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 15TH, 2026 – 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

African Mass of Thanksgiving. Join us on Sunday, December 6th at 11am at Holy Family Church for a special Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated with the African Catholic Community.

A Parish potluck will follow at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. To contribute a dish, please contact Chnyere Obi, Schola Kemdirim or Jennifer Onyewuenyi after Mass.

Come and enjoy a wonderful selection of African and international cuisine while sharing fellowship with our Parish community. All we welcome!

Dear Friends at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish,

Thank you so very much for your very generous donation of 571 pairs of socks to our Street Outreach program.

Having clean, warm, dry socks is something that many of us take for granted, but for our neighbours experiencing homelessness, especially during the cold winter months, they can make a world of difference.

Thanks to your kindness and generosity, our Outreach Team will be able to provide much-needed warmth and comfort to those living outside.

THANK YOU for your compassion! Your generosity truly warms our hearts (and feet)!

Your gift is improving lives!

Thank you, The John Howard Society of Fredericton

2026-27 Sunday Missals now available at church entrance. Suggested donation $5.00, please drop in the basket provided.

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

How do we learn more about joining the Catholic Church? Over the past few months several adults have asked about the possibility of joining the Catholic Church. To respond to this expressed desire, the Parish is offering an **'RCIA Process'** beginning in the New Year. This is for anyone who is interested in inquiring about becoming a Catholic and entering a journey of discernment about this. If you are interested, please contact Judy Kelly at office@stkateri.ca or call 506-444-6021 with your name and phone number and she will be in touch with you to provide additional information on what the process entails and to assist you with any information you need.

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!

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.
- Contact Lesley Lawlor, Religious Education Coordinator at office@stkateri.ca or religiouseducationlawlor@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers Annual Wreath Sale
Thank you to the Parishioners of St Kateri Tekakwitha for your continued yearly support of the GHG Wreath Campaign. Raised funds are sent to The Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho, two Canadian organizations working at the grass roots level in sub -Saharan Africa offering vital support to grandmothers as they struggle to raise orphaned children.
We are selling fresh, 12 -inch, double- sided (undecorated) balsam fir wreaths for $17.00.
Please place orders no later than November 22nd.
Use the signup sheet in the foyer of Holy Family Church or contact Mary Waters @506-455-0574 or email: shaunmary89@gmail.com.
Pickup is Saturday, November 28th, 10am -12 noon in the foyer of Holy Family Church. Pay by cash or cheque.
Your support is much appreciated!

Coats for Kids

For the third year in a row, the Knights of Columbus of Fredericton are pleased to provide free new winter coats to children in our community.
Join us Thursday, November 26th starting at 7pm at the K of C Hall, 170 Regent Street to find a warm winter coat for your child while supplies last. To help us find the best fit, children are encouraged to attend with a parent or guardian. We look forward to helping local families stay warm this winter and thank everyone who has helped make this program a success year after year.

"Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness – kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting."
-St. Teresa

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 **religiouseducationswatts@gmail.com**.

Readings for November 15th
1st: Proverbs 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31
2nd: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
Psalm: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.



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

"I am committed to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada to concretely promote international solidarity and human dignity for all. Through advocacy, awareness-raising and fundraising, I am responding to an inner calling: to walk with the most vulnerable toward a reconciled, more just and deeply human world." – Marjolaine Mondon, Montreal Quebec.

Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, we support women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. We seek to eliminate the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians. Here are a few examples: in the Middle East, *peace and reconciliation*; in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, *justice for women*; in Bangladesh, *humanitarian aid*; in Brazil, *ecological justice*; and in Haiti, *citizen participation*. To read more on each of these programs that make a difference, please pick up a copy of the 'Building a World of Justice' brochure available in the lobby of the church. To achieve this, we need you!

BE PART OF THE CHANGE! To achieve this, we need YOU! Become a member. Join our campaigns. Make a donation. 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.



BILIJK COMMUNITY BINGO

We hope to see you at the next Bingo night which is scheduled for:
Monday, November 23rd
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 $588.00
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 Nov 7 & 8

Regular/Loose	***$ 3,116.95***
PAD (wkly. average)	***2,298.46***
Religious Ed Registrations	***230.00***
World Mission Sunday	***10.00***
St. Patrick's Cemetery	***15.00***
Christmas Outreach	***280.00***
TOTAL	***$ 5,950.41***

READERS AT ST. ANN'S
Nov 15th Elaine Geldart
Nov 22nd Carolanne Doherty
Nov 29th Betty Colligan

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's
Nov 15th Raymond Francis
Nov 22nd Gordon and Yvonne Buggie
Nov 29th James Andrew McAllister

Mass Intentions at Holy Family
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
Nov 14th Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCourcey
Nov 15th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard
Nov 21st Ron Breau / Judy Kelly
Nov 22nd Annie Zdyb-Rinne / Verna McCloskey

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY
Nov 14th Wiiliam Cormier/Mona LeBlanc
Nov 15th Patrick Burgoon
Carl Duivenvoorden/Marijke Hurkens
Nov 21st Margie Snell / Joan Sowers
Nov 22nd Noreen Bonnell / Maureen Hawthorne
Ana Galarza

World Day of the Poor. On November 15th, we observe the 10th anniversary of the World Day of the Poor. Marking this milestone, Pope Leo XIV reflects on God as "the refuge of the poor". In his message this year, the Pope encourages and indeed urges all Christians to recall that we are called to, "rediscover the central place of the poor and examine our commitment to justice, solidarity, and human dignity and that we not only seek refuge in God, but also "to be a refuge for the poor."

As we look at our own communities, it may be helpful to ask the following questions for reflection: What is poverty? Who is poor? How do we promote and include the voices of people who experience poverty? How do we challenge the structural causes of poverty?

To help us reflect, in Dilexi te. Pope Leo XIV defines poverty as a "multifaceted phenomenon…with many forms: the poverty of those who lack material means of subsistence, the poverty of those who are socially marginalised and lack the means to give voice to their dignity and abilities, moral and spiritual poverty, cultural poverty, the poverty of those who find themselves in a condition of personal or social weakness or fragility, the poverty of those who have no rights, no space, no freedom." (#9)

Prayer: God of Justice and Mercy, you have made yourself a refuge for the vulnerable and a shield for the oppressed. On this World Day of the Poor, open our eyes to see Christ in the faces of the marginalized, our ears to hear the cries of those robbed of bread, voice, and dignity, and our hearts to move beyond indifference. As we mark the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi, grant us the courage to step into the reality of the suffering, to share our resources with generosity, and to build a world rooted in fraternity, justice, and true solidarity. May we become a tangible refuge for the least of our sisters and brothers, guided by your grace today and always. Amen.

Our Sacred Stories

Saints Alive: For the Common Good of All

November begins with the Feast of **All** Saints. This year this great feast day happened to fall on a Sunday. So, two weeks ago, we were able to reflect on the role of saints in our faith and our lives. We all have some idea of what saints are. Too often they seem to be larger than life. Sometimes they are the "plaster saint", a model that really does not relate to our human experience. At other times, they seem to represent a spiritual experience that takes them out of this world and far from our experience. Such models appear removed from the call to evangelize or share the Good News with the world given us as Jesus's disciples. The story of Christianity over the centuries has exhibited the same tendency to distance ourselves from the broader world in which it has lived.

Six years ago, on the vigil of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis issued a reflection aimed at the hearts of all humanity. He began this reflection with words of St. Francis in Latin: "Fratelli tutti", literally in English "Brothers [and sisters] all". The Pope expressed this with a meaning for our own day: *Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel.* (*Fratelli tutti* 1, Oct.3 2020)

Pope Francis has pushed our church into recognizing our call into the world of our experience. It is there that we discover our relationships are touched in their humanness by the loving hand of God. Disciples are called to pass this message on and to build God's loving reign. Our call is to bless our world and recognize the blessings of which we are a part. On that Feast of All Saints, the Gospel we heard was taken from the writer Matthew 5:1-12. This is the beginning of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount. The sermon itself goes on to share Jesus's message and the mission to which he calls his disciples.

It is no small thing that Matthew begins this sermon with a series of blessings, the Beatitudes.

How do we do this? What is a blessing and how can we be blessings for each other? How are we saints where we live, in our world and with one another? The spiritual writer Ron Rolheiser has provided a wonderful overview of how we can respond to this call to sainthood in the world where we live everyday. In ***Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity*** (New York: Image 2014**)** he discusses Christian maturity and how full and mature faith is lived in real life. Such faith and life is marked by blessings, blessing one another and the world which we touch.

How do we do this in everyday life? The English word "bless" comes from a combination of two Latin words *bene* "well "or "good" and *dicere* "to say or speak". Thus *benedicere* means to speak well or to express the good of someone. To bless someone is see and express the good of one another. This is what we do when we see and express the delight we see in one another and in the world around us.

In the opening of the Old Testament, the first chapter of Genesis relates the story of God's work of Creation occurring in a series of days (Gen.1). At the end of the work the story relates how God saw that all was good. As he rested on the seventh day, God blessed it (Gen.2). The same act of blessing appears after Jesus's baptism by John in the Jordan. The Spirit descends on Jesus and a voice comes from the heavens: "This is my Son, the Beloved (or the blessed One) my favour rests upon him" (Matt.3:17).

To bless another is to express our delight in them. We see, really notice them and we acknowledge their importance for us. Ultimately, we wish to give away some of ourselves to them, passing our life to them. Rolheiser notes that good parents do this for their children, good teachers do so for their students and good pastors, for their communities. As he points out: *In summary, we bless others when we see them, delight in their energy rather than feel threatened by it and give away some of our own life to help resource their lives.* (Roheiser 231)

Matthew's parable of the servants who use well the talents, the resources given them by their master (Matt 25:14-30) is a story of the blessings we have and acknowledge, share and give to others and through the blessing of others, we promote the life, the faith and the good in our world. Gathered at the Eucharistic Table we are a blessed people of God. The blessings that we have are intended to be shared with one another and with our world. Thank you for your blessings on this day and in this place.