St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

Office: 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3 Phone (506) 444-6021 Father Bill Brennan, Parish Priest Website: stkateri.ca Email: <u>office@stkateri.ca</u> Mass Schedule: St. Ann's Sunday @ 9:30 am/Holy Family Saturday @ 4:30 pm and Sunday @ 11:00 am November 10th, 2024 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The following is a Peace Prayer that we can say and live as we attend with our hearts to the horrific conflicts in the Middle East, the Ukraine and as we approach Remembrance Day.

Taking Sides

Today I am taking sides. I am taking the side of Peace. Peace, which I will not abandon even when its voice is drowned out by hurt and hatred, bitterness of loss, cries of right and wrong.

I am taking the side of Peace whose name has barely been spoken in this winnerless war.

I will hold Peace in my arms, and share my body's breath, lest Peace be added to the body count. I will call for de-escalation even when I want nothing more than to get even. I will do it in the service of Peace.

I will make a clearing in the overgrown thicket of cause and effect so Peace can breathe for a minute and reach for the sky.

I will do what I must to save the life of Peace. I will breathe through tears. I will swallow pride. I will bite my tongue. I will offer love without testing for deservingness.

So don't ask me to wave a flag today unless it is the flag of Peace. Don't ask me to sing an anthem unless it is a song of Peace. Don't ask me to take sides unless it is the side of Peace.

Rabbi Irwin Keller

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.



<u>Service of Remembrance</u> <u>St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish</u>

This years' Service of Remembrance will be held on **Thursday**, **November 21**st **at 7pm at Holy Family Church**. This Service is provided for parishioners who have lost family and friends, who have died since the first of November 2023. The ceremony will involve prayer, honoring the deceased by calling their names and the lighting of a candle in their memory. The current list of

deceased individuals in our files will be provided in the near future to ensure we have all names that should be included. The Service will also be livestreamed on our website at stkateri.ca. Questions about the Service of Remembrance can be directed to the Parish Office at 506 444-6021.



Chalice yearly report on St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish's Foster Child

This is a summary of the yearly update on our Parish Chalice sponsorship of Breiner Osveli Vail Morales. Father Monte Peters had this sponsorship for several years and last year it was agreed the Parish would carry the maintenance of this

sponsorship. This year Breiner, who turned 8 in Sept, is in grade two with his favourite class being physical education. He thinks a teaching career is in his future. Breiner participates in Soccer and folk dancing. At home, a bicycle has been purchased for the family to use. He comments that he and his family are well.

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Breiner thanks us for our support which he attributes to have helped him in his studies and nutrition. He ends his letter thanking us for reading his letter and says "may God bless you and protect you always. Hugs!"

Please take a minute to look at bulletin board in the lobby for the update from Chalice and a current picture of Breiner.

For more information on Chalice go to **www.chalice.ca** or call **1-800-776-6855.**

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 Season of Care for Creation we will be reciting the Joyful Mysteries. Everyone is welcome!

Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Family Church: A

new schedule is available in the entrance of the church for the period October 5th to December 29th, 2024. In addition to the schedule are two important notes regarding distribution of communion. If you have any questions, please speak to Judy Kelly. Thank you for serving in this vital Ministry that supports our Liturgy.

Summary of your Support for Nov 2 & 3

Regular/Loose	\$ 5,9460.35
PAD (wkly. average)	1,986.92
St. Patrick's Cemetery	35.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,968.27
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Thank you for your generous and continued support of our parish.

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

 Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD). Forms are at the entrance of the churches. Return to parish office.
Mail to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to office@stkateri.ca

READINGS for November 10th

1st Reading:1 Kings 17:10-162nd Reading:Hebrews 9:24-28Gospel:Mark 12:38-44

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Nov 10 th	Peter LaForest
Nov 17 th	Claudette Grexton
Nov 24 th	For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Nov 10 th	Elaine Geldart
Nov 17 th	Carolann Doherty
Nov 24 th	Betty Colligan

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Nov 9 th	Gene Kervin
Nov 10 th	Ralph Christie
Nov 16 th	Omer Doucet
Nov 17 th	Ann Swift
Nov 23 rd	Scott Cogswell
Nov 24 th	Norma Brown

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 9 th	Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright
Nov 10 th	Chinyese Alozie/Norma Downing/Debbie
	Landau
Nov 16 th	Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley
Nov 17 th	Noreen Bonnell/Anuli, Ebuka & Oluchi
	Ezeokafor
Nov 23 rd	William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
Nov 24 th	Jane Buckley / Maurice Harquail and
	Chinasa Trinitta

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 9 th	Joan Sowers / Harold DeCourcey
Nov 10 th	JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey
Nov 16 th	Wanda Carins / Margie Snell
Nov 17 th	Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin
Nov 23 rd	Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
Nov 24 th	Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon

St. Mary Magdalene Parish is hosting a catholic items sale Dec 7 from 1:30pm to 6:00 pm in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. There will be religious pictures, books, crucifixes, rosaries, medals and more. On site rosary repair will be available by donation, so make sure to bring your broken rosaries.

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers Annual Wreath

<u>Sale.</u> Once again GHG is hosting a Christmas Wreath sale in support of the <u>Stephen Lewis Foundation</u> and <u>Help</u> <u>Lesotho</u>. These Canadian organizations continue to work at the grass roots level in sub -Saharan Africa, supporting thousands of grandmothers /grandmother groups as they struggle to raise orphaned children.

We are <u>selling</u> fresh, 12 -inch, double- sided (undecorated) balsam fir wreaths for \$15.00.

Please <u>place orders</u> no later than November 20th. Use the signup sheet in the foyer of Holy Family Church <u>or</u> email Mary Dickinson: <u>mary.bergin@gmail.com</u>

<u>Pickup</u> is Saturday, November 30th, 10am -12 noon in the foyer of Holy Family Church. Pay by cash or cheque. Thank you for your continued, wonderful support!



Mark your calendars! NET Team Retreat for Youth Grades 8-12!

Experience a NET Retreat and engage your faith! A team of vibrant young missionaries will be visiting our area to provide youth in grades 8 to 12 the opportunity to hear the message of God's love and a chance to experience the Gospel personally. We promise it will be a day of faith, fun and friendship!

Sunday, November 17th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Msgr. Boyd Family Center (St. Dunstan's).

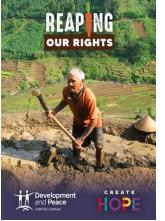
Please let us know if you will be joining us by contacting Patty Cameron at <u>faithformation@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca</u> or (506) 444- 6018.

Host Families Needed: The Fredericton region is hosting 9 young NET Canada missionaries from Sunday evening, November 17th to Wednesday morning November 20th and we are looking for families to welcome 2 or more missionaries into their homes. For more information on how become a host family please contact Patty Cameron at <u>faithformation@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca</u> or call (506) 444-6018.

Development and Peace

Fall Campaign: Reaping Our Rights

Together, let's support peasant and rural communities!



Across the Global South, peasant and rural communities have fought hard to assert their rights to land, water, seeds, food sovereignty, a healthy environment and more.

Bolivia has adopted UNDROP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other

People Working in Rural Areas). Article 15: Right to food and food sovereignty - physical and economic access at all times to sufficient and adequate food that is produced and consumed sustainably and equitably, respecting their cultures...

In Bolivia, our partner Fundación NUNA contributes to communities' economic, political, social and cultural development. Through various agroecology projects, NUNA helps peasant communities attain food sovereignty by diversifying their diets and sources of income.

UNDROP recognizes the contribution of farmers and people working in rural areas, and their fundamental role in managing life supports—water, soil and seed for food, agriculture, conservation and improving the biodiversity of our planet.

How can we help? Canada has not yet adopted UNDROP. We can help by ensuring that the rights of peasant and small scale farmers are respected by pushing for the adoption of effective due diligence legislation. Let's make certain that no Canadian company tramples on their rights by calling on Canada to adopt mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation (UNDROP). <u>Sign the ACTION</u> <u>SHEET at the back of the church or at devp.org/act</u>

Together let's ACT in solidarity!

Our Sacred Stories Who are we? – Discovering Who We Are as Church, Now (Fr. John Jennings)

The Gospels tell many Jesus-stories. They were part of the faith memories of Jesus shared by the earliest Christian communities. In chapter 12:38-44, Mark relates two contrasting stories. The first recounts what Jesus sees in the scribes. The second story tells of a poor widow.

Like all of the stories in the Gospels, these two are lessons on the Kingdom of God, the reign that was at the centre of Jesus' life and mission. In this sense, the Good News, or the Gospel is a proclamation of who we are as church, as a community of faith. What Jesus calls his disciples to was not either of the two stories, but rather to recognize in ourselves that in a way we are both. The scribes in the first story meticulously followed the law. They sincerely sought to be seen as holy and to be honoured in the Temple as examples of holiness. The widow in the second story had little, but she held a sincere relationship with God and expressed it by her generosity and integrity.

As church, we are indeed, both stories. In fact, we are many stories and over the centuries we have had to acknowledge that we are an evolving community of faith. In 1962-65, the Second Vatican Council addressed the question of how open we are to evolving as church in the midst of the changing world of the 20th Century.

The Council called our church to take on a prophetic role in the world of our time. Now in the 21st century Pope Francis calls us to a synod of the whole Catholic community. We are being asked once more to be a prophetic church, to be the community of disciples that Jesus the Christ established, a communion of people who can take up our call to live and share the Good News.

As a prophetic community, Pope Francis has called us to a conversation in the Spirit. It is intended to involve the whole church in considering who we are in the 21st century. The entire church is called to this journey through reflection, discernment and action. This synod process has its roots in the Second Vatican Council, which Pope John XXIII saw as an effort to bring about an openness of the church to the world through reflection on "the signs of the time".

Like John XXIII and Vatican II, Pope Francis has turned to the ancient and traditional assembly or synod to address "the signs of the time" now. The journey began with the opening on October 9, 2021. There were two initial years in which local churches (dioceses) were asked to engage in listening to the Spirit, to their sisters and brothers in their home communities and parishes/dioceses. During this time, we were asked to reflect, speak and above all listen to one another, i.e. to all the baptized. What were we listening for? What were we to hear with the help of the Spirit?

In local churches around the globe, through conversation in the Spirit, women and men, laity, clergy and religious expressed their hopes and dreams as well as the hurts and challenges we face. As we did so, it was and remains important that we recognize that we are a global church. We are many cultures and peoples and at the same one church, one community of faith.

These initial two years prepared our faith community for the two-session synod itself, the first session in October of 2023 and the second, which just concluded in October 2024. Held in Rome, these two sessions included delegates from around the world from laity and clergy, women and men. Perhaps more than the details of the sessions and the topics addressed is the structure of these session. Our church is a global community. It has recognized in the synod that all baptized members have a voice in discerning who we are and what we are about. All are responsible for sharing the message and mission of Jesus the Christ. The seed has been planted, the work of nurturing it in the local churches begins.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast: Sunday, November 10th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Proceeds going to Our Lady of Grace Catholic School. Everyone welcome.

The 2024-2025 Sunday Missals are now available at the church entrances. \$5.ea and can be dropped in the basket provided. Thank you!

Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at St. Anthony's Church on Friday, November 15 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!