

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 17th, 2024 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Service of Remembrance

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This year's Service of Remembrance will be held on **Thursday, November 21st 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.

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.

Cookie Sunday Weekend: Next Cookie Sunday weekend is **November 23rd & 24th**.

Food Bank Christmas Donations: *This month and up to the weekend of December 7th-8th 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. 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.

This will be our last collection of donations until after Christmas. 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!

ADVENT RETREAT AT VILLA MADONNA

For those seeking a prayerful atmosphere of silence and peace, the Atlantic Association of Spiritual Directors Apostolate (AASEA) are offering an Advent Silent Guided Directed Retreat (Friday – Sunday November 22-24, 2024). At the Villa Madonna Retreat House, Renforth, NB. For further details please contact Bob McDermott at mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca or visit our website at www.aaseasaintjohn.ca



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.

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 9 & 10

Regular/Loose	\$ 8,666.25
PAD (wkly. average)	1,986.92
St. Patrick's Cemetery	25.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	50.00
Religious Ed Registration	30.00
Building Fund	300.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,058.17

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

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

READINGS for November 17th

1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
 Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Responsorial Psalm: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Nov 17th Claudette Grexton
 Nov 24th For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Nov 17th Carolann Doherty
 Nov 24th Betty Colligan

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Nov 16th Omer Doucet
 Nov 17th Ann Swift
 Nov 23rd Scott Cogswell
 Nov 24th Norma Brown

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 16th Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley
 Nov 17th Noreen Bonnell/Anuli, Ebuka & Oluchi Ezeokafor
 Nov 23rd William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
 Nov 24th Jane Buckley / Maurice Harquail and Chinasa Trinitta

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 16th Wanda Carins / Margie Snell
 Nov 17th Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin
 Nov 23rd Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
 Nov 24th 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 Sale. Once again GHG is hosting a Christmas Wreath sale in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho. 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 selling fresh, 12 -inch, double- sided (undecorated) balsam fir wreaths for \$15.00.

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

Pickup 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 faithformation@stmarymagdaleneparish.ca or (506) 444- 6018.

St. Francis of Assisi Christmas Craft Bazaar this Saturday, November 16th. Doors open at 9 am-1 pm Local crafts, books, homemade baking, homemade pickles, and a Café to enjoy a light lunch. Something for everyone!

Development and Peace Fall Campaign: Reaping Our Rights



Development and Peace has been campaigning for corporate accountability for years. The following is a summary of actions taken by Development and Peace calling on the Canadian government to adopt due diligence legislation (UNDROP).

2006: Life Before Profit campaign collects 150,000

cards calling for accountability mechanisms in Canada.

2007: 200,000 signatures calling for independent ombudsperson.

2008: 150,000 more cards, totaling 500,000 signatures calling for accountability.

2009: The Conservative government creates the Office of the Extractive Sector CSR Counsellor.

2013: A Voice for Justice campaign relaunches the call for an ombudsperson.

2014: 80,000 cards calling for an ombudsperson delivered to MPs.

2017: The CCCB (Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops) writes to the Prime Minister calling for the creation of an ombudsperson.

2018: The Liberal government announces the CORE but does not create it.

2019: The CORE is established, but without the real powers we campaigned for.

2021: The **People and Planet First** campaign collects 28,000+ signatures calling for mHREDD and MPs present petitions in Parliament.

2023: Bill C-262 is introduced as a private member's bill calling for mHREDD but does not get taken forward; Parliament passes the much weaker Bill S-211 focused only on forced labor.

2024: The government's 2024 budget says it will introduce legislation to ban forced labor from supply chains. Labor Minister Seamus O'Regan Jr., responsible for the law, has said such a law must include more due diligence.

Let us be thankful for the abundance of food we are privileged to eat provided to us by peasants and small-scale farmers from the Global South. If you have not yet had an opportunity to sign the **ACTION SHEET**, please take time this weekend to sign the sheet at the back of the church or at devp.org/act.

Together, let's work towards *Reaping our Rights!*

Our Sacred Stories

Living a Synod: Change, Challenge & Fear Faith, Hope & Love (Fr. John Jennings)

Change is a challenge. It is also universally necessary. Whether we talk personally or communally, we constantly face changes in our life. The same is true for our church. Change is an ever-present need for us all. And it always makes demands of us. Thus, it comes as no surprise that we have a tendency to fear, oppose and resist change as we meet it.

Reluctance to accept and work with change is part of the story of our faith community. The idea of our church as "unchanging" and an anchor in our changing world has long been a commonly held view. More than a century ago, in 1910, an Irish priest in Brooklyn NY, Msgr. Edward J. McGolrick, captured this view in a very popular book: *The Unchangeable Church*.

This perspective was still held by many who resisted the changes of Vatican II, in the 1960s and 70s. At a local retreat in the 1970s, the retreat director, focusing on the changes called for by the Council noted this resistance. He drew attention to a musical work by the Austrian composer Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) called: "The Seven Last Words of Christ".

At the retreat, we were asked if we had ever heard of "The Seven Last Words of the Church"? His response when none indicated they had heard of it – "We Never Did It This Way Before".

Pope Francis has expressed this same thought in a number of ways when reflecting on the resistance to change which haunts our church faith community. In the first year of his papacy, 2013, Pope Francis issued an apostolic exhortation to the whole church on proclaiming the Gospel to all humanity (*The Joy of the Gospel*). He called for a whole new energy, changing how we do things. He called on the community "to abandon the complacent attitude that says: 'We have always done it this way.'" (EG 33)

Such attitudes of resistance at all levels of our faith community are blocks to dynamism and openness in the mission we have been given as disciples. Speaking to a community of Jesuits several years ago, Pope Francis commented: "The Catholic Church suffers from a temptation to return to attitudes and practices of the past,... the ideology of going backwards." It is an attitude that stems from fear of what is new and uncertain. Any new step poses some risks. We are ever in need of courage to move forward.

The synod process in which we have been, is the work of the Spirit as we seek to read the "signs of the times" and to bring the Gospel into our times. Much as we did for Vatican II, the Synod on Synodality demands that we rely on the Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit for our church. Our church, our faith community will depend on the Spirit's gifts: *Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude/courage, Knowledge, Spirituality and Fear of the Lord/Awe*.

Mark's Gospel (Mk.13:24-32) expresses the fear that can paralyze us humanly and bring discouragement, despair and inaction in the face of challenge and the need to risk. In response, comes the saving action of Jesus the Christ (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18) and the shining light of God's love and glory (Daniel 12:1-3). As church and disciples, we can trust in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (13:13) "Now faith, hope and love abide..., and the greatest of these is love."