

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 3rd, 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Easter



ANNUAL 5K FOR MMIWP WALK/RUN BIKE SUNDAY, MAY 3rd 10:30am Bilijk Wolastoqiyik

Mark your calendars for our Annual 5k Run/Walk/Bike Ride for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

and People (MMIWP).

Event Location: Start and end will be located at the Bilijk Child and Family Building at 77 French Village Road. The race will begin at 10:30am. Registration fee is \$20 per person. Our event will include a 5k race, as well as a BBQ post event. We will also have swag bags for registrants, 50/50 and prizes for winners of multiple categories.

We look forward to gathering to raise awareness and seeing how many people show up for this important cause that continues to impact our community and sister communities. Our event grows each year and hosting it on Sunday, May 3rd, we are hoping that provides people the opportunity to attend our event as well as the event the city hosts each year on May 5th as well. Early registration can be completed by contacting Morgan Suhonos at morgansuhonos@bilijk.c



MMIP WALK
Missing and Murdered Indigenous People
May 5th – Red Dress Day - The Indigenous Women of the Wabanaki Territories will host a Memory Walk for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) in partnership with Under One Sky, multiple Government of New Brunswick Departments and the City of Fredericton. The walk across the Bill Thorpe Walking bridge begins at

10:30am at Fredericton Carleton Park (Northside) and ends at Officers Square (Southside). You are invited to join the walk in honour of lives lost, support for families and raising awareness for ongoing justice and healing.

Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser

Wednesday, May 6th, 2026

12noon to 2pm at St. Ann's Church Hall Bilijk First Nation

LUNCHEON MENU - \$15/plate:

Spaghetti Plate / Caesar Salad / Garlic Bread

All funds collected will be used to support Bilijk Elder Annual Ste. Anne de Beaupré Trip in June 2026.

Enjoy a delicious meal and support a great cause. Everyone is welcome!

(For those who are interested but may not know the way to St. Ann's Church you can meet Barb and Judy in the parking lot at Holy Family Church on May 6th. We will be leaving for St. Ann's at 11:30am.)

Congratulations Fr. Bill on your Ordination Anniversary!

Forty-one years ago, a calling led to the start of a journey that would impact thousands of lives. Whether it was performing a wedding, baptizing a child or challenging us to be better people in this world.

Each week we gather to hear the Word from a person that devoted his life to helping us navigate ours through the teachings of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is often done with humour, feeling and genuine concern for the well-being of each and every one of us as God's children.

We are truly blessed each week to gather, share our faith and continue to learn about what life is truly about. Our Pastor keeps it simple, it is about caring and doing for one another. Thank you Father Bill for 41 years of spiritual leadership.



A Beautiful Year:

Considering time with Diana Butler Bass

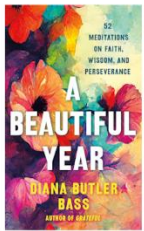
Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Book reading & signing

10:00 a.m.
Westminster Bookmark
33 York Street, Fredericton
Free

Palmer Memorial Lecture

6:00 p.m.
Christ Church Cathedral
150 Church Street
In-person & livestreamed
Tickets at cccath.ca



Diana Butler Bass is a popular speaker, an inspiring preacher, and an award-winning author of eleven books. She is trained as a church historian, holding a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University, with special emphasis in American ecclesiastical history. Diana is one of America's most trusted commentators on religion and contemporary spirituality, especially where faith intersects with politics and culture. You might know her from her twice-weekly e-newsletter, *The Cottage*, in which she expresses her courageous and prophetic voice to an increasingly broad audience. Diana's passion is sharing great ideas to change lives — helping listeners and readers to see themselves, their place in history, and God, differently.



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Summary of Support for April 25 & 26

Regular/Loose	\$5,497.10
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
St. Patrick's Cemetery	15.00
TOTAL	\$7,810.56

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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 – Rosary is prayed every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. During the Easter Season we will be praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Everyone is welcome.



BILIK COMMUNITY BINGO

Thank you to all the volunteers and those who supported our April 27th Bingo night – it made the night a great success. It was a wonderful night of laughter, friendship and tasty snacks from the canteen! We hope to see you at the next Bingo night which is scheduled for:

Monday May 11th at St. Ann's Church

in collaboration with St. Kateri 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 Beupré Trip in June 2026.

18 Years and Older only and EVERYONE WELCOME!!

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place Sunday, May 3rd at 2pm at St. Dunstan's Church (St. Mary Magdalene Parish). Bishop Riesbeck will Confirm candidates from the three regional Parishes, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, St. Mary Magdalene Parish and Our Lady of Peace Parish. Congratulations to all the students being Confirmed. Parishioners are invited to share in this wonderful celebration with the students.

UPDATE on Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference & LEAD

Registration is now open. This is a call to all high schoolers to come and explore how Jesus meets our deepest longing for meaning, joy, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at **Steubenville Atlantic in Halifax, July 10–12, 2026**, and encounter the transforming love of Christ. Youth in grade 9 through grade 12 are welcome to attend.

What you should know:

- Transportation is provided by the Diocese, and pick-up is from Saint John (2 locations) and Fredericton (1 location).
- Rooms are the dorms at the University, and it is usually one youth per room.
- Chaperones are vetted through Patricia Lee's office (Director of Catechesis, Diocese of Saint John) and require a valid police criminal record check.
- It is one chaperone per five youth of the same gender.
- Meals are all served at the cafeteria at the University and lots of food choices are available, plus items for those with special dietary needs (the University feeds thousands each year throughout the academic year).
- The cost per youth is \$250.00 with \$50 being non-refundable.
- Each Parish is responsible for their own fundraising.
- Youth who are interested in registering for the conference should speak to Fr. Bill or Sharon Watts as the Parish will assist with financing.
- The Parish is billed following the conference.

If you are interested as a youth or a chaperone, you can learn more at <https://www.steubenville.ca> or to register click on the following link: [Steubenville Registration](#). You may also speak to Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis, Diocese of Saint John: 506-627-6465 or email catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org

READINGS for May 3rd

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Responsorial Psalm: Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

May 3rd Peter and Chris LaForest

May 10th Myrtle Goodine

May 17th Raymond Francis

May 24th Joyce Buckley

May 31st Alden McLenaghan

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

May 3rd Elaine Geldart

May 10th Carolanne Doherty

May 17th Betty Colligan

May 24th Mike Solomon

May 31st Lawrence Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

May 2nd For the People

May 3rd Marie Lawrence / Fr. Monte Peters
Lolly MacInnis

May 9th Raymond, Norman and David Goodine

May 10th Norah Mary Marshall

May 16th Gertrude Maynard

May 17th For the People

May 23rd Tyler Messer

May 24th Theresa Egeland / Richard Murphy

May 30th Rick Doyle / Fr. Martin Tobin

May 31st Tomasz Zdyb (STIB)

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

May 2nd Margie Snell / Joan Sowers

May 3rd Anita & Ray Allain / Bonnie Deveau
Victoria Olopade

May 9th Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider

May 10th James McGroarty / Clair-Sophia Obi
Genevieve Obi / Oma Okoye

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

May 2nd Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey

May 3rd JoAnne Linton / Laura McDonald

May 9th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell

May 10th Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin

Our Sacred Stories
Jesus Risen: Present with Us
(Fr. John Jennings)

Stained glass windows are common in churches. They can be moving images. Sometimes they even serve as instruments of teaching. Frequently they present images drawn from the Scriptures, stories of God's relationship with God's People. Most often these images are drawn from past eras. They speak in a language of another time.

Not far from Canada's Wonderland northwest of Toronto is the church of St. David. It is a relatively new building. Like many of our churches it has some stained glass. One of these is quite striking. Its center point is as one would expect the good news of God's presence among us. What is unusual is how this is expressed. The images used to show the message are contemporary. The Sky Dome, the CN Tower, a baseball player, a hockey player, a soccer player, scenes of Toronto life are used to express the message of Jesus. There is a recognition that Jesus is among us, now, in the midst of our many relationships.

In fact, if we reflect on where we have discovered our faith we would undoubtedly discover that it has come to us through the many people we have encountered through our lives. While many of the details of our faith tradition can be learned, the core of our faith is the result of the many persons whom we have encountered throughout our lives. One could say that our faith is not so much taught as it is caught from the persons who have been influential in our lives – parents, family, friends, and all those who have shared their lives with us.

Reflecting on this reality and remembering leads me to recall two mentors in my life. The first is Evasio. He was an Italian priest who accompanied and worked with me early in my priesthood. His example of commitment to the community in which we were living and serving was so generous and personal to that community that he became a model and mentor for the kind of pastoral care I longed to develop in my own priesthood. Evasio's model was primarily relational and it revealed a faith that built of living in relationship. His faith was life-giving.

The second mentor that I have encountered might seem a bit odd. It was not a single person but a community of persons. For a number of years, I was blessed by an involvement working with married couples in an enrichment program call Marriage Encounter. Here I discovered the immense power of the committed love in couples who lived their marriages with relational faith in one another. Such relationships, nurturing life in each other, reach beyond themselves to the communities in which they live and they bring shared life.

John's Gospel 10:1-10 presents us with a number of images that help us to recognize our faith as something that is always living, changing and growing. One particular image is that of a "gate". A gate can be closed or open. Our lives face a host of challenges that can limit us, closed gates. They exclude or prevent entry. On the other hand, a gate can provide entry. Such gate is inclusive and open.

John's Gospel presents the Risen One as an open gate: *I am the gate. Whoever enter by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

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