

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 18th, 2026 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



This is World Mission Sunday Weekend! On this weekend, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in this event. This is a day when we show that we are all missionary disciples who have a role to play in spreading the Gospel message. The financial donation you offer today will assist missionary priests, sisters and catechists throughout the world to spread the Gospel.

Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. **Special offertory envelopes are available in the lobby of the Church.**

Prayer: Let us give thanks for the vibrant diverse and beautiful family of God, united in faith and in the love of Jesus. —Pope Leo XIV

'One in Christ, United in Mission.'

Warm Socks Drive for the Homeless. The John Howard Society of Fredericton urgently needs warm socks to support local unhoused individuals this winter. As the cold weather quickly approaches, the demand for winter supplies is rising rapidly. To help meet this need, donation containers will be available in the lobbies of both **St. Ann's Church** and **Holy Family Church** for the next month.



The John Howard Society provides vital support to adults, youth, and families navigating challenges with housing, mental health, addiction, and social exclusion. Please consider dropping off a pair of warm socks to support our neighbors in need—any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Cookie Sunday Weekend: Next Cookie Sunday weekend is **October 24th & 25th**.



Food Bank Christmas Hamper Donations Starting this weekend and up to the weekend of

December 5th-6th 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.

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!

The Annual Parish Pastoral Report and Parish Financial Report are available at the church entrances.

Sunday Faith Formation Starts This Sunday

We are excited to welcome everyone back for Sunday Faith Formation starting this Sunday, October 18 at 10:00 AM in the church hall. If you haven't registered your child yet, there's still time to do so. Don't miss out—come join us for faith, fun, and learning! See you Sunday!

Mark your calendars... Our Youth Mass will be on Sunday November 8th.

Contact Lesley Lawlor, Religious Education Coordinator if you have any questions at religiouseducationlawlor@gmail.com or office@stkateri.com

**Presentation on Treaties in Canada by Graydon Nicholas
Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Monsignor Boyd Family Centre, St. Mary Magdalene Parish (St. Dunstan's). Graydon Nicholas was part of the Canadian Delegation at the International Conference on Catholic Indigenous (ICCI) held in Auckland, NZ where the Catholic Bishops and Indigenous Catholics from United States, New Zealand, Australia and Canada on March 8-12, 2026. He made a PowerPoint Presentation on Treaties in Canada which he will share this evening.

The ICCI's main purpose is to meet jointly to explore ways to help develop, reverence, and heighten the great gifts that Catholic Indigenous are to the Catholic Church and to foster their missionary discipleship of Jesus Christ. The PowerPoint will be followed by a Q&A.

REFLECTION

"Cast yourself with confidence into the arms of God. And be very sure of this, that if he wants anything of you, he will fit you for your work and give you strength to do it."

—St. Philip Neri

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers is having a Jewelry Sale on Saturday, October 24, from 8am-3pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 170 Regent St. Proceeds are divided between the Stephen Lewis Foundation & Help Lesotho which support life-enhancing programs that aid African grandmothers & their communities. Cash or cheque accepted.

Development and Peace -

Take action to keep Canada on track for justice.

While the most vulnerable populations in the Global South are facing an increase in conflicts, climate change, and the plundering of resources, funding for international aid and development is on the decline. Like many

countries in the Global North, Canada has announced cuts of \$2.7 billion to official development assistance over the next four years. This affects health and education systems, exacerbates poverty, and widens inequalities in the poorest countries. We are already seeing the repercussions on a global scale.

Together, let's make international solidarity a priority. Watch the campaign video from Development and Peace — Caritas Canada to learn more: devp.org/campaign.



Summary of Support for Oct 10 & 11

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,790.00
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
Building Fund	90.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	10.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	15.00
St. Mary's Cemetery	20.00
World Mission Sunday	9.00
Religious Education	60.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,292.46

New Schedules available for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Family Church: New schedules are available in the entrance of the church for the period **October 2026 to January 3, 2027**. If you have any questions, please speak to Jane Buckley for Readers Schedule and Judy Kelly for the Eucharistic Ministers Schedule. Thank you for serving in these vital Ministries that supports our Liturgy.



BILIJK COMMUNITY BINGO

We hope to see you at the next Bingo night which is scheduled for:

Monday, October 26th

at St. Ann's Church

in collaboration with St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.

Game prizes will be \$80.00 per game!!

**10 Regular Games and 2 Specials
(Jackpot and Winner Take All)**

Plus 50/50

Toonie Ball total to date is \$342.00

9 up – 10 games - \$15.00

3 up – 10 games - \$5.00

Specials - \$1.00 per card

(must be purchased at the door with regular cards). None will be sold on the floor.

There will be a canteen with light snacks and refreshments for purchase!! Doors will open at 5:00 pm and BINGO will start at 6:00 pm. CASH ONLY to purchase cards and Canteen!! All funds collected will be used to support Bilijk Elder Annual Ste. Anne de Beaupré Trip in June 2027. 18 Years and Older only and EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Readings for October 18th

1st: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

2nd: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5ab

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Psalm: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Oct 18th Mike Solomon

Oct 25th Lawrence Cameron

Nov 1st John Monkhouse

Nov 8th Stacey Chessie

Nov 15th Elaine Geldart

Nov 22nd Carolanne Doherty

Nov 29th Betty Colligan

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Oct 18th The Greston Family

Oct 25th Helen MacDonald

Henry & Annunciata Colford

Nov 1st Valerie Donovan

Nov 8th For The People

Nov 15th Raymond Francis

Nov 22nd Gordon and Yvonne Buggie

Nov 29th James Andrew McAllister

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Oct 17th Zéron & Rose Chapados

Oct 18th Gerald Hoogendyk / Bernice & Vince Ramsay

Oct 24th Ann Hawkins / Geraldine Hayes

Oct 25th Larry & Arlene Gallant

Oct 31st DFM Meagher and Whitty

Nov 1st For The People

Nov 7th Aline Chapados

Nov 8th Louis & Frances O'Shea

Nov 14th Mary Theresa Valerie Donovan

Nov 15th For The People

Nov 21st Timmy Toner

Nov 22nd Jake McMackin

Nov 28th For The People

Nov 29th Vetta Faulds

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 17th William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc

Oct 18th Anita & Ray Allain / Victoria Olopade

Oct 24th Margie Snell / Joan Sowers

Oct 25th Jane Buckley / Doreen Cormier

Chinasa Trinitta

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 17th Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey

Oct 18th JoAnne Linton / Laura McDonald

Oct 24th Ron Breau / Judy Kelly

Oct 25th Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin

Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery - Donations Welcome:

The Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery Association Board of Directors would like to remind all parishioners that one of our parish cemeteries, Saint Mary's, is located on the Hanwell Road approximately 2.5 kms past Mazerolle Settlement Road on the right side of the road. From our recent Annual Meeting, the Board would like to remind all

Parishioners that the Cemetery Association would be pleased to accept any donations in support of Cemetery maintenance. Donations can be put in an envelope and placed in the offertory collection at Mass. Note, cheques should be made payable to: Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery Association. Tax receipts will be provided. For additional information please contact Victor Badeau or

Robert Small Small at badeau@nbnet.nb.ca or

jhgs3026@gmail.com .

Our Sacred Stories
Recognizing God Active Among Us
(Fr. John Jennings)

Our Christian Catholic faith has had a long history of development. We seek to constantly grow in our understanding of this faith and see in it how it impacts our humanity and the lives of each one of us. Sometimes we see this process as what we call theology. This term can scare or unsettle us, but it need not. Theology is sometime described as faith seeking understanding. It is simply our human search for describing our relationship with God. Put another way, it is an effort to understand how God plays a part in our lives.

The readings of this Sunday help us to see that God speaks to us in human terms. In our scriptures, both the Old and New Testament we hear of God using human instruments to enter our story. In the 1st reading, the prophet Isaiah, speaks of the Persian King, Cyrus. As Isaiah describes it, a pagan king becomes the instrument by which God saves the People of Israel from exile and returns them to their land. Through Cyrus, God intervenes in the history of God's People. (Is.45:1, 4-6)

In Matthew's Gospel, we hear one of the stories of Jesus' discussing with the Pharisees (Matt.22:15-21). They try to trap him into denying his Judaism or into speaking against Roman authority. Jesus's response to them is to do neither. The story draws us into a recognition that faith and our relationship with God is lived out in the midst of the secular world. Jesus points out to the Pharisees that they are to give to God what belongs to God and to the Emperor what belongs to him.

We live in a complex world of the secular and the spiritual. Neither denies or excludes the other. The story of Christian faith is founded on what we refer to as the Incarnation. It is one of the foundations of our faith that God enters our human condition in the person of Jesus Christ, God and human. This basic belief is the fullest expression that God speaks to us in human terms. This is a proclamation that all humanity, all human life, all human history is touched by the presence of God. God truly does speak to us in human terms, in every time and place. God really does stand with us.

of God-with-us. We are a faith that sees God speaking and acting in the context of our human story, i.e. in the times in which we live. Our Church's 2000year history shows many occasions when we failed to be God's

voice in a way that could be heard by people of particular cultures and times. But it is also replete with a host of times when it reached out to the context, time and cultures in which it lives. As Church and as the presence of God's People in our own time, this is the gift we can bring to our world.

The Second Vatican Council expressed this vision repeatedly. It spoke explicitly of this vision in the last of its great documents, *The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et spes)*. This document takes its title from its beginning words: "The joy and the hope, the grief and the anguish of the people of our time... are the joy and the hope, the grief and the anguish of the followers of Christ as well." (GS 1) With these words, Vatican II expressed its solidarity with the world and context of its time. It understood that our God speaks and acts in the present world in which we live. In every era, the life and faith of our Church is intended to listen to and speak to the culture and people of our time.

As he addressed the opening of the recent Synod on Synodality (9 Oct 2021), Pope Francis set the aims for the Church. First, that we become a **synodal Church**, open to all, and involving all. Second, that we become a **listening Church**, to listen to the Spirit, to one another and to the world around us, that is with a "renewed pastoral life". Third, that we become a **Church of closeness**. As Francis expressed it: "Let us keep going back to God's own 'style', which is closeness with attitudes of compassion and tender love. God has always operated that way." (Address of Pope Francis to Opening of the Synod. 9 October 2021)

Are we becoming a Synodal Church, listening to the Spirit, to each other and to the world? Are we a Church of closeness that acts pastorally in response to our world?

Join us for the **St. Dunstan's Fall Supper!** Gather your family, friends, and neighbors for a delicious, comforting autumn feast. **On the Menu:**
A full traditional dinner featuring turkey, potatoes, squash, carrots, gravy, dressing, desserts, coffee, tea!

Date: Sunday, November 1st

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM / The Monsignor Boyd Family Centre ([120 Regent St., Fredericton](#))

Take-out options are available! Adults: \$20. Youth \$10
Children under 5: FREE. We can't wait to see you there!