

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 16th, 2025 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor – Sunday, November 16th, 2025. This Sunday is **World Day of the Poor** and the theme for this year is 'You are my hope' taken from psalm 71.5, "You, O Lord are my hope."

What is World Day of the Poor? First introduced in 2017 by Pope Francis, a day to reflect on people who have less than we do and a reminder to care for the poor just as Jesus did.



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Who are the poor? On a trip to Peru in the 1980's, Pope John II listened with a heavy heart to the words of a spokesperson who said, "We are hungry, we live in misery, we are sick and out of work. Our women give birth in tuberculosis, our infants die and our children

"The poor can be witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalization. The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved sisters and brothers, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. The celebration of the *World Day of the Poor* is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity. –Pope Leo XIV, World Day of the Poor 2025. To read the Pope's entire message for World Day of the Poor, please click on the following link: [World Day of the Poor - Message by Pope Leo XIV](#)

Prayer for World Day of the Poor 2025

God of compassion and justice, you are our refuge and hope. Open our hearts to hear the cry of the poor and forgotten. Let us walk with them in love and mercy, serving with humble hands and voices of dignity. Guide us to build a world where all may live in fullness. Strengthen us to be signs of your Kingdom. Amen. (Caritas Social Action Network)



Come Pray With Us

Join us on **Thursday, November 20th at 10:30am** at **Holy Family Church** for a special **Rosary** time dedicated to **World Day of the Poor** and for our sisters and brothers in the **Global South**. Everyone is welcome!

Remembrance Service – November 20th, 2025

Each year in November, the Parish of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, which Includes St. Ann's Church in Bilik and Holy Family in Fredericton, offers a **Remembrance Service** to remember those who have died in the past year (this includes anybody's funeral in the Parish or someone who lost a loved one not from the Parish) 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 20th, 2025 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. This includes those loved ones who have died locally and in other areas in the past year. If you would like your loved ones named at the ceremony and a candle lit, please call the Parish office (506-444-6021) or give their name at the Welcome Table at the entrance of the Church when you arrive for the Remembrance 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. The Service will be live streamed on our website stkateri.ca.

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.

Advent Weekday Masses: During the Advent Season weekday Masses followed by one hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the following dates: December 4th, 11th and 18th at 7pm at Holy Family Church.

Advent Healing Mass – An Advent Healing Mass and Sacrament of Anointing for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish will be held at St. Ann’s Church, Bilikj First Nation (Kingsclear) on **Friday, December 12th at 2pm.**

This is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe now known as National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and has special significance for Indigenous People. We hope you can join us - all are welcome!

Journey through Advent. St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish is offering an opportunity to enter into the Advent season by offering four sessions of prayer, reflection and discussion on the daily Gospel readings throughout Advent using the ‘Advent Gospel Reflections’ journal by Bishop Robert Barron. This is a wonderful opportunity to slow down, connect with God and one another and to open our hearts to the grace God is waiting to give us in this season of waiting. The first session will be prior to the first weekend of Advent, on Monday evening November 24th at 7pm at Holy Family Church, followed by three additional sessions on December 1st, 8th and 15th. Judy Kelly will be the facilitator for these sessions. We hope you will be able to join us. For more information or if you have questions, please speak to Barb or Judy.

Food Bank Christmas Hamper Donations: We continue to collect items for the Food Bank Christmas Hampers up ***to the weekend of December 6th-7th.*** 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.

Peacemakers – Our Call. The month of November is traditionally known as the month of remembrance but also a reminder to consider what we can do to bring lasting peace in our world. Thomas Merton, was a 20th century Trappist monk, writer and an activist for social justice and peace. His words may help us as we try to find ways to bring peace within ourselves and for our world today where peace is so elusive, “If you are yourself at peace, then there is at least some peace in the world. Then share your peace with everyone, and everyone will be at peace.”

I am often inspired by Rabbi Irwin Keller’s words from his ‘Peace Prayer’, “I will hold peace in my arms. I will make a clearing in the overgrown thicket of cause and effect so peace can breathe for a minute. 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.”

Let us continue to pray for peace, peace in our hearts, peace in our families, our communities and for all humanity.

Summary of Support for November 8 & 9

Regular/Loose	\$ 4,317.20
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
St. Patrick’s Cemetery	25.00
TOTAL	\$6,656.82

Little Blue Books for Advent & Christmas are now available at the church entrance.

Suggested donation \$2.00 which can be dropped in the basket. Thank you!



Development and Peace – Turn Debt Into Hope Campaign:

Around the world, many communities are living in precarious conditions because their governments lack the funds to finance essential services such as hospitals and schools.

No less than 40 percent of the world's populations lives in countries that spend more on repaying debt than on health, education or adapting to climate change. Impoverished countries **have to pay loans at higher interest rates**, which holds back crucial funding for development and sustainability.

TOGETHER let's send a clear message to the world's creditors and political leaders: the unjust debts of the Global South, which oppress the most impoverished people, must be remedied, so that everyone can live in peace and dignity.

Sign the petition – your signature matters! The aim is to collect 60,000 signatures in Canada and your signature can make the difference in raising awareness and 'turning debt into hope'.

Rosary - Rosary is prayed every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family. During Ordinary Time we will be reciting the Luminous Mysteries. All are welcome to attend.

Weekend Silent Guided-Directed retreat at the Villa Madonna Retreat House, Friday, November 21st (7:00 pm till Sunday, November 23rd (1:00 pm) with directors from the AASEA (Atlantic Association for the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate-Ignatian approach). During this retreat, even though you are with others on retreat, you live your own rhythm of prayer, rest and relaxation. You spend most of the day in silence and with periods of input (guidance from the team), simply paying attention to God. The only conversation beyond the opening and closing sessions is during scheduled meetings with a spiritual director. During that time you listen together for how God's Spirit is leading you in prayer and life. There will be a closing Sunday Eucharist (Mass). Registration is \$70 and \$195 on arrival. There is financial assistance available by contacting Fr. Bill (506-444-6021). Just leave first name and phone number and Fr. Bill will call you. To Register contact Bob McDermott – mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca or on line (google AASEA Retreats).

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Nov 16th For the People
Nov 23rd Dec Members Frappier Family
Nov 30th James Andrew McAllister

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Nov 15th Jerry Chessie, Jr.
Nov 16th Nnamdi Osor Family
Nov 22nd For the People
Nov 23rd Nicole Mary Bourcier / Jerry Leach
Nov 29th Paul Devlin
Nov 30th For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Nov 16th Mike Solomon
Nov 23rd Lawrence Cameron
Nov 30th John Monkhouse

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 15th Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley
Nov 16th Anita & Ray Allain / Bonnie Deveau
Victoria Olopade
Nov 22nd William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
Nov 23rd James McGroarty/Clare/Sophia Obi
Genevieve Obi / Oma Okoye

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 15th Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
Nov 16th Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin
Nov 22nd Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
Nov 23rd Sharon Watts/Bettyanne McMackin

READINGS for November 16th

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is coming to judge the peoples with equity.

2026 Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre: June 13 - 16 in 2026. For more info Please call Rick Bourgeois at 506-327-6777.

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 21 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

Our Sacred Stories
Building the Reign of God: Loving Beyond Borders
(Fr. John Jennings)

One of the last things I do before going to bed at night is watch the news. Somewhere, someone once advised that it is the worst way to close out the day. I think that might be very good advice. These days, the news seems filled with depressing events – bad news. If it's not the situation in Gaza and Middle East or the war in Ukraine, it will be accounts of civil unrest and conflict around the globe or natural disasters from earthquakes to hurricanes and cyclones. All these threats, especially to peoples who often have few resources and live in poverty leave a person feeling helpless.

Chapter 21 in Luke's Gospel presents us with an image that is quite relatable. In this chapter, Luke offers what is sometimes referred to as "eschatological" images. These are signs marking the end of the present and the promise of new times. They are times of great change or transformation. Luke begins by talking about the Temple in Jerusalem as if it were about to take place. In fact, in Luke's time, it had already occurred (70AD). From this very local event, Luke moves to more global image: *Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.* (Luke 21:10-11). Bad news.

These images are what scripture calls apocalyptic. It is a type of literature that often leaves us fearful and confused. The passage in Luke 21:5-19, however should be seen as prophetically hopeful. Yes, it is a challenge, threatening, but in the context of Jesus and his mission, it is really a renovation of the world. The point is that Jesus's message and mission is to bring the Reign into our world, to work at remaking this world into the image of God's dream for all creation. That is, a world marked by mercy, compassion, respect and peace for all. Where all is honoured as a gift and wonder of God. It is to be a world transformed. This is Jesus' mission.

To speak of the mission of Jesus is to speak of the *Reign of God*. Jesus proclaimed, both in word and in action, that the Reign of God had come near and was in fact present. It did so in his own person and it continues to come near is with us as we share in the Spirit of the risen Jesus, here and now. Jesus is present and active through the Spirit-filled people he has made his own. By our very baptism, we are released into our world as the presence of Jesus among all humanity.

Fundamentally, this mission is a call to change our world. Change is a curious thing. Much as we might sometimes long for it, often we fear it and even resist it. Basic change in our lives and our world is threatening. It is a journey into what may be very much an unknown territory. It involves us in risk and disruption in our lives. The images we find in Luke's Gospel are scary.

They describe great upheaval and even destruction. It appears the whole world is overturned. Bad news.

So what? All through the Gospels we hear of Jesus on his mission. Sometimes it is found in the words he speaks: *You must love the Lord your God with all your heart,... and your neighbour as yourself* (Luke 10:27). But his mission is more than words. It is actions. The reconciling, healing actions of Jesus reach out without limits, to the wounded, the broken and the hurting. The mission of Jesus takes God's reign beyond borders and barriers. Good news.

What is true of Jesus is true of us who are bearers of the Spirit of Jesus. Our mission is to take God's reign beyond borders, to all the peoples of the earth. Our mission, like Jesus, is to bring healing, reconciliation, liberation beyond borders to all the peoples of the earth. We share a common humanity with all the peoples of the earth. Our mission is to all of them. It is expressed in our loving care and concern, our solidarity with the needs and aspirations beyond our own parish, neighbourhood and nation. We are called beyond borders and barriers. Good news.

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](#), 2 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 \$15.00.

Please place orders no later than November 23rd. 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 29th, 10am -12 noon in the foyer of Holy Family Church. Pay by cash or cheque. Your support is much appreciated.

Note to Parishioners: Please be mindful of those who are sensitive to scented products and refrain from wearing perfumes/colognes when attending Mass. Thank you!

