

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

October 1st, 2023 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

An Invitation to wear Orange: This year at St. Kateri Parish, we offer the invitation to wear Orange at the weekend Masses on September 30th/Oct 1st, since Saturday, September 30 is The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It is also called Orange Shirt Day.

Of course, this is simply an invitation and it is important that we gather together gratefully and openly with everyone and without judgment as to whether or not we are wearing Orange:

The following is helpful information on why we offer this invitation to wear Orange at the Masses.

Orange Shirt Day was inspired by Phyllis Jack Webstad, a Sswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation elder in Williams Lake, B.C. She wore a bright orange shirt to her first day of residential school in 1973 when she was six years old. The shirt was taken from her and since then, the colour orange has reminded her that her feelings did not matter.

Orange Shirt Day was started in Williams Lake in 2013 to commemorate all Residential School Survivors. The orange shirts are a symbol of solidarity. Wearing orange recognizes the many losses experienced by students, their families and communities, over several generations, including loss of family and culture, language, freedom, parenting, self-esteem and worth, and painful experiences of abuse and neglect.

September 30th falls during the time of year when Indigenous children were taken away to residential schools. This day acknowledges that residential schools are a part of our history. Wearing an orange shirt is a national movement to recognize the experience of those who went to Indian residential schools, to honour them, and show a collective commitment to ensure that Every Child Matters. Wearing orange is not just an act of support, but also a commitment to learn, understand, and vocalize the truth about Indigenous history, experiences, and aspirations.

This year you are invited to join in on wearing orange, delving into the heart of our rich and complex histories, and speaking up to share these truths.

Our mission, now more than ever, is to inspire every person to step up, speak up, and act to end racism, helping to forge a culturally safe community where Indigenous peoples can thrive. It's a journey we all need to undertake together - Indigenous community and allies alike – and so we wear Orange together.

Season of Creation - (excerpt from Pope Francis' Message for the Care of Creation)

October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will mark the end of the Season of Creation and the opening of the Synod on Synodality a process that began in October 2021.

Pope Francis invites us to "...join the mighty river by transforming our hearts. This is essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that "ecological conversion" which Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator. Furthermore, we should realize that an integral approach to respect for the environment involves four relations: with God; with our sisters and brothers of today and tomorrow; with all of nature; and with ourselves."

As our journey through the synodal process continues, the Pope shared the following reflection on healing and unity: "Lac St. Anne, I learned, is also a place of healing, consolation and love, a place that "reminds us that fraternity is genuine if it unites those who are far apart, and that the message of unity heaven sends down to earth does not fear differences, but invites us to fellowship, a communion of differences, in order to start afresh together, because we are all pilgrims on a journey."

And as this Season of Creation ends, the Pope asks that "...as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to "renew the face of the earth"."

Upcoming Events

September 30th - Oct. 1st

Cookie Sunday Weekend

Week of September 30th

Pskihqiminsok-Strawberry Basket Display

Provincial Archives, 23 Dineen Drive, UNB Campus. Artist: Katie Augustine an Indigenous artist from the Wolastoqikik community of Neqotkuk First Nation (Tobique)

Red Shawl Campaign, October 2nd to 4th, 2023:

“The Mi’kmaq-Wolastoqey Centre’s Red Shawl Campaign will be held over three days, October 2nd to 4th. A symbol of protection, the red shawl brings healing as we seek action and move toward justice for our lost sisters and their loved ones. Please join us in honoring those we have lost.”

Monday, October 2nd @ 1pm: New Brunswick Provincial Archives – Opening of the Red Shawl Exhibit.

Tuesday, October 3rd, 7pm-9pm: Marshall D’Avray Hall Theatre Room 143 – Public Lecture with Kahente Horn-Miller.

Wednesday, October 4th @ 7pm: Tipi behind Marshall D’Avray Hall – Candlelight Vigil.

Book Display – Church Lobby: As another learning resource a few books are on display in the lobby of the church. Please feel free to pick one up to take home with you to read, but we do ask that the books be returned so others may have a chance to access them as well.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann’s

Oct 1st Charles W. Solomon
Oct 8th Pauline Francis
Oct 15th Arthur Gary Sacobie
Oct 22nd Geraldine Solomon
Oct 29th Francis Solomon

READERS AT ST. ANN’S

Oct 1st John Monkhouse
Oct 8th Liz Solomon
Oct 15th Elaine Geldart

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Sept 30th Alton Burgoyne / Patricia Murphy
Oct 1st Edmund Blanchard
Oct 7th John Chenier
Oct 8th Garth Underhill
Oct 14th Lori Harrison
Oct 15th Carla Agnesi
Oct 21st Jacques Belanger
Oct 22nd Roger LeBlanc
Oct 28th Special Intention
Oct 29th Bernard Harquail

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 30th Mona LeBlanc / William Cormier
Oct 1st Norma Downing/Linda Hubbard & Debbie Landau
Oct 7th Anna Mae Snider / Joan Sowers
Oct 8th Anu Ezeokafor/Eduka Ekeokafor and Laura McCarron

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 30th Colleen Hamilton / Fr. Bill
Oct 1st Ewart Kenney / Sadie Cameron
Oct 7th Joan Sowers / Harold Decourcey
Oct 8th TDB / Fr. Bill

READINGS for October 1st

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, be mindful of your mercy.

Alpha Program and Confirmation 2023 to 2025

Welcome to the start of your journey towards your Confirmation. We have a new program that **consists of 2 steps:**

1. **Alpha Youth Program – Fall – January**
2. **Decision Point Confirmation program - from January of this coming year to the spring of the next year.**

Confirmation is the next step in your spiritual life. We hope you will enjoy this program and see it as a way to enrich your life while having fun and getting to know others in your parish and other parishes.

Class Schedule

1. Alpha Youth Program is online, and will usually have meetings each week. We may join up with other churches so as to have a wide variety of individuals and points of view. There is no work book for the Alpha program, all we ask is that you attend and participate as much as possible, and as much as you feel comfortable with; it is a really interesting program, with a wide range of videos and discussion sessions.

THIS YEAR: Alpha schedule:

Begins – Tuesday October 3rd through to Tuesday December 19th weekly **online** (break between Oct 31-Nov 7)

- RETREAT – Saturday November 25th in person – (Site probably St. Dunstan's gym – Msgr. Boyd Center)

- NET TEAM Retreat – Saturday November 18th – different youth program but all are invited.

- Bishop Retreat – possibly in August – no details yet

2. Decision Point Confirmation program - Jan 2024 to March 2025

Classes will not be every week, but we will meet at least every month. The course is a blend of online and in class sessions. It includes a workbook, videos and discussion sessions. In order to cover the necessary information you must attend classes as much as possible and complete chapters and lessons. This course will begin after the Alpha program is completed, and you must do the Alpha program to start the Confirmation class.

Parent Assistance: To meet the requirements of the diocese, **we must have one parent join us each in person class**, for student safety. A sign up list will be available, or parents can stay while class is ongoing. This is not when class is online – but when we have classes in the church or organized in person events.

Existing Confirmation students

Year 2022 – 2023 Decision Point

Our first class of second term will be online Wednesday September 27th at 6:30. We will continue from where we left off in chapter 5. Please have a look at your workbooks before class. If you have any questions please email msnellholyfamily@gmail.com

CHOIR IS STARTING AGAIN SOON! 🎵

The choir provides music for the 11am Mass on Sunday. They meet for rehearsal every Tuesday at Holy Family Church at 630pm -800pm. If you are interested in participating come to the rehearsal. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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 at Holy Family: Every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church.

Summary of your Support for September 23rd & 24th

Regular/Loose	\$ 2,110.40
PAD (wkly. average)	\$ 1,851.75
St. Patrick's Cemetery	\$ 30.00
Needs Canadian Church	\$ 285.00
Development & Peace	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,327.15

Thank you for your continued support.

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

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

Our Sacred Stories: Peace: God's Dream (Fr. John Jennings)

There is a basic human longing that we all share. We want peace. We want it for our world, we want it for our communities, for our families and we even desire an interior peace for ourselves. To live in peace with one another is a key to healthy relationships. Both around us and within us, we are often without peace. Our lives face division, conflict and animosity globally, communally and personally. It is the great challenge for our humanity and indeed for all creation

It is the great challenge to God's dream. God's Reign is not intended to be this way. The Reign of God is to be marked by peace and reconciliation, by mercy, love and compassion for all. We are one humanity under God's heaven and we share a creation that is entirely a gift of God's love. This Reign of God is central to Jesus's mission and message. As disciples of Jesus our call is to hold this message and share it as our mission as well.

The message and mission are not always held firmly in our hearts and actions. It is what we want and hope, but our actions reveal our inabilities and lack of will. The Gospel writer, Matthew relates a story, a parable of Jesus. It tells of a man who had two sons. One he asked to go work in the vineyard. This son said he would go, but did not. A second son, when told to go, said he would not, but he had a change of heart and in fact did go (Matt 21:28-32). This is a story of discipleship and commitment, of willingness to accept the call and carry it into action.

The story expresses the reality of our lives as disciples. Often, we commit, but do not carry it further. We need to know that even if we reject the call or fail in the commitment, we can have a change of heart. God's Reign is never beyond our reach, for God is a God of love, compassion and mercy. God never gives up on us, nor should we. Hope is eternal, in God's Reign.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to live in peace with one another, sharing peace with our world. It begins with our own relationships. The earliest Christian communities were recognized by some for how they lived with one another. Almost 2000 years ago, a Christian writer, Tertulian (c.160-220), noted the way non-Christians around his community regarded the Christians. As he wrote, they said: "See . . . how they love one another and how they are ready to die for each other." It is how we live that speaks to our world.

St Paul, in his letter to the Christian community in Philippi, sought to encourage this commitment to loving relationships. In his letter, he included what is thought to have been a very early Christian hymn sung at their gatherings (Phil. 2:6-11). He introduced the hymn with an admonition to all of us as disciples. Perhaps it expresses who we disciples are all called to be.

*Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, then make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. **Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus** (Phil 2:1-5). Can I/we really live this mission, in every place, with everyone, at all times?*

**Knights of Columbus Community
Breakfast for October is the 3rd Sunday
(due to Thanksgiving). Sunday, Oct
15th from 10 am to 1 pm at the Knights
Hall. Adults \$8.00, Children \$5.00 and
Families \$25.00. Everyone is welcome!**