

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 25th, 2025 – Sixth Sunday of Easter



CONGRATULATIONS Fr. Bill!!

Each day Father Bill inspires us through his faith, his work and his passion to serve others. In our deliberations with respect to the Parish, he lives his values. He is focused on the liturgy guiding us in our efforts, the inclusion of all, and respect for the dignity of each and every person that we serve. Every time we meet as a council his message teaches us to think beyond the immediate and how we can make a difference as a team.

His humour is infectious; his love of sports brings us together and his love of the Lord inspires everyone. He is determined to make a difference in the understanding and acceptance for real reconciliation with our Indigenous partners. His insight on modern issues and how we as Catholics address these issues allows us to understand our faith in today's world. We are blessed to have him as our Pastor in these ever-changing times. – Parish Council

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Honouring Fr. Bill on His 40th Anniversary of Priesthood: Fr. Bill is a warm, compassionate, and joy-filled shepherd, embodying the very essence of pastoral care. Through his unique style of preaching—infused with heartfelt messages and good-humored jokes—he gently guides, teaches, and unites our community. His unwavering commitment to the spiritual and social growth of children and youth is truly inspiring and deserving of celebration.

On this special milestone, we give thanks to God for Fr. Bill's 40 years of faithful service. We pray that the Lord who called him to this sacred ministry will continue to bless him abundantly with health of mind and body. May God grant him continued wisdom and strengthen him in his tireless mission to spread faith, love, and unity.

Happy Anniversary, Fr. Bill! - Stanislas Obi on behalf of the African Community

From 2005-2008 I was a university student working as a doorman at a bar in the city. Weekends were spent as you would expect them to be spent by a young person working at a bar, but one thing that kept me on the straight and narrow were the 7pm Sunday night masses at St. Dunstan's. I'd sit at the back out of the way every week and listen to Father Bill as best I could, and his homilies served as a weekly "push in the right direction".

Now as an adult with young girls, nieces and a nephew, my brothers and I are deeply honored that he has been part of their early sacraments, and look forward to celebrating more of them with him. - Lyle Dyker

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To our dear Fr. Bill. Congratulations on your 40th anniversary to the priesthood. Thank you for your spiritual guidance and support over the years. We learned so much more about reconciliation and with your inspiration you made it easy to love our neighbour as ourselves. At this very special time we wish you peace, joy and goodwill and a long and happy life. Woliwon. - Nelson and Liz Solomon

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Dear Father Bill, on your 40th anniversary as a priest, our family wishes to extend heartfelt congratulations! Over the years you have celebrated our son's wedding, baptized all 6 of our precious grandchildren and recently celebrated their First Communion. We are truly blessed to have had your spiritual guidance and support through life's most important moments.

May God continue to bless you with good health and happiness. You are a guiding light not only to our family but to the lives of everyone in our community.

With sincere appreciation and warmest wishes.

The Dyker Family, Dale & Susan

Ryan, Tamara, Sadie and Eli

Lyle, Laurel, Maria and Georgia

Matthew, Sam, Frances and Vivian

Fr. Bill's Celebration – Sunday, May 25th. If you are bringing 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.

General Parish Meeting for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish: All are invited to a General Parish Meeting at St. Ann's Church Site, Kingsclear (Bilijik) **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.

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 Re treats - Residential

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>.

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 Communique 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 Cookie Sunday Weekend: May 24th & 25th.

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!

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 17 & 18

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,183.00
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
Building Fund	20.00
St Patrick's Cemetery	15.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,532.62

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*

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

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

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.

Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimages: Upcoming dates:

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

Are you interested in a **Pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Baupré, Québec** Our Lady of Peace Parish is looking to see if there is an interest in a five-day pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Baupré, Québec mid-September 2025. We have gathered preliminary quotes for a bus, accommodations, guided tours in Sainte Anne-de-Baupré and Old Québec City. Based on one bus, fifty-six Pilgrims, double occupancy lodging, and two tours, we estimate this five-day pilgrimage would cost approx. \$1000.00 per person. Before we go further with plans, we need to know if this is something that parishioners in other Fredericton region parishes would be interested in. If there is enough interest, we will have an information meeting with more details. If you are interested in this pilgrimage, please contact Ricarda Bradley by email Ricarda_b@outlook.com or by phone (506)367-2005 by May 30th.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

May 25th The McKerrral Family
June 1st For the People
June 6th James Andrew McAllister
June 15th For the People
June 22nd Sky Sabattis
June 29th For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

May 25th Lawrence Cameron
June 1st John Monkhouse
June 6th Stacey Chessie
June 15th Elaine Geldart
June 22nd Carolann Doherty
June 29th Betty Colligan

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

May 24th Connie Levesque
May 25th For the People
May 31st Sister Betty Rae Lee
June 1st Richard Tenderenda
June 7th For the People
June 8th Irene Roy
June 14th John Kelly
June 15th Leona Murphy
Walter & Graham Randall
June 21st David Carr
June 22nd For the People
June 28th Henry Albuquerque
Mass of Thanksgiving
June 29th Murphy & Burgoyne Families

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

May 24th William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
May 25th Anita & Ray Allain / Bonnie Deveau
May 31st Anna Mae Snider / Joan Sowers
June 1st James McGroarty / Clair & Genevieve Obi

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

May 24th Margie Snell / Colleen Hamilton
May 25th Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon
May 31st Lynn Laagland / Harold DeCoursey
June 1st Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

READINGS for May 25th

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel: John 14:23-29

Responsorial Psalm: Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

***Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Association will be holding its
Annual General Meeting on
Wednesday, June 11th, at 7:00 pm
at Holy Family Church.
Everyone is welcome to attend.***

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
The Vision of Jesus: For his Disciples and Beyond
(Fr. John Jennings)

Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you.... Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.
(John 14:27)

As John in his Gospel, tells the story of Jesus and his disciples we discover the significance of relationships for the disciples of Jesus. Before his death and resurrection, Jesus reflects on his departure from them (John 14:23-29). As he does so, Jesus reassures them in two ways. First, his vision is that they not be troubled or fearful. He wants his disciples to be at peace, in their own hearts and with one another.

The second reassurance is his promise that the Father will not leave them alone or abandoned. God will gift them with “the Advocate”, the Holy Spirit of God will be with them always. With this Spirit, Jesus will continue to be among them, guiding and supporting them as they carry on his message and mission.

Monday, May 19 was the day following the inaugural Mass of Pope Leo XIV. It is significant that in a special audience, Pope Leo met with a host of religious leaders both Christian and non-Christian. In his address at the audience, Pope Leo noted that he was following in the footsteps of both Pope John XXIII and Pope Francis. Directly referring to Pope Francis’s encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Leo noted that his predecessor expressed openness to all religious traditions: *above all by cultivating interpersonal relations, in such a way that, without taking anything away from ecclesial ties, the human trait of encounter was always valued. May God help us to treasure his witness.*

This sense of openness to all peoples, communities and beliefs is significant for our community of faith. It creates the readiness to reach out in respect and care for others, including those who are not part of our community or who hold different views from us. Both Pope Francis and now Pope Leo share this open and inclusive view.

It leads to a compassion and care that reaches beyond borders and barriers. In such a community, mercy is without limits.

The image that Francis applied to our church is the image of a “field hospital”. That is, our faith community is to be out among the struggles and challenges, physical, social, economic and moral of all humanity. It is to reach out, in particular to the lost and the excluded, the outcasts, the suffering, the wounded and the hurting.

John’s Gospel describes the challenge faced by the disciples as they faced the reality that Jesus is soon to leave them. He encourages them with the promise of the “Advocate”, the Holy Spirit and then declares to them: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.*

Pope Francis directed our attention to mercy as a central piece of our faith life. We are challenged to discover the peace of heart and peace with others that is Jesus’ vision for his disciples and our world. At the same time, we are to acknowledge our own weakness and wounds. As Church, we are not perfect. Nor do we have all the answers. Together with all of humanity, we are a community on a life pilgrimage. This a trek of searching and seeking for peace and a sense of what is good for all. The road is not always clear and so we search together, seeking to do the best for all humanity and creation at large.

Perhaps the closing words of prayer in Francis’s *Fratelli tutti* is appropriate as we move to a new papacy with Pope Leo XIV:

*May our hearts be open to all the
Peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness
and beauty that you have sown in
each of us, and thus, forge bonds
of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams. Amen*

**CONGRATULATIONS to all the
young people who will be receiving
the Sacrament of Confirmation next
Sunday, June 1st, 2025**

**Emma Scheme
Elle Scheme
Bruno Boza
Hilary Obi
Ebuka Ezeokafor
Isabelle Bright
Grace Davis
Shayna Culligan
David Gutierrez
Matthew Armstrong
Miguel Buenaventura
Emli Cabungcal
Imogen Clendenning
Aaron Duterte
Alysson Duterte
Karol Barrientos
Owen Murdock
Naomi Nagbe
Annabelle Okoye
Jessie Wilson
Andrea Yamane
Joseph Braedley
Joanna Dinan
Rowan Collins**

**Gianna Dobbelsteyn
Joshua Dobbelsteyn
Kathryn Egers
Nora Foreman
Maximo Godin
Eric Guitard
Angela Isama
James MacLean
Miguel Serrano
Katherine Siefker**

A Prayer for the Confirmation Candidates

*God we thank you for our young people who are
preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
You call each one of them by name and promise
that whatever happens in their lives,
you will be with them always.*

*We pray that this journey to Confirmation
will be an opportunity for them to deepen their
faith and renew their hope in you so that your
love may shine through them to the world.*

*Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their
helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom
and understanding, the spirit of right judgement
courage, and knowledge.*

*Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in
your presence. We ask this through Christ our
Lord. Amen.*