

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 24th, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday



Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. The Rosary has been in existence as far back as the third century and has continued to evolve to present day. As we pray the Rosary, whether gathering together in community or in the quiet of our hearts, Mary guides our meditations to a fuller meaning of the Gospels. She prays with us and for us, bringing us peace and healing, and leading us to Christ.

The newest of these Mysteries of the Rosary are the *Luminous Mysteries* introduced in 2002 by Pope John Paul II as a way to fill the gap between the Joyful Mysteries (Jesus' childhood) and the Sorrow Mysteries (Jesus' passion and death). The Luminous Mysteries are mysteries that help us journey with Jesus through his public life. John's Gospel, 8:12, gives us Jesus' declaration, "I am the light of the world" and through the 'Light Mysteries' his public ministry is evidenced in a special way.

If you google the meaning of the word 'luminous', you will find a variety of descriptions that include but are not limited to: something or someone that emits, reflects or is full of light and figuratively, it can mean enlightening. The five mysteries of the Luminous Mysteries are filled with examples of Jesus acts of enlightenment and a light for our world:

#1 - The Baptism in Jordan (Fruit of the Mystery – Openness to the Holy Spirit): **light of revelation.**

#2 - The Wedding at Cana (Fruit of the Mystery – To Jesus through Mary): **light of glory and divine power.**

#3 - Proclaiming the Kingdom (Fruity of the Mystery – Repentance and Trust in God): **light of truth and mercy.**

#4 - Transfiguration (Fruit of the Mystery – Desire for Holiness): **spiritual light of divinity.**

#5 - Institution of the Eucharist (Fruit of the Mystery – Adoration): **light of selfless love and nourishment.**

As our joy filled Easter Season comes to an end, and we enter into Ordinary Time of the liturgical calendar, our Thursday morning Rosary will move from the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary to the Luminous Mysteries. You are all invited to join us at Holy Family Church each Thursday morning at 10:30am.

In the words of Pope Leo XIV, "Our Mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close, help us with her intercession and love....let us pray together, for the whole church, for peace in the world, and let us ask Mary, our Mother, for this special grace."

Note from Fr. Bill: I will be away from May 20th till June 15th. I will also be at the Villa Madonna Retreat House on the weekend of June 20th and 21st.

I have been able to arrange for a priest to be here each weekend for Masses when I am away.

It is important to note that on the weekend of May 30th and 31st there will only be two Masses in the parish. Fr. John Jennings will be at Holy Family Church for the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, May 30th and Fr. Peter Osborne will be here for a Mass on Sunday, May 31st. Please note that this Mass will be at 12:30 pm and there will not be a 9:30 am Mass at St. Ann's Church in Biljik nor an 11:00 am Mass at Holy Family **on That Sunday ONLY**. This is an opportunity for parishioners to join in this ONE MASS for a joyful celebration on May 31st. **For all of the other weekends the Mass schedule will be the same as always.**

For assistance when I am away please contact Judy Kelly through the Parish Office @ 506-444-6021. Leave a message and she will be checking phone messages often.



Prayer for Earth. Pour out on us, God, the power of your love. And teach us to care for life and for beauty. Fill us with

peace, so that we do not harm others, but love them all like sisters and brothers. God, we know that people who are poor are very special to you and you want us to love them too, so they are not forgotten. We ask you to change us so that we protect your world, not destroy it. Change the hearts of people who only care about themselves and money, instead of caring about people and the Earth. Show us how even small things matter, help us see that we are all connected to each other and to the earth. Amen.

Cookie Sunday Weekend: Next Cookie Sunday weekend is **May 30th & 31st**. In addition to cookies the Food Bank is in need of **canned meat** to assist them with school lunches to the end of June. We want to thank you all for your continued generosity to help support those in need. 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!

AASEA Retreats – Villa Madonna, Saint John: "Taste and See" June 2026 Retreats invite adults to step away from the busyness of life and deepen their relationship with God through Ignatian spirituality of finding God in all things. From **June 10th to 17th, 2026**, participants may choose either a 7-day retreat that begins with four days online and concludes with three days in silence at Villa Madonna or a fully in-person silent 3-day directed retreat at Villa Madonna (June 15-17). Both retreats include daily accompaniment by a spiritual director and opportunities for prayer, Scripture, nature and worship. For details and application, visit aasesaintjohn.ca or contact Bob McDermott at 506-696-4772 or mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca



BILIJK COMMUNITY BINGO

We only have three more Bingo fundraiser nights left before we break for the Summer. The next Bingo nights:

Monday, May 25th

Monday, June 8th and

Monday, June 22nd

all held at St. Ann's Church in collaboration with St. Kateri Tekakwitha 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!!

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLECTION: The annual collection for the Cathedral Restoration will be taken up in the parishes on the weekend of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), this year on June 6-7. You may use the envelopes in your box sets or loose envelopes marked "Cathedral Restoration" for this purpose in the pews or go to our website <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations> to donate. Gifts of either a one-time donation, securities, bequests, or other planned gifts are a tremendous blessing and will aid significantly to the success of this restoration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our finance department at cchima-okere@dioceseofsaintjohn.org



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.

Last weekend to 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.

Steubenville Atlantic – Waiting List Now Open

All available spots for **Steubenville Atlantic 2026** have been filled. We have now opened a **waiting list**, as additional spots *may* become available if other dioceses release some of their unused spaces. Youth will be offered any newly released spots **on a first-come, first-served basis**, according to the order in which they register for the waiting list. Families are encouraged to **continue registering** at this time so their teen is next in line should more spaces open. **Talk to your parish RE Coordinator or priest before registering.** <https://www.steubenville.ca/register-now>

If you have any questions please contact Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis at 506-627-6465 or at catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org

A Summary of Support for May 16 & 17

Regular/Loose	\$4,193.45
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
St. Patrick's Cemetery	15.00
Papal Works	60.00
TOTAL	\$6,566.91

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

READINGS for May 24th

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

May 24 th	Joyce Buckley
May 31 st	Alden McLenaghan
June 7 th	For the People
June 14 th	Florence Doucet
June 21 st	Sandy Goodine
June 28 th	Claudine Nowlan

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

May 24 th	Mike Solomon
May 31 st	Lawrence Cameron
June 7 th	John Monkhouse
June 14 th	Stacey Chessie

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

May 23 rd	Tyler Messer
May 24 th	Theresa Egeland / Richard Murphy
May 30 th	Rick Doyle / Fr. Martin Tobin
May 31 st	Tomasz Zdyb (STIB)
June 6 th	Charlie and Flo Doherty
June 7 th	Arthurenne Basque
June 13 th	John Kelly
June 14 th	Leona Murphy
June 20 th	Henry Albuquerque
June 21 st	For the People
June 27 th	Romeo & Antoinette LeBlanc
June 28 th	For the People

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

May 23 rd	William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
May 24 th	Noreen Bonnell / Ebuka Ezeokafor Oluchi Ezeokafor / Maureen Hawthorne
May 30 th	Margie Snell / Joan Sowers
May 31 st	Jane Buckley / Doreen Cormier Maurice Harquail / Chinasa Trinitta
June 6 th	Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider
June 7 th	Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden Marijke Hurkens

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

May 23 rd	Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
May 24 th	Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange
May 30 th	Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey
May 31 st	Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard
June 6 th	Wanda Cairns / Margne Snell
June 7 th	Annie Zdyb-Rinne / Verna McCloskey

Our Sacred Stories

Ascension: A Story of Leaving Yet Remaining (Fr. John Jennings)

One of the constants of our lives is... change. We all struggle with it, but we all need it. Moving a child to a new school, undergoing a change in jobs, taking on new responsibilities is challenging. Even retiring and moving out of where we have long lived to a new living arrangement can be difficult. Letting go of where we are used to and entering new circumstances are hard. Sometimes the change takes us to new and even exciting places and experiences. But other changes in our lives, can bring a sense of loss and pain. The death of a partner or friend or a move that takes us away from the persons or places that we consider home can be a struggle. Such changes, such departures are part of our lives and saying farewell is always painful.

The death of a loved one is particularly painful for us. In some ways, it leaves a "hole in our heart" and we find ourselves facing a very confusing time. Often, we do not know how to respond to what we are experiencing. What has been our normal life and contentment has been disrupted. There is a sense that somehow, we are in what some have called a kind of "liminal space" in our lives, a borderland of life. The loss or the change that we are experiencing places us in a life that is both unfamiliar and uncomfortable. It is also a place we do not want to be.

One of the remarkable things is that a departure is not always total. It does not end the friendship. We are left with a host of memories and mutual experiences. Both our shared experiences and the impact of the persons around us have made us who we are even now. Over the years there is a presence that continues. We continue to be with one another in our friendships, but in another way. There is a sense of being apart and together, of "leaving yet remaining" with one another.

This is the classic image of the ascension of Jesus that is captured in the story that we find in the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-11). The writer of the Acts tells the story of the earliest Christian communities after the resurrection of Jesus. Acts begins the story with the account of Jesus leaving the disciples and ascending to heaven or put another way with the return of Jesus to the Father. He is "leaving yet remaining".

After telling of the appearances of the risen one to the disciples and of the way in which Jesus promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples are called upon to be the *witnesses* to all they have heard and seen, that is, to the message and the mission of Jesus. Filled with the promised Spirit, they are to take what they have experienced to the whole world, to the ends of the earth.

The disciples have been given two important pieces of their call as followers of Jesus. They have been promised the gift and power Holy Spirit, and they have been told that they are to be *witnesses* to all that Jesus has proclaimed. In some way, the ascension is the end of the appearances of the risen Jesus. He leaves them yet remains among them through the continuing power of the *Spirit* that they will receive. Thus, they are to be the ongoing presence of the risen Jesus for our world.

In every Eucharist we hear the words ***Do this in memory of me.*** Gathered as a community of faith around the Table of the Eucharist we recall in living fashion Jesus's whole life, death and resurrection, what we call the Paschal Mystery. When we leave the Table, we take forth into our world, the living memory of the Risen Jesus and all that this means for us. Each time we celebrate together, we will remember and enact this "leaving yet remaining" story as disciples of this **Risen Jesus**.

ROSARY AND TEA

FEAST OF THE VISITATION

Women are warmly invited to a Rosary & Tea on Sunday, May 31, from 1:30–3:30 p.m. at Villa Madonna Retreat House. Rosary & Tea is a prayerful and welcoming gathering where women come together to pray the Rosary and reflect on the life of Christ through Mary, followed by tea, light refreshments, and fellowship. Rooted in Catholic hospitality, this event offers a peaceful space for spiritual nourishment, meaningful conversation, and community. Reflections will be shared by Kathy Goudreau and Raylene Barnhill. Hosted in part by the CWL. Please contact Susan Savoie at susansavoie@outlook.com or 506 609-5867 if you have any questions or to register. Price is \$12.00 Registrations closes on May 25th.

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.