, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Two Retreats offered by the AASEA (a group of Spiritual Directors in the Diocese) at the Villa Madonna Retreat House:

1. A 4-Day Silent Directed retreat from Monday, June 16th at 2pm till Thursday, June 19th @ 2pm. You will meet with a Spiritual Director each day and have the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist (Mass) each day and lots of time in the beautiful natural surroundings of the Villa Madonna Retreat House: Directors: Fr. Bill Brennan, Sandra Roy, Charlena Keenan-Bourque, Dorie McDermott and Anne Hodd. Cost: Residential \$450 (Max 15 retreatants) and Commuter \$250 (Max 3 retreatants)
2. A 4- Day Silent Guided-Directed Retreat titled 'Say But The Word' from Thursday, June 19th @ 9:30 am till Sunday, June 22, @ 1 pm. On this retreat we will learn how to open our hearts and our lives to the healing ministry of Jesus in each part of the Mass. Retreat Leaders: Pam Daigle, Doug Hubbard and Fr. Bill Brennan Cost: Residential \$475 (Max 15 retreatants), Commuter \$275 (Max 3 retreatants)

To register for either retreat contact Bob McDermott @ mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca. For further information on the retreat and registration go to website www.aaseasaintjohn.ca menu item – Longer Retreats - Residential



"To all who sent prayers, love, and hope as I begin this sacred journey—thank you. I accept this role not as a throne, but as a vow; to service the forgotten, to uplift the broken, to speak plainly where others stay silent. To be called "woke" in a world that sleeps

through suffering is no insult – it is Gospel. Humbled by grace. Committed to justice – not just for some but for all. So let them mock. Let them sneer. We will still build the Kingdom, not with walls, but with love. Be awake. Be loving. Be woke." –Pope Leo XIV

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

There will be a **Community Brunch** held at St. Ann's Church Hall, Bilijik First Nations



(Kingsclear) on **Saturday, May 17th from 11 am till 1 pm**. No charge. Donations to the Bilijik 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!

Development and Peace Update – Why mobilize around the G7? This year the G7 summit will be held in Kananaskis, Alberta. It is a key moment to urge decision-makers to prioritize people and the planet over mere profit and to demand debt justice for communities crushed by unjust and unpayable debts. Our advocacy resulted in these demands being incorporated into the Civil 7 Communiqué 2025. The Civil 7, coordinated this year by Cooperation Canada, is an official engagement group that communicates civil society priorities and recommendations to G7 leaders.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is asking public, private and multilateral creditors to cancel or reduce debts, and political leaders to support a multilateral framework for debt resolution.

So far, we have gathered 10,546 signatures on the petition, and we look forward to receiving many more through our Canadian and worldwide coalitions. Help us to reach our objective of 60,000 by signing the petition today through the following link: devp.org/debt.



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.

Attend the Jubilee 2025 G7 People's Forum.

To prepare for the G7 Summit in Alberta, you are invited to **G7 Jubilee People's Forum**, a transformative space for faith-filled justice-seekers in Canada and world-wide to come together, reflect, pray and take action for economic and ecological justice.



The Forum will be held at **Ambrose University in Calgary from Thursday, June 12th to Sunday, June 15th**. Highlights will include an interfaith worship service; a visit to Stoney Nakoda land for prayers with Elders; hearing Indigenous and global partner voices; Jubilee campaign training; and a creative public action in the heart of Calgary. All those interested **should register before May 25th** by clicking on the following link: <https://kairoscanada.org/jubilee-2025-canada/g7-peoples-forum>

Summary of your Support for May 10 & 11

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,788.35
PAD (wkly. average)	2,164.62
St Patrick's Cemetery	25.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,813.35

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

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>.

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.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

May 18th For the People
May 25th The McKerrral Family
June 1st For the People
June 6th James Andrew McAllister

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

May 18th Mike Solomon
May 25th Lawrence Cameron
June 1st John Monkhouse
June 6th Stacey Chessie

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

May 17th Arnetta Crowley
May 18th Walter Randall
May 24th Connie Levesque
May 25th For the People

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

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 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 18th

First Reading: Acts 14:21b-27
Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a
Gospel: John 13:1, 31-33a, 34-35

Responsorial Psalm: I will bless your name for ever, my King and my God.

Cookie Sunday Weekend: May 24th & 25th is Cookie Sunday Weekend. In addition to cookies, the Food Bank is in need of canned pasta and soup. Donations can be dropped off at Holy Family Church at the Saturday Mass or Sunday Mass at both St. Ann's Church and Holy Family Church. Any donation you can provide is most appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry!

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.

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

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!

Our Sacred Stories

Remembering Who We Are: Disciples of Love and Mercy (Fr. John Jennings)

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's Mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. [Pope Francis. "Face of Mercy" 8 Dec 15]

These are the words of Pope Francis as he opened the Holy Year of Mercy in 2015. They reflect the spirit of missionary discipleship to which Pope Francis called the whole Church two years earlier. In 2013 he expressed this missionary spirit in a kind of manifesto for the Church. Francis did so in an address entitled *Evangelii Gaudium* [Joy of the Gospel]. In some ways, he was setting forth his hopes, dreams and character of Church in which he was called to serve.

Very recently, in a homily, our new Pope, Leo XIV expressed much the same hopes and dreams. As he spoke, he called for openness, inclusiveness and a readiness to reach out to all. Pope Leo seemed to be following the path that Francis set back in 2013. We are to be missionaries who listen, accompany and express a willingness to be in service to all we encounter.

A Christian community, a Church that lives and acts in this way, as missionaries with open and inclusive hearts follows in the footsteps of Jesus the Christ. The Gospel writer John captures this image of Jesus and of his disciples:

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)

Throughout the Easter Season we hear from John. We focus on the experiences the first disciples had of the Risen Jesus. After Jesus had given himself up to death on the Cross, he continued to be present among these followers. This presence was not a physical presence, but it was just as real and meaningful. It was also a presence that led them to make sense of all that Jesus had passed onto them. They became aware of what we have come to call the Paschal Mystery (the life, death, resurrection and continuing presence of Jesus). It led them to commit themselves to his mission.

The experience of the risen Jesus deeply changed the disciples. Fundamentally, they recognized that Jesus had sacrificed his life for them. Further, they came to see that his sacrifice went beyond them to all of humanity. Thus, they were on fire to proclaim this good news of his message and carry out his mission to the world.

What the disciples were now to do was share and what they had been given. The writer John speaks of a *new*

commandment as the way in which the disciples will proclaim this good news of God's love. In another place, in a letter to fellow Christians, it is even more clearly proclaimed that God's love given to us leads to our loving one another:

This is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sin away.... We are to love, then, because he loved us first. (1 John 4:10, 19)



Monthly Indigenous

Rosary: This monthly gathering meets virtually to pray the Rosary in 5 Indigenous languages spoken across Turtle Island. "The Holy Rosary is a prayer that is common to all Catholics in this land and has been prayed for generations in every Indigenous language. This

gathering is an opportunity to pray as one with the intention that all who live in this land, Indigenous and non-Indigenous may experience healing and reconciliation on a renewed journey of justice and peace for our children." (Intention courtesy of Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle). The next Rosary date is scheduled for **Saturday, May 24th, 2025, at 1:30pm Atlantic time.**

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.

STEUBENVILLE! 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!