

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Sunday, May 1st, 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Easter



Prayer to Mary, by Pope Francis

(Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Vatican City, May 2013)

Mary, woman of listening, open our ears;

Grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world; grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we encounter, especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship.

Mary, woman of decision, illuminate our mind and our heart, so that we may obey, unhesitating, the word of your Son Jesus; give us the courage to decide, not to let ourselves be dragged along, letting others direct our life.

Mary, woman of action, obtain that our hands and feet move "with haste" toward others, to bring them the charity and love of your Son Jesus, to bring the light of the Gospel to the world, as you did. Amen.

Reconciliation and First Communion: Following the Sunday Mass this weekend, the children will participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for First Communion which will take place on Saturday, May 14th @ 1pm at Holy Family Church. Everyone is welcome to attend this Special Service. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

God of all humanity, We pray for peace.

We pray that all families know safety and comfort, that children can live and play without fear, and that countries reach out to each other with understanding and mutual care.

We pray that leaders make global peace their united goal. Send your Spirit to comfort those in despair and danger. Bring healing to our troubled world which you have given to us so freely.

May your Spirit strengthen us to work for peace. We make this prayer in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

By Jan Bentham - a retired Religion Coordinator with the Ottawa Catholic School Board. She is a musician, serving in music ministry at St. Ignatius Parish in Ottawa. She currently works at St. Paul's University with the Catholic Women's Leadership Program.

The Pope's Prayer Intention

For faith-filled young people: We pray that all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

May 1 st	Fr. Jack Dolan
May 8 th	Myrtle Goodine
May 15 th	Claudette Grexton
May 22 nd	Alton Chessie
May 29 th	Joyce Buckley

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

May 1 st	Betty Culligan
May 8 th	Theresa Atwin
May 15 th	Kathy Szo
May 22 nd	Mike Solomon
May 29 th	Lawrence Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Apr 30 th	Deceased Members of McKerral
May 1 st	Beatrice Faulds
May 7 th	Pauline Francis
May 8 th	Margaret Hersey
May 14 th	Deceased Members of Frappier
May 15 th	Graham Randall
May 21 st	The Tobin Family
May 22 nd	For The People
May 28 th	Jean Dufour
May 29 th	Jean Murphy

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY:

Apr 30 th	Joan Sowers
May 1 st	Chris Robbins
May 7 th	Beth Wright
May 8 th	Norma Downing

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY:

April 30 th	Harold DeCoursey
May 1 st	Dorothy Blanchard
May 7 th	Colleen Hamilton
May 8 th	Noreen Bonnell

READINGS for May 1st

1st Reading:	Acts 5:28-32, 40b-41
2nd Reading:	Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel:	John 21:1-19

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

NEW Readers' Schedule for Holy Family, April to June

– Readers are asked to pick up their copies of the new schedule from the vestibule at Holy Family. A copy of the new schedule will also be posted on the St. Kateri Tekakwitha website at stkateri.ca/Lectors.html

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 at Holy Family: Every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. For further information call Judy Kelly at 478-7274 or the church office at 444-6021. All are welcome!

Parish Call Out Program – STAY INFORMED! We are doing this to reach out to as many parishioners as possible to keep them informed of activities in the Church. Building a relationship is about keeping in touch. Please let us know if you or anyone you know would like to be part of our program by contacting the office at 444-6021, or email: office@stkateri.ca

Moving Forward Under Covid-19. The Province will be lifting all remaining Covid-19 restrictions on March 14th. Your safety has always been our number one concern. Therefore, we are taking a phased-in approach in dealing with the end of Covid restrictions.

1. Masks. Masks are required at all time except when you are seated.
2. Physical distancing of seats will continue.
3. If you are sick, please stay home.

Thank you to all our parishioners for being supportive and understanding of the necessary restrictions over the past two years which has helped us in maintaining a safe environment in which to worship. Your continued cooperation is much appreciated. This process will be reassessed over the weeks to come.

OUR SACRED STORIES

Meeting the Risen Jesus in the Midst of Life (Fr. John Jennings)

This weekend is the 3rd Sunday of the Easter season. Two Sunday's ago we celebrated the Feast of Easter. Last Sunday, a week later the global Orthodox Christians, including those in Ukraine celebrated the Feast of Easter. What our Orthodox cousins were marking was exactly what we celebrated on the previous Sunday.

Easter is the most significant feast in our Christian faith, marking the centrality of the resurrection of Jesus. For all of us, Easter expresses the promise and hope of new life for all humanity and for all creation. At its center is the hope that God's life-giving love showers upon us. In Ukraine, whether Catholic or Orthodox, Easter has the same meaning and significance. We hold dearly the same faith as disciples of Jesus the Christ.

This Easter, was different for the people of Ukraine. They find themselves plunged into a deadly war, surrounded by death and destruction. In the midst of such circumstances, it is difficult to focus on God's life-giving love. It is hard to pray with faith and hope. Yet, Easter took place. With all the threatening clouds of the war, Ukrainians welcomed Easter. They marked it with firm faith and striking expressions of hope. The ground of their hope is founded on the very faith on which we, like the first disciples of Jesus the Christ base our own.

Throughout the season of Easter, we Catholic Christians, like our Orthodox sisters and brothers are called to reflect on scriptural accounts of the Risen Jesus. This Sunday, we again hear of an appearance of the Jesus in the Gospel of John (21:1-19). The encounter brings the disciples excitement and reassurance.

Additionally, as so often is the case, the disciples find themselves called to mission, to service and sacrifice for others. In other words, they are to be bearers of the risen Jesus to others.

In John's account, three time the Risen One asks Peter if he loves him. With each of Peter's responses, Jesus calls him to care for and look after all of God's people, to "tend" and "feed" them, just as he has done.

For Jesus, his mission was to proclaim and reveal the kingdom of God among us. Where there is love and openness to one another, where there is life-giving love, then there is the kingdom of God. Jesus revealed this along the roads of Galilee. We walk the roads of our own time and places, as did the disciples of Jesus in their time and place. Here we find the kingdom, the way of heaven, and hope. It is planted in the midst of our lives.

The Franciscan spiritual writer, Richard Rohr spoke of this hope in an Easter season reflection: "Heaven is not about belonging to the right group; it's not about following the correct rituals. It's about having the right attitude." (28 April, 2019). This attitude is one of being life-giving, as Jesus is. Heaven is part of our life journey, not just somewhere out there in the future. Living our present life with love and compassion and service is the indication of heaven already begun among us.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA
PARISH

Jan to Mar 2022

**OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY
DONATIONS**

Income

Offertory

Direct Deposit	19,826.00
Envelope	18,528.00
Loose	1,240.20
New Year's	575.00
Christmas	55.00

Total Offertory 40,224.20

Other income

Mass Stipends *	120.00
HF Building Fund*	595.00
Special Collection (Diocese)	1,222.00
Government Wage Subsidy	329.15

Total Other income 2,266.15

Recoveries

Missals/Little Books	67.00
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Total Recoveries 67.00

Total Income 42,557.35

Expense

Church/Admin	9,187.78
Diocesan Assessment	5,982.00
Grounds	4,051.96
Rectory	2,184.85
Salaries and benefits	24,646.45
Mass Stipends Paid	240.00

Total Expense 46,293.04

Net Income -3,735.69

Capital Expense -19,656.37

NET ORDINARY INCOME -23,392.06

1. Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD). Forms available at the church entrances.

2. Mail your envelopes to the parish. St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.

3. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). You may also send your weekly donations by Electronic Funds Transfer. office@stkateri.ca

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.