

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 4th, 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

On May 3rd, 2025, our Pastor, Fr. Bill Brennan, will be celebrating his 40th anniversary of becoming a Priest. This is an amazing milestone and one that needs to be celebrated.

As we all know, Fr. Bill is a very humble person and lives each day in the light of Jesus. Each week his words and teachings are inspiring, and he always leaves us with something to think about or a reason to smile at the end of Mass.

Since he became the Pastor at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, he has encouraged learning and action with Truth and Reconciliations, and has helped our congregation grow in faith, outreach and diversity, and most importantly he leads us in being a welcoming place of faith for all. He praises us for our generosity and kindness, while challenging us to be the light of Christ for others.

While we cannot control the destiny of the Toronto Maple Leafs, we can gather in celebration of Father Bill. So on May 25th, 2025, we will be having a potluck in the Church Hall at Holy Family Church following Mass. For all those that would like to provide a dish, a salad, rolls or other items, there will be a sign-up sheet at the entrance of Holy Family Church starting this weekend.

All are welcome and please let others know that we will celebrate his 40 Years of service in faith.

The Power of Humility: With thoughts still fresh in our minds on the passing of Pope Francis and his gift of humility, Sister Joan Chittister offers the following reflections on the power of humility:

"In our culture, importance is expressed in the singular: we lionize the one person to win six triathlons in a row, for instance. Or the only person to scale a given mountain. Or the first person to fly around the globe in a balloon. We make people what they do.

As a result of our concentration on the achievement and competition that come from uniqueness, we are inclined to overlook the uniqueness of simplicity. We downplay the power of humility. We ignore the impact of the individual. We merge the person and the things they do to the point where we are in danger of losing a sense of the person at all.

Then we wonder why it is that loss destroys people, and pride consumes them, and humility puzzles us. But at the end of the day, we discover that humility—the strength to separate our sense of the meaning of life from what we do—is the only real answer to lifelong happiness." – The Monastic Way, April 2025.

The following quotes are also attributed to Sr. Chittister and may help us to reflect on the virtues of humility, where we see examples of this gift in our lives and within our community.

"Only the humble are truly happy. There is nothing they have that anyone can take from them, and all that they have, whatever it is, they enjoy for its own sake."

"The truly humble never really covet recognition. They simply accept it, if and when it comes, and wear it lightly."

"Humility is the foundation of humanity. It is the glue that binds a group together, aware of their own gifts, grateful for the gifts of others."

"Humility is authenticity. It comes from the Latin word *humus*, meaning "earth." As Scripture has taught, we're made of dust, and unto dust we shall return."

First Communion will be celebrated this Sunday, May 4th during the 11am Mass at Holy Family Church. We are pleased to be celebrating this special Sacrament with our Parishioners present again. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. (First Communion will be live-streamed via our website at stkateri.ca)

Congratulations to: Jayden Buckley, Brianna D'Souza, Eli Dyker, Maria Dyker, Emmanuel Ederaro, Laila Gass, Emmett McCallum, Alexander Nijland, Christine Nsirim, Martins Nsirim and Kate Ross.

There will be a **Community Brunch held at St. Ann's Church Hall, Bilijk First Nations (Kingsclear) on Saturday, May 17th from 11 am till 1 pm.** No charge. Donations to the Bilijk 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!

A presentation titled, '**Celtic Spirituality: Why it Matters Now**', with **John Phillip Newell**, a renowned Celtic Teacher and author of Spirituality who calls the modern world to awaken to the sacredness of earth and every human being will be held at Christ Church Anglican Cathedral, Fredericton, NB on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

Summary of your Support for April 26TH & 27TH

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,984.70
PAD (wkly. average)	2,164.62
St Patrick's Cemetery	35.00
Easter	170.00
Missals/Little Books	12.00
Food Bank	25.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,391.32

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

Little White Books for Easter available at church entrance, suggested donation \$2.00 each. Please drop donation in basket provided.

Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimages: Upcoming dates include:

May 3: Mary, Mother of the Church Jubilee Pilgrimage
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.

STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC!

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!

READINGS for May 4th

First Reading: Acts 5:28-32, 40b-41

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Responsorial Psalm: I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.



WALK / RUN / BIKE ANNUAL 5K FOR MMIWG MAY 5TH

Registration begins at 10:30 am at the Child and Family Building.

Registration Fee \$20 (includes swag bag and meal). Opening Ceremony and Race starts at 11 am. Hoodies can be purchase for \$30 & T-Shirts for \$15. BBQ, Corn Dogs, Music and Prizes to follow!

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers Jewelry Sale

Fundraiser; Saturday, May 10, 9am-4pm; Wilmot United Church. (cash or cheque) Proceeds go to grassroots organizations in Sub-saharan Africa.

Thank you so much to those who contributed jewelry over the last number of months.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

May 4th For the People
May 11th Myrtle Goodine
May 18th For the People
May 25th The McKerrral Family

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

May 4th Carolann Doherty
May 11th Betty Colligan
May 18th Mike Solomon
May 25th Lawrence Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

May 3rd Fr. Monte Peters / Mike MacIntosh
May 4th Arthur McDonough
May 10th Raymond Goodine
May 11th For the People
May 17th Arneta Crowley
May 18th Walter Randall
May 24th Connie Levesque
May 25th For the People

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

May 3rd Anna Mae Snider / Joan Sowers
May 4th Noreen Bonnell / Euka Ezeokafor / Maureen Hawthorne
May 10th Paul Ryan / Margie Snell / Beth Wright
May 11th Jane Buckley / Maurice Harquail / Chinasa Trinitta
May 17th Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley
May 18th Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden
Flora Ederaro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

May 3rd Judy Kelly / Harold DeCoursey
May 4th JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey
May 10th Wanda Cairns / Leslie Carr
May 11th Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin
May 17th Lynn Laagland / Joan Sowers
May 18th Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange

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

Our Sacred Stories
Discovering the Risen Jesus at the Breaking Bread
Sharing Good News
(Fr. John Jennings)

She was about 7 years old. Her new bike was colourful and her feet just barely touched the ground. As she coasted along the street, her Mom was holding onto the seat. The little girl's face shone with delight. She rode with a tentative confidence and a happy smile. Then, her Mom let go of the seat and the bike continued on its way. The little girl's face shone more brightly and after a moment of anxiousness, her delight could not have been greater. She was biking!!!!

We have probably all witnessed this scene. Gaining confidence is part of growing up or building up our experience. Similarly, trust is built up with time and with the growth of our relationship with another. Over time and with the experience of others we grow closer in relationship. What we say about this growth applies as well with our faith. Christian faith is a relationship, with God and with the person of Jesus the Christ. Becoming disciples is the growth of this two-fold bond with both God and with Jesus.

The disciples we see in the Gospels, built this faith relationship only gradually. A significant point in this growth came with the acceptance of Jesus's resurrection. We can see something of this evolution of their faith in the Gospel of John 21:1-19. The Gospel writer portrays the gradual development of the relationship between Jesus the Christ, the Risen One and those early disciples.

As John tells the story of the resurrected Jesus, the disciples are going about their regular tasks, as Peter says simply: "I'm going fishing." With this he and his crew head out and catch nothing. While they are out on the lake, the risen Jesus appears on the shoreline. They however do not recognize him. Jesus, advises them to drop the net on the other side of the boat and they have a huge catch. At this point, the disciples gradually begin to recognize the Risen One.

This gradual development of their faith is descriptive of the faith of all disciples, both in the how the faith relationship begins – ordinary human experiences and in how the faith grows gradually into a firm committed relationship. John notes that when the disciples reached shore with their catch, Jesus fed them. As they shared this meal together, John tells us that the disciples shared some of the fish from their catch. As they ate together sharing something of their resources at the meal, their faith grew and matured.

As their faith relationship grew, Jesus asked, through Peter, about the bond of love that came with their faith in him. Then he called them to share what they had received in this relationship with all the others, the "lambs" and the "sheep". The faith relationship he had given to his disciples was never just for them as a personal gift. It was always to be shared beyond their circle.

In Luke's Gospel 24:13-35, we find the same dynamic in the impact of the Risen One on his disciples. As some of the disciples were on the road to Emmaus talking about the tragedy and loss of Jesus who meant so much to them, they met a person they did not know. After coming to their destination, they invited this "stranger" to stay with them. As they came to the table with the "stranger", he took bread, blessed and broke it. It was as they shared at the table with him, "their eyes were opened, and they recognized him". The two disciple immediately went back to the other disciples to tell what they had experienced. Again, faith had to be shared with others.

Faith is always a shared experience. The Table of the Eucharist is a family table, a communal event. We must share the experience with others. It is not solitary. And the Good News that is at the core of our faith relationship is never just for ourselves, personally. As disciples of Jesus the Christ we are bearers of the Good News to others, beyond our faith community to the world – in word and in action.

**Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast:
Sunday, May 11th, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM
at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults
\$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00.
Proceeds will be used to assist with expenses
for Saint Charbel Parish young people
travelling to a Maronite Rite Youth
Conference. Everyone welcome.**

" O CANADA EH" NIGHT - Knights of Columbus Council 1942 sponsored fundraiser for N.B. Right to Life vision to open HOPE HOUSE MATERNITY HOME for pregnant women in need. Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Knights Hall on Regent Street. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner served at 6 p.m. Menu: Chicken Fricot Soup, Hearty Vegetable Soup, Rolls, pie, tea, coffee, juice. \$7.50 per person. We need people to donate food items. Silent auction for items including home baked goods. Tickets must be pre-purchased: E transfer- bgreen067@gmail .com or payment at NBRL office.

*****Following dinner we will have Karaoke entertainment*****