

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 2nd, 2025 – All Souls Day



Development and Peace – 2025 Fall Campaign: On the Road to Justice!

In this Jubilee year, we are calling for the cancellation of the unjust and unsustainable debts of the Global South. Our campaign also highlights the ecological debt that wealthy countries owe to

many of the same countries in the Global South that are caught in debt traps.

External debt and ecological debt: Who owes whom?

Ecological debt in Peru: Peru uses mining-friendly laws to attract major investments from international resource companies. Extractive industries account for over 60% of the country's exports. But this does little for Peruvians, 30% of whom remain below the national poverty line. Mining also leaves a trail of environmental degradation, conflict and human rights abuses. This adds to the ecological debt that the wealthy countries that benefit from mining owe to local populations that suffer its harms.

Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Bartolome de Las Casas Institute (IBC), are working closely with affected communities to help them assert their rights. To learn more, watch this video: devp.org/videoPeru.

SIGN THE PETITION!! By the end of the 2025 Jubilee Year (January 6th), we aim to collect our **goal of 60,000 signatures in Canada on the global campaign petition that asks creditors and world leaders to:**

- Stop the debt crisis by cancelling and remedying unjust and unsustainable debts.
- Prevent further debt crises by reforming the global financial system.
- Establish a debt resolution mechanism within the United Nations.

Please take a few minutes to sign the petition located in the lobby of the Church. As Pope Francis said, "This is a matter of justice."

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NOTICE OF MEETING

St. Patrick's Church: There will be a meeting to be updated on the status of St. Patrick's Church in Newmarket and to discuss next steps in moving forward. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. The meeting will be Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 pm at Holy Family Church (upstairs), 1500 Hanwell Road.

Remembrance Service – November 20th, 2025

Each year in November, the Parish of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, which Includes St. Ann's Church in Bilijik 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 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. 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.

YOUTH MASS

Sunday, November 9th, 2025
11am - Holy Family Church

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.

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.

A huge thank you for your cookie and other food items last weekend! Your continued support of our Outreach Ministry is much needed and appreciated!

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).

Summary of Support for October 25 & 26

Regular/Loose	\$ 4,154.50
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
St. Patrick’s Cemetery	50.00
Building Fund	20.00
World Mission Sunday	95.00
Oromocto Food Bank	1,060.00
Development & Peace	50.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,744.12

Mission does not end with October.

As we conclude World Mission Month, we remember that the Church’s missionary work is ongoing. Our baptismal call to share the Gospel continues beyond this season, inviting us to remain engaged—through prayer, storytelling and generous action.



The first World Mission Sunday was celebrated nearly a century ago in 1926. The need today remains urgent: missionaries still serve in remote areas: villages, conflict zones, refugee camps and urban slums. They bring more than aid—they bring Jesus Christ.

As St. Paul VI reminded us 50 years ago in his historic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*: “The Church exists in order to evangelize” (14). We are grateful for your support this October—and we invite you to continue the journey. *To listen to Pope Leo’s message for World Mission Sunday, “Help me, help the missions”, click on the following link: [Pope’s World Mission Sunday Message](#).*

Hope does not disappoint—and the world still needs hope. Special donation envelopes are still available in the lobby of the Church. Thank you for your prayers and your generosity.

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.

The 2025-2026 Sunday Missals are now available at the church entrance.
Suggested donation \$5.00 can be dropped in the basket. Thank you!



You are Invited! St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish is extending an open invitation to a special Rosary event on **Thursday, November 20th at 10:30am at Holy Family Church at 1500 Hanwell Rd.**

This gathering is a dedicated opportunity to come together in prayer and reflection, focusing on **Development Peace Fall Campaign 'Turn Debt into Hope'** and **World Day of the Poor**. In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis called us to be Pilgrims of Hope. Let us take time together in prayer on November 20th to help restore hope for people in the Global South living with the burden of insurmountable and unjust debt and struggling for basic survival. "For those members of our human family, this is not a matter of payment or non-payment, but a question of *life*." –Bishop Wm. McGrattan, President of the CCCB. In Pope Leo's message for World Day of the Poor he underlines prayer with action, "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. They cannot rely on the security of power and possessions; on the contrary, they are at their mercy and often victims of them. Their hope must necessarily be sought elsewhere. By recognizing that God is our first and only hope, we too pass from fleeting *hopes* to a lasting *hope*."



Considering the complexity of our world today, it may feel challenging to have much hope. Join us on our pilgrimage in prayer and action, working together for justice in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who bear the heavy burden of unjust debt.

We hope you can join us on Thursday, November 20th for this special Rosary. We look forward to seeing you!

Altar Servers: Holy Family Church is looking for young girls and young boys to join this ministry. We are therefore calling on our young people, 3rd grade and above to consider becoming altar servers. Altar servers are an essential part of the Mass and a special way to participate and serve the Parish Community. If you are interested or would like more information, please email the Parish Office at office@stkateri.ca or call 506-444-6021 and leave the youth's and parent's name and a phone where you can be reached. Training will be provided.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Nov 2 nd	For the People
Nov 9 th	Mary Anne Nason
Nov 16 th	For the People
Nov 23 rd	Dec Members Frappier Family
Nov 30 th	James Andrew McAllister

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Nov 1 st	Rena Mockler / Geraldine Hayes
Nov 2 nd	Don Harriman / Augustine Ede
Nov 8 th	Ray Ward
	Annette Belliveau & Jean Dufour
Nov 9 th	For the People
Nov 15 th	Jerry Chessie, Jr.
Nov 16 th	Nnamdi Osor Family
Nov 22 nd	For the People
Nov 23 rd	Nicole Mary Bourcier / Jerry Leach
Nov 29 th	Paul Devlin
Nov 30 th	For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Nov 2 nd	Carolann Doherty
Nov 9 th	Betty Colligan
Nov 16 th	Mike Solomon
Nov 23 rd	Lawrence Camern
Nov 30 th	John Monkhouse

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 1 st	Margie Snell / Anna Mae Snider
Nov 2 nd	Jane Buckley / Doreen Cormier
	Maurice Harquail / Chinasa Trinitta
Nov 8 th	Paula Ryan / Joan Sowers
Nov 9 th	Youth Mass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 1 st	Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey
Nov 2 nd	Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange
Nov 8 th	Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
Nov 9 th	Annie Zdyb-Rinne / Dorothy Blanchard

READINGS for November 2nd

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9
 Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7
 Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Our Sacred Stories
Souls and Saints: Our Community of Faith
Father John Jennings

Every year at the beginning of November, our community of faith turns our attention to those members who have gone before us – family, friends and other ancestors. The two feast days of All Saints and All Souls remind us that there is more than the immediate now in our lives. Even beyond our faith community, our world takes a longer view recollecting those who have suffered and died in the violence of wars with Remembrance Day. Perhaps, all of this is a reminder for us that we live our lives in a much broader world than ourselves. In fact, our lives include even those who are no longer living with us – our souls and our saints.

Who are these souls and saints? Often, we tend to think of them as the perfect, plastic saint and the souls that after life have become saints. Somehow, we cannot possibly live so perfectly ourselves in the here and now. Do we have any real connection with such perfect saints?

The spiritual writer John Shea (Following Love into Mystery 234) recounts how difficult it seemed for him to see these souls/saints as examples for his own life. They were so perfect. Yet, we know that they were not always so. Shea chose to adopt another view. Instead of focusing on the lives of the saints, he turned to finding and noticing the “random saintly moments of ordinary people”.

These are our moments and the saintliness of all who surround us. Pope Francis was fond of calling us to see and be “the saints next door”.

Shea used the image of the sun shining in a forest. While the light brings out some aspects of each tree, as it moves along it strikes different trees from different angles. He began to look at the saints in the same way. None of them were perfect in life, and here is consolation for us in our own lives. Even those disciples of Jesus that we see in the Gospels had their flaws, their doubts and even their denials.

Our catholic faith community regularly expresses our core Christian belief using one of two creeds, the Apostles Creed or the Nicene Creed. These are seen as open assertions of the principal elements of our communal belief. We express them when we welcome new members into the community at baptism and confirmation, as well as when we gather at Eucharist.

Each of these two creeds emerged over time in the early period of our faith history. They thus express to us what our ancestors in the faith wished to hand on to us generations later and what we are called to hand on to

generations yet to come. These creeds help us to recognize who we are as Christians in the 21st century.

One of these creeds, the Apostles Creed, is the one we regularly share as we gather in Eucharist. It includes a significant expression of our understanding that we are a community of believers: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

This is a striking piece of our faith. We are a communion or community of believers, held together by our common faith. And we hold that at the center of this faith is what we sometimes refer to as the Paschal Mystery - the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The two feasts of All Souls and All Saints celebrate who we are and who we are to become. This is the Good News that our communion of saints, everyday saints, hold and share with our common humanity. It was the mission of Jesus and now it is ours.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast:
Sunday, November 9th 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.

November 11th Remembrance Day Services:

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

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



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 later in November. 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 call Judy Kelly at 506-478-7274 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.