

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 24th, 2024 – Christ the King

The Holy Season of Advent: St. Francis of Assisi made the first Christmas nativity scene for Christmas Eve in 1223. It was a place where he could slow down and think about the presence of God in his life. Reflecting on the nativity scene can be a meaningful way for us to gather in prayer, mindful of the great joy in Christ that Advent points us toward.

Next weekend we will begin our Advent season with the lighting of the first candle on our Advent Wreath. As we move into Advent the Nativity scene will gradually be built beginning with an empty stable, followed by the shepherds and animals and as we enter the season of Christmas, the church wreaths and trees will appear, ready to be illuminated with the birth of Jesus, reminding us of the Light of Christ.

With Mary as our model, may we all experience Advent as a special time of waiting, hope and peace.

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 **Thursday, 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!

Christmas Mass Schedule, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish:

December 24th: 4pm & 6pm, Holy Family Church, Christmas Eve Masses. (*Masses will be livestreamed and will be the traditional Family Bell Mass with the children.*)

December 25th 9:30am, St. Ann's Church
December 25th 11am, Holy Family Church

January 1st – Mary, Holy Mother of God
Mass at 11am at Holy Family Church

**The Little Blue Book
Advent and Christmas Season
Reflections on the Infancy Narratives
According to Matthew**

Available in the church entrances. Suggested donation \$2.00 each. Please drop your donation in the basket provided.

Christ the King Collection – November 23-24: This collection is taken up in our diocese to help support our priests who are on sick leave or need special care.

Cookie Sunday Weekend: Its Cookie Sunday weekend 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, 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.

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!

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.

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!

READINGS for November 24th

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14
2nd Reading: Revelation 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Nov 24th Gordon and Yvonne Buggie
Dec 1st Juanita Paul
Dec 8th Lynn Dunbar
Dec 15th Randy Murphy
Dec 22nd Shane Gallagher

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Nov 24th Betty Colligan
Dec 1st Mike Solomon
Dec 8th Lawrence Cameron
Dec 15th John Monkhouse
Dec 22nd Stacey Chessie

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

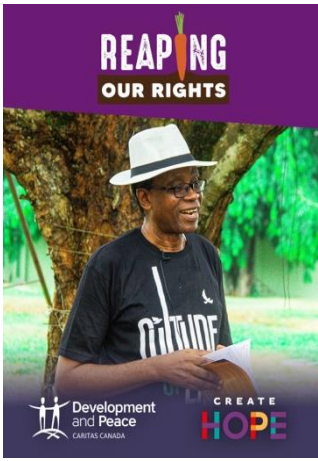
Nov 23rd Scott Cogswell / Annette Belliveau / Jerry Leach
Nov 24th Norma Brown
Nov 30th Sister Mary McHugh
Dec 1st Frank Gooverts
Dec 7th James Andrew McAllister
Dec 8th Carlotta Everett
Dec 14th Raymond Goodine and Brothers Norman and David
Dec 15th Gerald Hoogendyk
Dec 21st Tyler Messer / Leona Murphy
Dec 22nd Jean Dufour & Annette Belliveau

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 23rd William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
Nov 24th Jane Buckley / Maurice Harquail and Chinasa Trinitta
Nov 30th Anna Mae Snider / Joan Sowers
Dec 1st Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden and Flora Ederaro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 23rd Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
Nov 24th Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon
Nov 30th Leslie Carr / ColleenHamilton
Dec 1st Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard



Development and Peace: Reaping Our Rights Campaign

In *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis reminds us that “everything is connected” and “no one is saved alone” (*LD*, 19). This is why peasant farmers in the Global

South need our solidarity to ensure that their rights are respected.

“The rights enshrined in UNDROP provide a clear pathway for peasants in countries like Nigeria to enjoy access to land, and the gifts of nature, and to live in dignity. They expect Canada to make laws to hold her companies accountable and prevent them from polluting the environments and abusing people and the planet in our country.”— Nnimmo Bassey, Executive Director, HOMEF

Article 18 of UNDROP: Right to a clean, safe and healthy environment. States shall take effective measures to ensure that no hazardous material, substance or waste is stored or disposed of on the land of peasants and other people working in rural areas...

Nigeria has adopted UNDROP. In Nigeria, many farmers’ lands have been contaminated by oil industry. Our partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends the rights of farmers to live in a safe clean and healthy environment, and campaigns for justice and redress.

A reminder that to date, Canada has **NOT** adopted this legislation. Canada has a duty to uphold human rights by putting people and the environment before corporate interests, both at home and abroad.

This is why we are asking The Honorable Seamus O’Regan Jr., Canada’s Minister of Labor, to present and work for the adoption of a strong human rights and environmental due diligence law and that is why our signatures on the Action Sheet are so important.

This is our last weekend for an opportunity to **sign the ACTION SHEET** at the back of the church. If you haven’t already done so, please take an opportunity to sign this sheet or sign on line [sign our campaign letter at devp.org/act](https://devp.org/act) to ask Canada to adopt **mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation.**

Thank you for helping us reap our rights together!

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 16 & 17

Regular/Loose	\$ 5,198.05
PAD (wkly. average)	1,986.92
St. Patrick’s Cemetery	25.00
Christ the King	20.00
Oromocto Food Bank	210.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,439.97

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*

Our Sacred Stories

The Kingdom of God: Making the Reign a Reality (Fr. John Jennings)

Sometimes to know where we are, we must know where we came from. The message and the mission of Jesus is to proclaim the Kingdom, the Reign of God. This is what he lived throughout his life. And it is what he shared with his disciples and the people who surrounded him. As followers of Jesus, this is what we are to reflect. But what does this mean, for us, in our lives, at this time in our own world?

On the Feast of Christ the King last year we listened to a piece from Matthew's Gospel (Mt.25:31-46). Its focus was on living the reign by reaching out to the needs of the vulnerable among us. Next year, we will hear from Luke, as he tells of Jesus's sacrifice of his life for all (Lk.23:35-43). This year we turn to John's Gospel (Jn.18:33-37). Appearing before Pilate, Jesus asserts his life's mission as a relationship with God and his call to testify to that relationship for the world. It is to announce the Reign of God among us all.

This testimony by Jesus is not new in the Gospels. As Mark speaks of Jesus beginning his mission and calling his disciples, Jesus proclaims: *The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe the good news* (Mk 1:13). Matthew expresses this good news as Jesus speaks to the crowds in the Sermon on the Mount (ch 5-7). John's Gospel presents Jesus responding to a Pharisee named Nicodemus (Jn.3:1-21). In the course of the encounter, Jesus reveals the purpose of his mission: *For God so loves the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life* (3:16). The reign of God permeates the Gospel message of Jesus.

The Feast of Christ the King comes at the end of the cycle for our church year. Next Sunday, we enter the new year with the Advent season. It seems like the Feast of Christ the King provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what Jesus was all about and what his message and mission was to

effect in our world. Jesus the Christ reveals God's dream for us, for all creation, God is ever among us.

Jesus's incarnation is God's love coming to live among us. In him the reign of God has come near. Calling his disciples to follow him, he gave them a message that called them to share the good news of God's love universally. It is for all humanity. A message of the heart, like the dream and visions of Daniel in the Old Testament (Dan.7:13-14), it is a message for all ages and all peoples.

This was the message expressed in the last major proclamation of the Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et spes*. Vatican II was a pastoral effort to bring the good news to the whole of humanity and creation. If Pope John XXIII saw the council as an opportunity to "open the windows of the church" to the world this document expressed this open vision of God's reign as the council was ending:

The joy and the hope, the grief and the anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joy and the hope, the grief and the anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community composed of people who, united in Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, press onwards towards the kingdom of the Father and are bearers of a message of salvation intended for all. (Gaudium et spes, Preface, 1)

Grandmother Helping Grandmothers Wreath Sale

Thank you to all the parishioners who placed orders this year. As a reminder, your wreaths will be available for **pickup** on Saturday, November 30th, Holy Family Church foyer, between 10 am and 12 noon. \$15.00. Cash or cheque written to: Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers, Fredericton. Contact: Mary Dickinson mary.bergin@gmail.com