

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 13th, 2024 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October is Mission Month. As noted in the Bulletin last weekend, we are sharing stories of the important work of Missionaries throughout the world and how we can help them continue this vital ministry.

Meet Sister Priscia: Sister Priscia belongs to the order of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is the director of a school for the deaf blind in Malawi. Sister Priscia notes that "Our journey is tough, and the resources scarce but in each child's smile, we find the strength to continue. Our goal is to nurture these children into individuals who can confidently stand in society, not just as equals, but as symbols of hope and perseverance. This World Mission Sunday, you can help with that!"

"Meet Sister Genevieve - A Life Transformed by Missionary Animation:



Sister Genevieve's journey began as a young girl living in the mission Diocese of Loikaw, Myanmar when she began to experience a profound desire to become a religious sister. Witnessing the dedication and selflessness of these women in serving others and sharing their lives with the Church inspired her deeply. In Rome, where she is studying thanks to a scholarship from the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, Sister Genevieve speaks lovingly of her homeland's small yet vibrant Catholic community.

The faithful are nurtured through catechesis, the sacraments, and outreach programs for young people and married couples.

Sister Genevieve reminds us, "We need to pray for peace in the world, in the Church, in the family, and in every heart, because many times war begins because of the lack of peace in the hear of one...to build peace, we need to start with our own hearts." "(Pontifical Mission Societies)

World Mission Sunday is next weekend, Sunday, October 20th. Special offertory envelopes are available in the lobby of the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024/25

The first day of class is Sunday October 6th at 10:00am to 10:45am for the following Grades:
Kindergarten/Grade 1
Grade 2 - Grade 4/5 - Grade 6/7

***Please note Grade 3 will begin October 20th (to be confirmed by Catechist)**

Please watch for an initial email from Sharon Watts, Religious Education Coordinator, announcing Catechists/Adult Volunteers for each class. Registration is ongoing if you had not had an opportunity to register your child(ren). If you have any questions, please email Sharon Watts: office@stkateri.ca The Parish office will forward emails to Sharon.

Reflections on Gratitude

By Sister Rosalie Locati, Sisters of Providence

“The seed of gratitude nestles in the deepest recesses of the heart. From our birth it begins to bud forth triggered by the love, attention and sustenance of parents, family, and friends. It begins to leaf out into a variety of words and actions as we grow and develop into unique persons. From the modeling, teaching, mentoring and educating of those around us, gratitude takes its place within our conscious attitudes, ideas and responses to life’s experiences. It is both an emotional response and a choice. It crosses all boundaries of race, age, creed, vocation, gender and nation and yet is emphasized by all great religious traditions.”

Gratitude engenders other virtues such as generosity, humility, compassion, wisdom, joy, integrity and trust. The daily practice of gratitude keeps the heart open regardless of what comes our way. The disposition of mindfulness, of being aware of and thankful for our blessings, helps cultivate our virtues and significantly diminishes or can even eradicate any obstacles to gratitude we may face.

Several quotes remind me of the treasure available when we live with an attitude of gratitude and thankfulness.

“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person, each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.” – Albert Schweitzer

“If you concentrate on finding whatever is good in every situation, you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nurtures the soul.” – Rabbi Harold Kushner

“I give thanks to my God every time I think of you—which is constantly, in every prayer I utter—rejoicing...at the way you have all continually helped promote the Gospel from the very first day,” – Philippians 1:3-6

Wishing you and your families a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving filled with gratitude and love.

The **2024 Fall Campaign Workshop for Development and Peace** will be held at **Holy Family Church, Hanwell Road, Fredericton, NB**, on **Saturday, October 19**, beginning at **10 am to 2 pm**. Our Maritime D&P Animator, Adah Ogbe, will present the campaign. Participants will get the opportunity to view the materials available in print form and from the D&P website, as well as develop plans for the campaign launch in their parishes. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided on site. If you cannot attend in person, register to join the meeting by going to the link provided below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email to join the meeting on Oct. 19.

Here is the zoom link to register for the workshop Oct 19 if you want to promote it in your parish bulletin: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8441111111>

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast:
Sunday, October 13th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street.
Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 30.00. Everyone welcome.

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 October 13th

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13
 Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

**Responsorial Psalm: Fill us with your love, O Lord,
 that we may rejoice and be glad.**

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 Oct 5th & 6th

Regular/Loose	\$ 2,555.55
PAD (wkly. average)	1,986.92
St. Patrick's Cemetery	20.00
Building Fund	625.00
Religious Education Registration	40.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	15.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,242.47

Thank you for your continued and generous support of our Parish.

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

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

Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at St. Anthony's Church on Friday, October 18 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Oct 13th Shane Gallagher
 Oct 20th Norma Daigle
 Oct 27th James Andrew McAllister

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Oct 13th Mike Solomon
 Oct 20th Lawrence Cameron
 Oct 27th John Monkhouse

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Oct 12th Leona Murphy
 Oct 13th Anthony & Claudia Bourque
 Armand & Edna Dube and DFM
 Oct 19th Mary Lynch
 Oct 20th Elsie Blanchard
 Oct 26th Helen Janssens
 Oct 27th Michael Bowland

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 12th Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright
 Oct 13th Jane Buckley/Maurice Harquail and Mhinasa Trinitta
 Oct 19th Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley
 Oct 20th Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden and Flora Ederaro
 Oct 26th William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
 Oct 27th Anita Allain / Ray Allain and Bonnie Deveau

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 12th Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey
 Oct 13th JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey
 Oct 19th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
 Oct 20th Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin
 Oct 26th Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
 Oct 27th Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon

SACRED HEART OF JESUS MEN'S GROUP - Growing in prayer through the scriptures together as men, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Men's Group meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month 7:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Lincoln. For more information, updates please email sacredheart3n1@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving: A Time for Love and Gratitude
(Fr. John Jennings)

“Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?... You lack one thing; go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me. (Mk.10:17,21)

A person comes to Jesus and asks him this crucial question. He is really asking “What must I do to have meaning in my life.” Jesus’ response is to remind him of the basic good that he is called to in the commandments. When the person presses further, Jesus offers a further response.

The further response is direction to make life meaningful now and to truly live the message and mission of Jesus. It is the message of the Kingdom of God, a reign of God for the benefit of all, especially for the poor and the vulnerable.

The Kingdom is a call to every Christian, in fact it is a call to all humanity to accept the message of love and compassion that is to be found in God’s reign, God’s dream for our world. It will demand a great openness from each person and each nation, a readiness to accept that we are all people of God born of God’s creating, life-giving love. Thus, we are truly our sister’s and brother’s keepers, called to care and compassion for all.

In Mark’s Gospel both the person asking the question “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” and the disciples who were following Jesus found themselves challenged by his response. Their thinking was transactional, i.e. they must do something in order to receive something. How often do we find ourselves with the same thinking?

As the conversation continues, Jesus shocks them (and us?). For the disciples (and us?), heaven and the prospect of gaining God’s love has to be earned or won. As Jesus advises them to sell what they have and give the money to the poor, it appears to be more than they could possibly do.

Jesus’s response to their shock is to show he understands their quandary: “For humans it is impossible, but not for God; for God, all things are possible.” This is reassurance for all. Heaven is not earned, nor is God love. All is gift. God’s love is unconditional. It is not about winning or losing, it is about being open and receptive of this love.

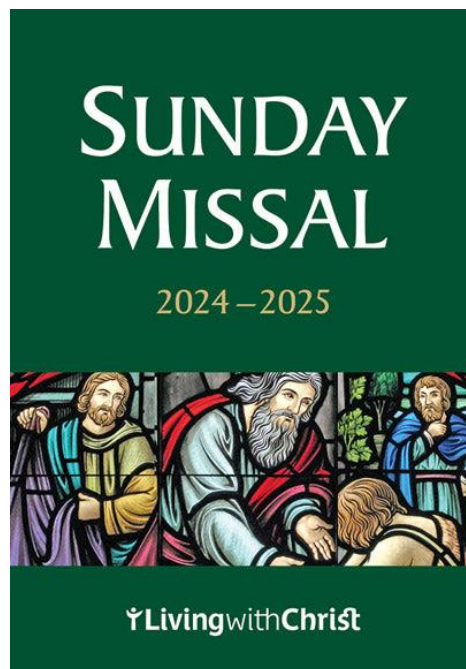
Perhaps all of this is at the base of our challenge. Often it is difficult to receive love, particularly if we have a transactional mentality. We behave in a way that allows us to justify or pay for the love we receive. As Mark tells the story, the person who asked what he needed to do to inherit eternal life could not grasp the response. The openness to Jesus response and the demand he heard was beyond him.

The spiritual writer, Anthony de Mello. *Song of the Bird* tells this story. In the 19th century, a tourist from the States visited the famous Polish rabbi, Hafez Hayyim. He was astonished to see that the rabbi’s home had only one single room filled with books. The only furniture was a table and a bench.

Rabbi, ‘where is your furniture’? asked the tourist. ‘Where is yours?’ replied Hafez. ‘Mine? But I’m only a visitor here.’ ‘So am I.’ said the rabbi.

Quoted by, John Shea. *The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospels for Christian Preachers and Teachers* Year B 250.

As we celebrate our Thanksgiving this weekend, may we express our gratitude to God for all of life and love as gift. May we respond to the call that makes God’s dream of the fullness of life available to all.



***The 2024-25
Sunday
Missals
are now
available at
the church
entrances.
Cost is \$5.00
and can be
dropped in
the basket
provided.
Thank you!***