

# 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



**World Mission Month:** During October we are invited to journey together as *'Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples'*, which is the theme for this year's World Mission Month. To assist us on our journey, we are encouraged to use Missio's *Minute Missions*, a collection of short prayers, inspiring reflections and some small actions we can undertake daily as we prepare for World Mission Sunday next weekend.

Often when we hear the word 'mission' or 'missionary', we tend to think about travelling to far off places or undergoing some sort of special training. In another sense, it can also mean discovering the missionary within ourselves and how our actions can benefit our communities and the world around us. But how can we discover this? We may find some inspiration in the words of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word, always doing the smallest thing right and doing it all for love."

Below are some prayer reflections and activities provided to us by this week's *Minute Missions*:

*St. John Henry Newman: "God has created me to some definite service and committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I have my mission."*

*Minute Mission-Reflect: Each of us has a mission in the world. Find a quiet moment this week to ask yourself: How am I taking part in God's mission and how can I share my gifts and blessings."*

Activities for the third week of Mission Month:

- October 12<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Carlo Acutis. Learn about his mission to share God's love through modern technology.
- Make a special effort to be a missionary of God's love with everyone you meet this week.
- Say the Lord's Prayer for missionaries who help children in places of conflict.
- Sit somewhere quiet and thank God for all the good things that happened this week.

Next Sunday (October 19<sup>th</sup>) is **World Mission Sunday (WMS)** and Pope Leo invites us all to support Mission – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving invites us to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Special envelopes are available in the lobby of the church for World Mission Sunday.

**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.

## **Coming Soon - Development and Peace Fall Campaign**

### **External debt and ecological debt: Who owes**



**whom?** In Peru, extractive industries account for over 60 per cent of the country's exports. But this does little for Peruvians, 30 per cent of whom remain below the national poverty line. Mining has serious consequences for the environment and

human rights. This adds to the ecological debt that rich countries, which benefit from this exploitation, owe to the local populations who suffer its harmful effects.

Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Bartolomé de Las Casas Institute (IBC), work closely with affected communities to help them assert their rights. To find out more, watch this video:

[devp.org/videoPeru](http://devp.org/videoPeru)

**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.

**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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### **READINGS for October 12<sup>th</sup>**

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.**

### **Mass Intentions at St. Ann's**

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Peter & Chris LaForest

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> For the People

Oct 26<sup>th</sup> James Andrew McAllister

### **Mass Intentions at Holy Family**

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> For the People

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> DFM Badeau & Boyce

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Priscilla Veno

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Fred & Noreen Moar

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Sharon Roberge

Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Earl & Julia Dionne

### **READERS AT ST. ANN'S**

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> John Monkhouse

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Stacey Chessie

Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Elaine Geldart

### **READERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> James McGroarty / Clare Obi  
Genevieve Obi / Oma Okoye

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Mary Beth Gorey/Roly McSorley

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Chinyere Alozie/Norma Downing/Anuli  
Ezeokafor/Debbie Landau

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> William Cormier/Mona LeBlanc

Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Noreen Bonnell/Ebuka Ezeokafor/Oluchi  
Ezeokafor/Maureen Hawthorne

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY**

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Lynn Laagland/Judy Kelly

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Sharon Watts/Bettyanne McMackin

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Leslie Carr/Colleen Hamilton

Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Ewart Kenney/Patrick Burgoon

**Summary of Support for September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

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| <b>Regular/Loose</b>                    | <b>\$ 4,537.20</b> |
| <b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>              | <b>2,314.62</b>    |
| <b>St. Patrick's Cemetery</b>           | <b>15.00</b>       |
| <b>Building Fund</b>                    | <b>20.00</b>       |
| <b>Oromocto Food Bank</b>               | <b>20.00</b>       |
| <b>Needs of the Canadian Church</b>     | <b>677.00</b>      |
| <b>Religious Education Registration</b> | <b>130.00</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>\$ 7,713.82</b> |

**Summary of Support for October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

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| <b>Regular/Loose</b>                | <b>\$ 3,325.15</b> |
| <b>PAD (wkly. average)</b>          | <b>2,314.62</b>    |
| <b>St. Patrick's Cemetery</b>       | <b>25.00</b>       |
| <b>Building Fund</b>                | <b>645.00</b>      |
| <b>Oromocto Food Bank</b>           | <b>125.00</b>      |
| <b>Needs of the Canadian Church</b> | <b>42.00</b>       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$ 6,476.77</b> |

**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](mailto:office@stkateri.ca)  
Thank you for your continued and generous support of our Parish.*

**May 13– 24, 2026: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with**

**Hector Caissie.** Cost of \$3780 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) **Early Booking Special!** Book and pay in full by Oct 14, 2025 and avail a rebate of \$450.00 Limited to the first 5 paying pilgrims only. **INFO:** Hector Caissie at [hectorcaissie@gmail.com](mailto:hectorcaissie@gmail.com) or 506-857-2295.

**Knights of Columbus  
Community Breakfast:  
Sunday, Oct 12th,  
from 10:00AM to  
1:00PM** at the Knicol  
Hall, 170 Regent Street.  
Adults \$ 10.00, Children  
\$ 5.00 and Families \$  
30.00. Everyone is  
welcome.



**Touched by Cancer Mass.** Our Lady of Peace “Touched by Cancer” Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way will take place at St. Anthony’s Church on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All are welcome!

**SILENT RETREAT** - We are happy to invite you once again to our annual silent Eucharistic retreat organized by the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Society. The retreat will be held November 28th-30th at the Villa Madonna and will be led by Father Owen Burns. Cost for the weekend is \$275 (Friday night to Sunday), which includes all meals. A \$55 deposit is required to reserve your spot. For questions, or to register, please contact Nathalie at 506-343-0128 or Rhoda at [dooloo\\_flood@hotmail.com](mailto:dooloo_flood@hotmail.com).

**Taste and See: A Grace**

We bless you, Lord, and  
praise you.  
Your wonders are ever on  
our lips.

For we: **Taste and see  
that the Lord is good.**

We share this meal, Lord, and thank you,  
for this food and all your gifts to us.

As we: **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Open our hearts, Lord, to others  
especially those who hunger and hurt.  
Together let us: **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Inspire us, Lord, and move us to reach out  
in love to those in need so all people may:  
**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

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**Our Sacred Stories**  
**Spirituality: Holiness, Wholeness and Healing**  
**(Fr. John Jennings)**

This weekend we hear two stories of healing...and more. The first story tells of healing the leprosy of a Syrian general, Naaman, by the prophet Elisha (2 Kgs 5:14-17). The second story relates how Jesus heals ten lepers, one of whom is a Samaritan not a Jew (Lk 17:11-19). Leprosy was an isolating disease. It made a person an outcast from the community who stood back in fear of it.

For the person who struggled with the affliction it left them with a humanity that was wounded and broken, physically, but also emotionally and socially. They were broken in body, but perhaps more significantly in spirit and in heart. Their relationships with family, friends and community were fractured. In our own times leprosy is sometimes seen as an image for the isolation and brokenness that is often part of the human experience. Someone who is excluded is often referred to as “being treated as a leper.”

The healing that the prophet Elisha gave to the Syrian, Naaman and that Jesus offered to the ten lepers was more than a healing of the body. It was a healing of the spirit and heart. It returned the broken ones to the fullness of community. In the case of the ten lepers in the Gospel, they were to go the priests who would certify that they were healed and eligible to return to the community. In the story from the Book of Kings, Naaman, a Gentile had a spiritual relationship brought forward in his life as he turned to the God of Israel. Their exclusion has ended.

We all yearn for the wholeness in life that the lepers experienced in their healing. Who is without wounds, whether physical, emotional or social? Who does not long for the closeness of relationship that brings inclusion, care and expression of love? The story of Naaman and the ten lepers is the story of every human being.

We may not have the disease of leprosy, but our lives are marked by a leprosy of spirit in many ways. At the same time we are also marked by the healing that we see in these two accounts. We long for the wholeness that comes from this healing. We call this wholeness *holiness*.

Holiness is sometimes confused with what we might call religiosity. That is, following a strict pattern of belief or rules of a church. In fact, holiness comes from a sense of God’s constant and loving presence with us. It is about a relationship that is vital and active. This relationship is both personal and communal. It cannot be lived alone, taking no other persons into account. And it cannot be real and living if it does not reach out and touch our world with care and concern. In short holiness is always inclusive and caring.

Holiness is actually the wholeness for which we all long. It is the gift of vitality and meaning that helps us to make sense out of our lives. Holiness draws us into a healthy and lively relationship with a God who loves and cares about us. It also draws us into healthy and life-giving relationships with others. Holiness is fullest when lived within a community with whom we can share our experience. It flows from a sense of the spirit, a spirituality that is lived amid our ordinary lives and shared with a community of others on the same journey of life.