

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 19th, 2025 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



This is World Mission Sunday!!

In our increasingly global community, we all have personal connections with countries overseas – whether that's through family, travel or prayer. Missio (the Pope's charity for world mission) supports the Church in 157 countries around the world.

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit.

To listen to Pope Leo's message for World Mission Sunday, "Help me, help the missions", click on the following link: [Pope's World Mission Sunday Message](#)

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 to Jesus – Missionary of Hope

Oh Jesus, Divine Missionary of Hope, your heart speaks to us of love. Your life offers us life in abundance, your resurrection, an eternal future!

Through your missionary disciples, come and embrace the entire world. Look upon our sisters and brothers; the billions who are poor and afflicted.

May your Church take up humanity's cry among all peoples. May she extend your mission of love, of salvation and peace, to comfort us.

Help us respond to this urgent call, as courageous messengers and builders, firmly anchored in Hope, with our eyes fixed upon you, Lord.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot, pray for us. Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and Saint Francis Xavier, Patrons of missions, pray for us. Mary, Queen of missions, pray for us. –P. Yoland Ouellet, o.m.i, National Director of the PJMS, Francophone Canada.

Cookie Sunday Weekend: Next Cookie Sunday weekend is **October 25th & 26th**.

Food Bank Christmas Hamper Donations: Starting this weekend *and up to the weekend of December 6th-7th 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.

This will be our last collection of donations until after Christmas. 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!

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)



Development and Peace – Fall Campaign.

The 2025 Fall Campaign, *Turn Debt into Hope* will begin next weekend. **TOGETHER**, let's send a clear message to the world's creditors and political leaders: that the unjust debts of the Global South, which oppress the most impoverished people, must be remedied, so that everyone can live in peace and dignity. More details to come in the following weeks.

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, 3rd 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 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.

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.



Menahqesk Pow Wow – October 25th at the TD Station, 99 Station Street, Saint John. The Menahqesk Wabanaki Traditional Pow Wow is a one-day event hosted by the City of Saint John. You are invited to gather and celebrate the rich

and diverse Indigenous Culture of Turtle Island. Everyone is welcome to witness, experience and celebrate with us!

Schedule for Saturday, October 25th:

10am – Menahqesk Pow Wow Market
 11:30am – Drum Roll Call
 11:45am – Grass Dance Blessing
 12noon – Grand Entry, Flag Song, Opening Prayer, Head Dance Exhibition
 1-4:30pm – Intertribals & Social Dances, exhibitions, specials and giveaways
 5pm – Grand Exit

READINGS for October 19th

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Responsorial Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heav'n and earth.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Oct 19th For the People

Oct 26th James Andrew McAllister

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Oct 18th Priscilla Veno

Oct 19th Fred & Noreen Moar

Oct 25th Sharon Roberge

Oct 26th Earl & Julia Dionne

George Saad & Linda Ajaltouny

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Oct 19th Stacey Chessie

Oct 26th Elaine Geldart

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 18th Mary Beth Gorey/Roly McSorley

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

Oct 25th William Cormier/Mona LeBlanc

Oct 26th Noreen Bonnell/Ebuka Ezeokafor/Oluchi
Ezeokafor/Maureen Hawthorne

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 18th Lynn Laagland/Judy Kelly

Oct 19th Sharon Watts/Bettyanne McMackin

Oct 25th Leslie Carr/Colleen Hamilton

Oct 26th Ewart Kenney/Patrick Burgoon

Summary of Support for October 4th & 5th

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,362.95
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
St. Patrick's Cemetery	15.00
Building Fund	305.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,000.57

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
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 or 506-857-2295.

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.

SUNDAY MISSAL

2025–2026



LivingwithChrist

**The 2025-2026
Sunday Missals are
now available at the
church entrance.
Suggested donation
\$5.00 can be
dropped in the
basket. Thank you!**

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.