

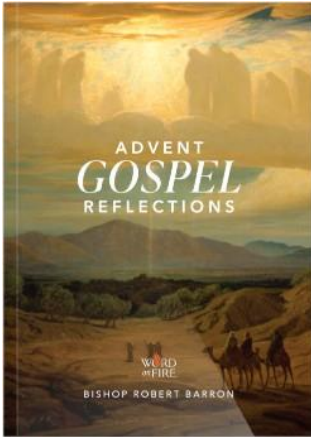
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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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 23rd, 2025 – Christ the King



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.

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, Bilijk 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!

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: November 29th & 30th is Cookie Sunday Weekend. This will be our last Cookie Sunday weekend until January 2026.

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. Any donation you can provide is most appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry!

BILIK 3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, November 29th 10 am – 3:30 pm.

CRAFTS/HOME MADE SWEETS/& MORE

**Wulastukw Wolokehkitimok 712 Church Street,
Kingsclear**

We will be collecting non-perishable food items at the door to support our Community Food Pantry.

Everyone welcome.

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 15 & 16

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,260.75
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
St. Patrick’s Cemetery	25.00
Christ the King	20.00
Oromocto Food Bank	30.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,650.37

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers Wreath

Sale - This is the last weekend to order wreaths. Thank you to all the parishioners who have or plan to place an order. Signup sheet is in the foyer or please contact Mary Waters@ 506-455-0574 or by email: shaunmary89@gmail.com. As a reminder, your wreaths will be available for **pickup** on Saturday, November 29th, Holy Family Church foyer, between 10 am and 12 noon. \$15.00. Cash or cheque.

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!

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

Development and Peace – Turn Debt Into Hope Campaign:

DID YOU KNOW? Our partner, the **Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul**, provided food, dignity kits and psychosocial support to 568 women and children in Ethiopia.

DID YOU KNOW? **30% of Peruvians remain below the national poverty line.** Mining leaves a trail of environmental degradation, conflict and human rights abuses.

DID YOU KNOW? The World Bank estimates that low-income countries spend **more on debt servicing than on health and education combined!**

DID YOU KNOW? Impoverished countries get **locked into debt cycles** because they are forced to borrow at much higher interest rates than rich countries.

DID YOU KNOW? Countries of the Global South can spend over **13 times more on debt** than on adapting to climate change.

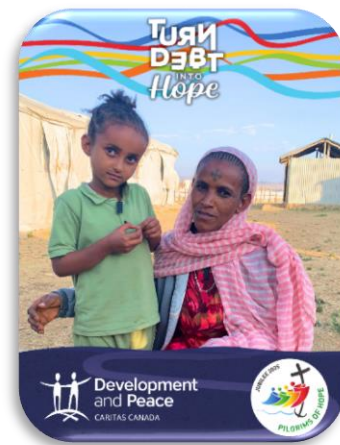
SIGN THE PETITION – YOUR SIGNATURE MATTERS!

By the end of the 2025 Jubilee (scheduled for January 6th, 2026) we aim to collect **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.

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.



Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Nov 23rd Dec Members Frappier Family
Nov 30th James Andrew McAllister
Dec 7th Lynn Dunbar
Dec 14th Randy Murphy
Dec 21st William Buckley / Sandy Goodine
Dec 25th Peter & Chris LaForest

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Nov 22nd For the People
Nov 23rd Nicole Mary Bourcier / Jerry Leach
Nov 29th Paul Devlin / Mabel Caissie
Nov 30th Maureen Marcotte
Dec 6th Joseph Doiron
Dec 7th Carlotta Everett
Dec 13th For the People
Dec 14th Olga Richards
Dec 20th For the People
Dec 21st Howard Richards

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Nov 23rd Lawrence Cameron
Nov 30th John Monkhouse

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 22nd William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
Nov 23rd James McGroarty/Clare/Sophia Obi
Genevieve Obi / Oma Okoye
Nov 29th Margie Snell / Anna Mae Snider
Nov 30th Cinyere Alozie / Norma Downing
Anuli Ezeokafor / Debbie Landau

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 22nd Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
Nov 23rd Sharon Watts/Bettyanne McMackin
Nov 29th Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey
Nov 30th Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon

READINGS for November 16th

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Advent and Christmas Events & Music

2025 Advent Series of Music and Message

*Finding the Light of Christmas
in the Darkness of December*

with Bishop Hockin at Christ Church (Parish) Church

December 3rd – Messenger Rev. Grant Geldart

Music: La Serenata: Dorothy Brzezicki, Sean O'Brien

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December 10th – Messenger: Canon Albert Snelgrove

Music: Elm City String Quartet

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December 17th - Messenger: Bishop Bill Hockin

Music: Trio Carols of the Season

EACH WEDNESDAY @ 12:05 PM - 245 WESTMORLAND ST.

**Free Will Offering will be accepted for the Greener Village
Food Bank. ALL WELCOME!**



33rd Advent Carol Festival

Wednesday December 3rd @ 7:30 pm at

Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland St.

Featuring Local Church and Community Choirs with

Congregational Singing. Free will offering for the

**"Make the Season Kind Campaign" in support of local food
banks. ALL WELCOME!**



Fredericton Ladies Choir Annual Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 9th @ 7 pm at St. Dunstan's Church

Special Guest: Elm City String Quartet

Tickets: \$20/Adult - \$10 Under 18

**(Available at Westminster Bookmark, from choir members,
and at the door)**



**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!**

Our Sacred Stories
Living & Revealing God's Reign
(Fr. John Jennings)

Recently in a discussion group focusing on the spirituality found in Paul's writings, our attention was drawn to his Letter to the Philippians (2:6-11). This section is thought to have been drawn from an early Christian hymn, sung perhaps when our early ancestors in the faith gathered. The piece is a wonderful expression of our core faith. It presents Jesus the Christ moving from the Incarnation to the Paschal Mystery. What a summary of who we are as Christians and what we are to share as the Good News for all humanity..

For the Christian, Phil.2:6-11 is an expression of our spirituality. The hymn calls us discover the person who is Jesus the Christ and to respond personally and communally by our way of life. Put another way, Our Christian faith is a relationship with Jesus Christ. It is not in our rituals and rules that we respond, but in our lived reality, the everyday "stuff" of life. Jesus the Christ, then becomes our way of life, given for all.

As our faith community gathers this Sunday, we mark the Feast of Christ the King. It is the culmination of our faith journey over the past year. We might ask ourselves: Has our everyday life in past months been a life which honoured and expressed the presence of Jesus the Christ to the world of our experience? To the degree that this has indeed been the case, then we have worked personally and communally to build God's reign all around us. That reign is a world marked by "truth and life,... holiness and grace,... justice, love and peace (from: Preface for Feast of Christ the King). Surely something to long for.

The Gospel of Luke presents two very contrasting visions of Jesus, one as he begins his ministry, the other as it is ending. The first, is Jesus after his baptism in the Jordan and a time of struggle in the desert. Luke tells us: "Then Jesus, filled with the power the Spirit, returned to Galilee..." (Lk.4:14). With that Spirit Jesus entered into the mission to which he has been called. Jesus describes the mission in the words of the Old Testament prophet Isaiah: "To bring good news to the poor,... liberation to the captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed." (Is.61:1)

Near the end of Luke's gospel, we find a second image. It is very different, for the image is of the three crosses on Calvary (Luke 23:35-43). This is the scene of Jesus on the cross between two criminals who have been crucified with him. As contrasting as the images may appear, they are not unrelated. In fact, perhaps the two actually express the same thing about Jesus.

Jesus began his mission filled with the Spirit of God. With that Spirit, he undertook to bring the message of God's love and mercy for our world. In doing so, Jesus was proclaiming that the reign of God is near, it is among us. This is the message he gave to his disciples. Then, filled with the Spirit, they would go out with the same mission of love, mercy and peace. In word and action, Jesus revealed the healing love of God to all he encountered.

That mission and message is present on Calvary. It is expressed as Jesus turns to one of those crucified with him. Acknowledging the openness of heart in the person, Jesus confirms that Spirit in him: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." In the scriptures, paradise is a place of beauty, life and peace. It recalls the garden of Eden at the very dawn of Creation presented in the Book of Genesis, a beautiful, place full of life and marked by peace and total harmony. It is the fulfillment of God's reign among us.

Almost a year ago, we started this liturgical year with Advent & Christmas. We heard the stories of the birth of the savior and the message that the Reign of God is near and among us. Now with this Feast of Christ the King and the end of that year, we come to the point where the savior is leaving us, but with the assurances that this Jesus, the Christ remains with us. He continues to bring about the presence of the reign of our loving, merciful God with the Spirit we have all been given.

Every Sunday as a Catholic community we gather to hear the stories of our faith and to share Eucharist at the Table of the Lord. Every year we hear the message and mission of Jesus unfolding in our stories. Our stories tell of God's dream of building a reign not of power and domination, but of love and liberation, of justice, harmony and peace. In Eucharist we pray a great prayer of gratitude to our God who showers the blessings of the reign upon us in so many ways.

May God bless one and all as we seek to live God's reign among us.

Dec. 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Dunstan's
Bishop Christian Riesbeck will preside at a special Mass on Friday, December 12th at 6:30 pm in St. Dunstan's Church, in celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. Graydon Nicholas will give a short talk on the miraculous appearance of Our Blessed Mother to St. Juan Diego in Mexico City on December 9, 10 & 12 of 1531. There will be an Indigenous presence with drumming and chanting and a special collection in support of Gignoo Transition House. A reception will follow in the gym of the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. Everyone is invited to attend.