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

November 1st, 2026 – All Saints

Service of Remembrance– November 19th, 2026

Each year in November, the Parish of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, which Includes St. Ann's Church in Bilijk and Holy Family in Fredericton, offers a **Remembrance Service** to remember those who have died in the past year and to prayerfully support their family and loved ones.

This note is to let you know that during this service a candle will be lit for each of these loved ones. This Service of Remembrance will be on November 19th, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Holy Family Church. You are welcome to attend this peaceful and comforting Service of Light, remembering the blessings of light that each person has brought to their families, community and world and the special light that they continue to be eternally.

If you are able to be present, you will be welcome to light the candle for your loved one during that part of our ceremony. If you are not able to attend, please know that we are continuing to keep them and you all in our thoughts and prayers as you seek the healing and hope so needed at this time.

Book of Remembrance

Starting the first weekend of November the ***"Book of Remembrance"*** will be placed on a podium in the doorway to the Sanctuary. The book is for Parishioners to enter names of family and friends who have died over the years, and who they wish to remember during the month of November. You are encouraged to write their names in the book and the book will be placed on the Altar at the start of each Mass, during the month of November.

Two upcoming opportunities to nurture your faith as adults.

First Opportunity: Two pre-Advent Prayer Sessions facilitated by Pam Breau and Fr. Bill. The first session will be held on **November 12th and the second on November 26th** both at 7pm at Holy Family Church. This will be an opportunity for prayer, reflection and small group discussion.

Second Opportunity: As Advent begins, we will also be offering each week an evening of prayer, reflection and small group discussions based on scriptures. This year's sessions will be based on the Book of Daily Devotions, "Advent with the Saints", prepared by Fr. Greg Friedman a Franciscan Friar, pilgrim guide and retreat presenter. Each day includes selected scripture readings, a reflection and a simple spiritual practice. Through these reflections we are invited to, 'slow down, pay attention and prepare our hearts.'

The first of the **Advent Sessions will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at 7pm at Holy Family Church.** If you are interested in taking part in these Advent sessions, **please sign up on the sheet located at the church entrance**. Judy Kelly will be facilitating these sessions. If you have any questions, please speak to Judy or email office@stkateri.ca

St. Dunstan's Fall Supper - November 1st

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM / The Monsignor Boyd Family Centre (120 Regent St., Fredericton)
Take-out options are available! Adults: $20. Youth $10 Children under 5: FREE. We can't wait to see you there!

Warm Socks Drive for the Homeless. The **John Howard Society of Fredericton** urgently needs warm socks to support local unhoused individuals this winter. As the cold weather quickly approaches, the demand for winter supplies is rising rapidly. To help meet this need, donation containers will be available in the lobbies of both **St. Ann's Church** and **Holy Family Church** for the next month.



The John Howard Society provides vital support to adults, youth, and families navigating challenges with housing, mental health, addiction, and social exclusion. Please consider dropping off a pair of warm socks to support our neighbors in need—any and all donations are greatly appreciated.



Food Bank Christmas Hamper Donations Starting this weekend *and up to the weekend of*

December 5th-6th we will be collecting donations for the Food Bank for their Christmas hampers. Donations for the food hampers can include: gravy, canned vegetables, canned cranberry, stuffing, pie mixes, pancake mix and syrup. Or if you prefer you may make a monetary donation to the Food Bank for the purchase of turkeys. Special envelopes are available in the lobby of the church.

We want to thank you all for your continued generosity to help support those in need. 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!

Annual Christmas Bazaar at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Saturday, Nov 14th from 9am to 2pm. Local crafts, baking, preserves, books, puzzles, Cafe, etc. something for everyone." Please call Pauline with any questions at 506-452-1090.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast: Sunday, November 8th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults $ 12.00, Children $ 5.00 and Families $ 35.00. Proceeds going to Our Lady of Grace Catholic School. Everyone welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

- **We are looking for a Grade 3 Catechist. If the Holy Spirit moves you to be a Catechist for our Youth, we would love to have you.**
- **YOUTH MASS- Our Youth Mass will occur <u>Saturday Nov 7 for students in Grade 8 and 9 and Sunday Nov 8 for students (K-7).</u> Come out and see our Youth welcome you, participate in the readings, collection and presentation of the gifts. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Youth, and one they look forward to every year.**
- **Contact Lesley Lawlor, Religious Education Coordinator at office@stkateri.ca or religiouseducationlawlor@gmail.com if you have any questions.**

Mark your calendars… Our Youth Masses will be on Saturday, November 7th and Sunday November 8th.

<u>REFLECTION</u>

"A word or smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul."

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

November 11th Remembrance Day Ceremonies:



10:45am - Hanwell Place
5 Nature Park Drive
(you should arrive by 10:30am)

2pm - Wulastukw Wolokehkitimok Elementary School
712 Church Street, Kingsclear
Bilijk First Nation

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Building a World of Justice!



Let's create a movement for global justice.

☑ Belong to a community of people who share your values of peace and justice.

☑ Learn about international solidarity and social justice through our workshops and campaigns.

☑ Contribute to the success of our education, advocacy and fundraising campaigns.

☑To learn more, see 'Join the Movement' brochure and membership enrolment cards in the lobby of the church or go to: devp.org/campaign.

We all have a role to play in ensuring that everyone can live in peace and dignity.

UNWRAPPED – Youth Event (Grades 8–12)

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish invites all youth in Grades 8–12 to join us for **UNWRAPPED** on **Friday, November 20th, from 6:30–8:30 PM**!

Take a break from school pressures and the hustle and bustle of the season to gather with friends for a fun evening of fellowship. Our theme, *Unwrapped*, reminds us that we already have a very special gift — Jesus, who is always with us!

Bring a friend and join us!

To register, please contact Sharon at religiouseducationswatts@gmail.com.

Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery - Donations Welcome:

The Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery Association Board of Directors would like to remind all parishioners that one of our parish cemeteries, Saint Mary's, is located on the Hanwell Road approximately 2.5 kms past Mazerolle Settlement Road on the right side of the road. From our recent Annual Meeting, the Board would like to remind all Parishioners that the Cemetery Association would be pleased to accept any donations in support of Cemetery maintenance. Donations can be put in an envelope and placed in the offertory collection at Mass. Note: cheques should be made payable to: Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery Association. Tax receipts will be provided. For additional information please contact Victor Badeau or Robert Small at badeau@nbnet.nb.ca or jhgs3026@gmail.com



BILIJK COMMUNITY BINGO

We hope to see you at the next Bingo night which is scheduled for:
Monday, November 9th
at St. Ann's Church
in collaboration with St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.
Game prizes will be $80.00 per game!!
10 Regular Games and 2 Specials (Jackpot and Winner Take All)
Plus 50/50
Toonie Ball total to date is $342.00
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 Beaupré Trip in June 2027.
18 Years and Older only and EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Summary of Support for Oct 24 & 25

Regular/Loose	*$ 3,459.00*
PAD (wkly. average)	*2,298.46*
Building Fund	*20.00*
Needs of the Canadian Church	*20.00*
St. Patrick's Cemetery	*15.00*
Christmas Outreach	*60.00*
World Mission Sunday	*45.00*
TOTAL	*$ 5,918.21*

Readings for November 1st
1st: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
2nd: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a
Psalm: Lord, this is the company of those who seek your face.

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Nov 1st John Monkhouse
Nov 8th Stacey Chessie
Nov 15th Elaine Geldart
Nov 22nd Carolanne Doherty
Nov 29th Betty Colligan

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Nov 1st Valerie Donovan
Nov 8th For The People
Nov 15th Raymond Francis
Nov 22nd Gordon and Yvonne Buggie
Nov 29th James Andrew McAllister

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Oct 31st DFM Meagher and Whitty
Nov 1st Aline Chapados / Sally Pettipas
Nov 7th Annette Belliveau / Jean Dufour
Nov 8th Louis & Frances O'Shea
Nov 14th Mary Theresa Valerie Donovan
Nov 15th Fred and Noreen Moar / Colombe Dube
Nov 21st Timmy Toner / Clair Gilmore
Nov 22nd Jake McMackin / Shane McGarrigle
Nov 28th For The People
Nov 29th Vetta Faulds / Richard Chouinard

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 31st Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
Nov 1st Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney
Nov 7th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
Nov 8th Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 31st Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider
Nov 1st James McGroarty / Clare or Sophia Obi
Genevieve Obi
Nov 7th Youth Mass (Readers from Rel. Ed.)
Nov 8th Youth Mass (Readers from Rel. Ed.)

Our Sacred Stories: God and Us
God Takes Delight in Us
(Fr. John Jennings)

There are occasions in our current times when we might be tempted to look at our world with cynicism. No matter whether it is locally, nationally or internationally we seem to be faced with bad news on all fronts. Experiencing challenges to our climate, concerned about the fragile peace of our world, encountering upset and uncertainty in global social and political life, it is not surprising that we can be anxious. Perhaps we need to consider how God sees us.

It might help us to look at the first chapter of the Book of Genesis. In relating their story, the Jewish people like many peoples in the ancient world, went back to the very beginning. In this case to creation and how we came into existence. As the chapter unfolds, the writer relates how the many parts of creation emerged and expresses the good that is in all God's work. What is most striking about this account might well be what comes at the end of the chapter. The author reflected on how God viewed it: *God saw all that was made, and indeed it was very good* (Gen.1:31). There is probably no clearer statement of the goodness of creation, our world and each and every creature on the earth – including ourselves. Genesis is a reminder that God takes delight in it all. God does indeed see you and I and every created thing as *a blessing.*

Many years ago, traveling in Ireland, I witnessed an expression of blessing. Sitting in a pub for lunch, we noticed a group of truckers at the bar who were finishing off their Guinness. As each one got up and began to leave, the others called out to him, "God bless you now, safe drive." They knew that God took delight in each of them

What do we do when we bless someone? Essentially, we are imitating God. We are indicating that like God, we take delight in that person, that this person is special to us. This is what the voice from heaven exclaimed as the Spirit descended on Jesus after us baptism in the Jordan: *This is my son, the beloved in whom I delight* (Matt.3:17). This delight is an expression of the Father's favour resting on the Son. It is a blessing. Because we take delight in a person, like God we want the best for them. It is this that calls parents to bless their children, friends to bless their friends, members of a community to bless one another, and yes, truckers to bless their fellow truckers in an Irish pub.

Such delight appears in Matthew's Gospel as the introduction to what we call the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:1-12). Jesus begins the Sermon with a series of blessings (Beatitudes). These are blessings conferred on us, all of us, in the many experiences of our lives. God constantly sees the goodness that rests in us and in all creation. Jesus will go on in the Sermon to call us to let this goodness, this "salt" and "light", shine before our world. But it is important that we first recognize that God blesses us with this goodness – even when we do not feel that goodness.

We need to know that God indeed does take delight in us and in all of creation. Our universe and all that it contains is the handiwork of God. If God takes delight in it, so too should we. This is the sense of the final words of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato si*: *On the Care of Our Common Home.* He concludes his thoughts with what can be a prayer of us all, as we face the challenges of our time.

God, who calls us to generous commitment and to give him our all, offers us the light and the strength needed to continue on our way. In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to God.