

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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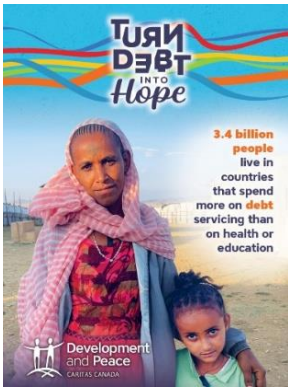
Mass Schedule: St. Ann's Sunday @ 9:30 am/Holy Family Saturday @ 4:30 pm and Sunday @ 11:00 am

November 9th, 2025 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Development and Peace -2025 Fall Campaign

On the Road to Justice!

Precarity in Ethiopia. In Ethiopia, a humanitarian crisis caused by a combination of internal conflicts and displacement; an influx of refugees from neighbouring countries; and recurrent climate shocks has left 28.6 million people needing aid. Having to pay billions every year in interest on the country's substantial debts hampers the state's capacity to address the people's worsening situation.



The crisis is not abstract; it affects real people like **Ade and her daughter, Melati, 5**. They were forced to flee conflict in West Tigray along a path paved with horrors. After a traumatizing month of witnessing deaths and violence against women, they reach a camp for internally displaced persons in Mekelle, where

they finally found some relief.

There, our partner, *The Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul*, provided food, dignity kits and psychosocial support to 568 women and children. Ade said gratefully, **"Their assistance saved our lives!"** But ideally, such lifesaving support should not come from an NGO. Remedying unjust debt burdens and creating a fairer financial system would enable states like Ethiopia to better attend to their citizens' humanitarian and developments needs.

SIGN THE PETITION!! A heartfelt thank you to all who signed the petition last weekend. If you have not had a chance to sign, there is still time. 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." To learn more, read the **Action Sheet (copies available in the lobby of the church)** or visit devp.org/campaign.

Remembrance Service – November 20th, 2025

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

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 November 1 & 2

Regular/Loose	\$ 4,265.63
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
St. Patrick’s Cemetery	25.00
World Mission Sunday	20.00
Oromocto Food Bank	601.00
Religious Education Registration	30.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,255.88

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.

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.

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*."

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.

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



Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

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

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Nov 8th Ray Ward
Annette Belliveau & Jean Dufour
Nov 9th For the People
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 9th Betty Colligan
Nov 16th Mike Solomon
Nov 23rd Lawrence Cameron
Nov 30th John Monkhouse

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 8th Paula Ryan / Joan Sowers
Nov 9th Youth Mass
Nov 15th Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley
Nov 16th Anita & Ray Allain / Bonnie Deveau
Victoria Olopade

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Nov 8th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
Nov 9th Annie Zdyb-Rinne / Dorothy Blanchard
Nov 15th Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
Nov 16th Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin

READINGS for November 9th

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9b-11, 16-17

Responsorial Psalm: The streams make glad the city of God, the habitation of the Most High.

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.

Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre June 13, 14, 15 come home on Tuesday June 16 in 2026.
For more info Please call Rick Bourgeois at 506-327-6777.

Our Great Stories
Our Covenant of Love
Our Relationship with God and Others
(Fr. John Jennings)

Jesus was born into Judaism, his disciples were Jewish and the first generations of Christians came largely from Judaism. As well, they continued to see themselves as an expression of Judaism. It is no surprise then that the New Testament has frequent references to Judaism. Jesus often makes reference to the Old Testament - to the prophets, to the psalms and to the stories of Israel's history. His prayer was in the Jewish tradition and his mission, God's call, is tied to Israel's history. His role was as the expected messiah, leading to a new, fulfilled Kingdom of God.

God's relationship with Israel was marked by God's love for them as His people. The words of the Old Testament prophets express this relationship and its closeness on many occasions. The prophet Ezekiel expresses this love as a great hope and promise. Even in the midst of exile and divisions, God remained with them. Though they had their struggles, God's loving promise did not wane. *A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you;... Then you shall live in the land that I gave your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and will be your God (Ezek.36:26-28).*

Christianity grew out of Jewish roots. Israel's story is our story. We can see this origin in the Old Testament, and we can recognize it reflected in the New Testament. Even our prayer tradition and our liturgies have roots in the forms of prayer and communal celebrations of Israel.

Israel saw itself in a covenant relationship. God called them as a people to be God's own. They in return lived according to the law and in doing so, they had a fuller, happier life as special to God and caring for each other. Like all covenants or alliances, each side promised something to the other in exchange for their bond with each other. That is, they appear to be *bargaining*. But can this happen between two very unequal parties? In this case, the relationship between God and Israel is unequal – between the divine and the human.

The covenant of the Old Testament is also in fact unusual. The relationship results from the free gift of God's love to this People. Over the course of the Old Testament, we learn of this quality of free gift again and again. No matter how many times Israel drifted from God, God continued to reach out in love for them. As unequal as the covenant relationship might, it in fact unusual, dependent on God freely given love.

In John's Gospel we find a story of Jesus as a good practicing Jew visiting the Temple in Jerusalem (John 2:13-22). This is not the only reference to the Temple in the Gospels. It was the center of Jewish worship. It was a place of sacrifice and of prayer. Even more significantly the Temple was a concrete sign that God lived among the People of God, a place where Israel felt assured of God's presence with them.

The Gospel accounts point out that this all came together for the disciples after the Resurrection. Jesus then, becomes the sign of God's loving presence among us. He represents a new way of seeing our relationship with God. God's care and love is not dependent on what we offer to God. It is not affected by sacrifices we might present. It is not the result of bargaining with God. Our relationship with God is a free and unconditional gift from God. We do not have to earn or win God's love and we cannot lose it. It is always there for us. This is a remarkable discovery, a great surprise.

The great expression of God's love comes in the New Testament, with Jesus. Jesus proclaims it a little further on in John's Gospel as describes Jesus in conversation with a Pharisee named Nicodemus. He says to Nicodemus: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,..." (John 3:16).

The piece we hear today in the Gospel reading comes earlier in the Gospel, but it presents that same core element of our faith. Jesus is the sign of God's loving presence for us, the new Temple. Our relationship is not based on our doing something for God. It is not dependent on sacrifice or offering. It is not affected by how we keep rules or commands. It is not the result of some arrangement arrived at by bargaining with God. It is in fact a free gift of God's unconditional love, a love we do not win, and we cannot lose. Paul makes this more personal for us: *Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?... For you are God's temple and you are that temple (1 Cor 3:16-17).* Our covenant is gift, a gift we are called to share with others.

Q/ How might accepting that God loves me unconditionally, affect the way I live?

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.