

# 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Most Holy Trinity**



Development and  
Peace: Canadian  
Foodgrains Bank

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Peace (The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace) is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis. [Development and Peace](#) has an account at the Foodgrains Bank that they draw from to provide food assistance during emergencies around the world and to fund programs that support families and communities in their efforts to access more and better food in the long term.

On October 7, 2023, after an attack by Hamas militants on Israel, Israeli forces responded with a sustained aerial bombardment, a military siege and ground invasion of the Gaza Strip. To date, more than 23,000 Palestinians have been killed, more than 85% of the population have been internally displaced and have lost their homes, livelihoods, and belongings. Large-scale damage to residences, business, infrastructure, and restrictions on the availability of water, food and fuel have largely halted all economic and agricultural activities. Communications are cut regularly, and a lack of fuel has resulted in insufficient fuel for electricity generators, water treatment plants, and sewage pumping stations to operate. The ongoing war and border restrictions have hampered the delivery of consistent and sufficient humanitarian assistance to affected populations.

Even before the crisis, many families in Gaza faced acute food insecurity: In 2022, 65% of the Gaza population was either severely or moderately food insecure.

Since the start of the war, these households have increasingly been forced to adopt negative coping strategies such as reducing the number of meals and portion sizes and cutting adults' consumption to allow children to eat. The Food Security Sector currently estimates that 2.3 million people, the entire population of Gaza, is food insecure.

Catholic Relief Services is preparing for a 12-month, Emergency Food Response in Gaza to serve 1,485 internally displaced families (approximately 8,910 people), with a focus on IDPs living within non-UN collective centers and IDPs staying with host families, in the southern governorates in Gaza. CRS will work with the El-Amal Rehabilitation Society (El-Amal) and Palestinian Organization for Development (POD) to implement the project. The current plan is to provide an initial round of in-kind ready to eat food assistance (equivalent to CAD\$356 / household / month), followed by two additional rounds of either multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) or in-kind food assistance (equivalent to CAD\$279 / household / month), depending on assessed market functionality and access.



Food is essential. Your gift will help provide relief to the people who know the pain and fear of hunger and will help support Development and Peace's work to end global hunger through the Foodgrains Bank. To donate click on the following link:

<https://foodgrainsbank.ca/donate/>



**Development and Peace – Catholic Social Teaching: Peace is the good consequence of a just**

**society**, a situation where all can let their guard down and enjoy friendly relationships with one another. Sometimes, we think of peace in a negative way, as the absence of war or violence. But peace is the positive result of social institutions and individual efforts to create and maintain just communities.

“There is an ‘architecture’ of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, each according to its own area of expertise, but there is also an ‘art’ of peace that involves us all.” — Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, 231

Peace is the goal of social life. Peace is being in right relationship with God and each other. Peace is the fruit of healthy communities and a sign of charity and justice in action.

When things go badly, as in war, genocide, domestic violence or other disruptions of good relationships, the way of peace calls us to do justice, to heal what is broken and to prepare a new context for encounter. In conflict zones, **Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s partners contribute to peacebuilding through leadership training, dialogue, and by addressing the underlying reasons for violence**, like prejudice, economic instability, and scarcity. Sustainable development means ensuring people have the community supports and material security they need to live without fear or desperation.

In Canada, our members build peace by urging our government to oppose war and violence, to divest from the arms industry, and to hold Canadian companies accountable for abuses abroad. We also believe in truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and justice for all those pushed to the margins of Canadian society.

**Because we want peace, we work for justice!**

**Divine Mercy:** Divine Mercy is held every Friday at 3pm at St. Ann’s Church. Please call Nelson Solomon at 363-4493 for further information. All are welcome.

**Rosary:** Every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During the Easter Season we will be reciting the Glorious Mysteries. Everyone is welcome!

Summary of your Support for May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

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| <b>Regular/Loose</b>          | <b>\$ 4,454.55</b> |
| <b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>    | <b>1,827.69</b>    |
| <b>Pope’s Pastoral Works</b>  | <b>17.00</b>       |
| <b>St. Patrick’s Cemetery</b> | <b>35.00</b>       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>\$ 6,334.24</b> |

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

1. Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD). Forms are at the entrance of the churches. Return to parish office.
2. Mail your envelopes St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.
3. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) You may send your donations by Electronic Funds Transfer to [office@stkateri.ca](mailto:office@stkateri.ca)

**AASEA RETREATS** –Silent Directed Retreats are being offered with directors from the Saint John Local AASEA at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in June. A 5 – Day Silent Directed Retreat takes place from Mon. June 10, 2024, to Fri. June 14, 2024, with a registration cost of \$130.00 and \$570.00 due upon arrival. A 4– Day option is also available from Tue. June 11, 2024 to Fri. June 14, 2024 with a registration cost of \$130.00 and \$400.00 due upon arrival. Pre-retreat installment payment may be arranged – Contact: Bob McDermott ([mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca)). These retreats are for those seeking an atmosphere of silence. They include daily meetings with a director and daily Eucharist.

## **READINGS for May 26<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

**Responsorial Psalm: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.**

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

May 26<sup>th</sup> The Sabattis Family

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack and Eileen Lapointe

June 9<sup>th</sup> Florence Cameron

## **READERS AT ST. ANN'S**

May 26<sup>th</sup> Lawrence Cameron

June 2<sup>nd</sup> John Monkhouse

June 9<sup>th</sup> Liz Solomon

## **Mass Intentions at Holy Family**

May 25<sup>th</sup> John & Edna Saad

May 26<sup>th</sup> Carla Agnesi

June 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Kumar Sishta

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Lorna MacNeil

June 8<sup>th</sup> John Kelly

June 9<sup>th</sup> Ann Hawkins

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

May 25<sup>th</sup> Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton

May 26<sup>th</sup> Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney

June 1<sup>st</sup> Wanda Cairns / Judy Kelly

June 2<sup>nd</sup> JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey

June 8<sup>th</sup> Margie Snell / Lynn Laagland

June 9<sup>th</sup> Bettyanne McMackin / Sharon Watts

## **READERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

May 25<sup>th</sup> Mona LeBlanc / William Cormier

May 26<sup>th</sup> Anuli & Ebuka Ezeokafor / Laura McCarron

June 1<sup>st</sup> Paula Ryan / Joan Sowers

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Noreen Bonnell / Jane Buckley / Maurice  
Harquail

June 8<sup>th</sup> Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley

June 9<sup>th</sup> Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden  
Flora Ederaro

**Cookie Sunday Weekend:** It's Cookie Sunday weekend is **May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**. In addition to cookies, the Food Bank is in need of canned items ie. soup, vegetables, pasta, or meat.

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.

Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry!

**CORPUS CHRISTI COLLECTION:** The third 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 1-2, 2024. You may use the envelopes in your box sets or loose envelopes provided 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 [khudson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:khudson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org) or 506 653-6814. Copies of letter from Bishop Riesbeck available in the lobby of each church.

## **Steubenville Atlantic 2024 Youth Conference**

Youth aged 14-18 are invited to participate in this event held at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, NS from July 5-7. If you are between 18 and 21, you can attend as a peer leader. Before registering please talk to your parish priest or RE coordinator about registration. Conference information can be found on the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth website under Steubenville Atlantic. Transportation to NS is included in the registration fee of \$300.00. Pick up locations will be from Fredericton, Saint John, and Moncton. For more information please contact Patricia at 506-627-6465 or email [catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org). The Parish will assist with financing.

**Our Sacred Stories**  
**Trinity and its Mystery**  
**(Fr. John Jennings)**

“It’s a mystery.” Such a statement can mean many things to us. It might mean something that is unsolvable. Or perhaps it means a question for which we do not have an answer. On the other hand, it may be our way to avoid a question we cannot handle. It can even be used to refer to a novel or a movie involving a crime.

When we speak of the “mystery of the Trinity” or some other “mystery of our faith” none of the above descriptions is accurate. “Mystery” in this case is used to speak of something the meaning of which is so great that we can never exhaust the truth of it. All of our seeking and searching, all of our questions will help us with understanding, but there will always be more to discover in such mysteries. This is certainly true of the “mystery of the Trinity.”

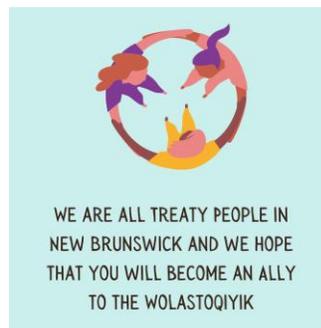
In celebrating the Feast of the Trinity we are acknowledging a truth this is at the foundation of who we are as Christians. It expresses our faith in our God who loves us deeply, as a parent. So deeply does this God love us that God came in the person of Jesus to live among, to share the life that we live, even unto death. More than this, Jesus draws us into sharing a loving relationship with God and calls us to share with others, all others, the loving relationship we have with God. This gift of love from God brings us to full and eternal life. All of this and more is expressed in the “mystery of the Trinity.”

Matthew in his Gospel (Matt.28:16-20) opens up the many aspects of this mystery of the Trinity. He does so in relating an experience of the disciples in an encounter with the Risen Jesus. It is significant that they have this experience on a mountain, in fact the mountain on which Jesus presented what we call the Sermon on the Mount. This sermon covers Matthew chapters 5-7. It is a collection of sayings and teachings which capture the core of the message of Jesus and the focus of his whole mission among us. In some ways then, it expresses the meaning of the Trinity for us.

As the disciples encounter Jesus on this mountain, they discover that they are being included in the relationship of love that Jesus has with God as a loving parent. They are adopted children of God. In this relationship Jesus draws them into his mission. He is not “handing on the mission”, but rather he is “including them in his mission.”

Matthew’s account reassures those disciples and us that Jesus will be with us always. The gift of the Spirit expresses this. Thus, we will always live and act in our relationship as children of God who loves us as a parent and shares even divine life with us. The disciples and we are to live in loving relationships with all the peoples of the earth. For all peoples are children of God. This and more is expressed in the “mystery of the Trinity.” (trans. 1997)

**Truly, Good News for all.**



**Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick (WNNB) Ally Toolkit.** As noted on the Truth and Reconciliation website: “for Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples to coexist peacefully, a relationship must be built on understanding and respect.

That understanding can be a first step to better relations on a range of issues including environmental, spiritual, societal, and justice matters.” The link below provided by the WNNB is a great resource on what it means to become an ally and how we can best accomplish this as individuals and within our Parish.

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<https://wnnb.wolastoqey.ca/toolkit/>

**Open Space, Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice.**

The Jesuit Forum brings small groups together to reflect, share, and speak openly to help discern pathways to a more socially just and spiritually fulfilling world. The April 2024 issue, entitled “*Discerning...The Confession of Genocide for Truth and Reconciliation*”, is being provided as another opportunity to learn and educate us on our journey to becoming better allies.

The link is always available on our website.

<https://jesuitforum.ca/resources/open-space/>