

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 25th, 2026 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus Light of the World

Advent – Prepare Your Heart. St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish is offering an opportunity to enter into the Advent Season by offering two Prayer Sessions facilitated by Fr. Bill and Pam Breau. The first prayer session will be on **November 12th and the second on November 26th**. Both sessions will be held at Holy Family Church beginning at 7pm.

In the first two sessions we will explore ways of praying with Scripture as spiritual practice. An opportunity for prayer, reflection and small group discussion will shape the sessions.

As Advent begins, we will also be offering each week an evening of prayer, reflection and small group discussions based on scriptures. This year's sessions will be based on the Book of Daily Devotions, "Advent with the Saints", prepared by Fr. Greg Friedman a Franciscan Friar, pilgrim guide and retreat presenter. Each day includes selected scripture readings, a reflection and a simple spiritual practice. Through these reflections we are invited to, 'slow down, pay attention and prepare our hearts.'

Our first **Advent Session will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at 7pm at Holy Family Church.** If you are interested in taking part in these sessions, please sign up on the sheet located in the church entrance. Judy Kelly will be facilitating this journey. Join us as we prepare our hearts for Advent—first with two preparatory prayer sessions in November, followed by small group discussions once Advent begins. If you have any questions, please speak to Judy or email office@stkateri.ca

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: It's 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!

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!

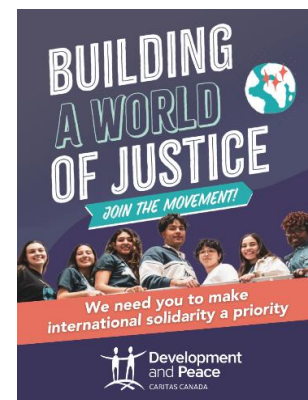
Mark your calendars... Our Youth Mass will be on Sunday November 8th.

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

The Power of Movement. Become a member of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada

For nearly 60 years, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada has been working to build a world of justice. How? By supporting community development programs and projects in more than 30 countries around the world and by mobilizing Canadians to promote peace and justice.

The strength of our movement lies in people like you who, every year, take one (or more) concrete action to make international solidarity a priority. A first concrete step is to become a member and join our movement of more than 13,000 members. To learn more, see 'Join the Movement' brochure and **membership enrolment cards** in the lobby of the church or go to: devp.org/campaign.



Together, let's send a clear message to the Government of Canada to increase official development assistance.

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

REFLECTION

“For the Christian community, social justice is a concrete way of following Jesus and remaining faithful to the Gospel...because the way we approach and relate to the least among us becomes, in concrete terms, the measure of our relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters.”

—Pope Leo XIV, *Magnifica Humanitas*, #77

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.

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.



Mission does not end with October. As we conclude World Mission Month, we remember that the Church's missionary work is ongoing. Our baptismal call to share the Gospel continues beyond this season, inviting us to remain engaged—through

prayer, storytelling and generous action. In his message for 2026 World Mission Sunday, Pope Leo XIV underlined that love is the “essence” of the Church's mission. He said, “The mission of the disciples and the Church as a whole is to continue the mission of Christ in the Holy Spirit: a mission born of love, lived in love, and leading to love.” Let us receive that love anew, be transformed by it even more, and then let that love overflow for the evangelization and transformation of the world.

We are grateful for your support this October—and we invite you to continue the journey. Hope does not disappoint—and the world still needs hope. Special donation envelopes are still available in the lobby of the Church. Thank you for your prayers and your generosity.

Development and Peace - Youth Ambassadors: Are you passionate about social justice, global issues and youth engagement? Do you want to put your ideas into action and develop your leadership skills? Applications are now open for the 2026-2027 season of the **Fabien Leboeuf Youth Ambassadors Program!** Join a community of young people across Canada and help mobilize your peers to build a more just and inclusive world. **Apply by November 3, 2026!** Click on the following link for more information: <https://devp.org/en/emploi/youth-ambassadors-2026/>



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!!

Summary of Support for Oct 17 & 18

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,588.50
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
Building Fund	10.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	10.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	35.00
Religious Education	20.00
World Mission Sunday	865.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,826.96

Readings for October 25th

1st: Exodus 22:21-27

2nd: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Psalm: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

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 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 24th Ann Hawkins / Geraldine Hayes

Oct 25th Larry & Arlene Gallant

Oct 31st DFM Meagher and Whitty

Nov 1st Aline Chapados

Nov 7th Annette Belliveau / Jean Dufour

Nov 8th Louis & Frances O'Shea

Nov 14th Mary Theresa Valerie Donovan

Nov 15th Fred and Noreen Moar

Nov 21st Timmy Toner / Claire Gilmore

Nov 22nd Jake McMackin / Shane McGarrigle

Nov 28th For The People

Nov 29th Vetta Faulds

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 24th Margie Snell / Joan Sowers

Oct 25th Jane Buckley / Doreen Cormier

Chinasa Trinitta

Oct 31st Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell

Nov 1st Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 24th Ron Breau / Judy Kelly

Oct 25th Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin

Oct 31st Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider

Nov 1st James McGroarty / Clare or Sophia Obi
Genevieve Obi

Our Sacred Stories: God and Us Living in the Kingdom of God (Fr. John Jennings)

We live in Canada. Geographically, we are a huge country. From east to west, we extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the border of the US, we reach into the Arctic to the north pole. We are also a multicultural country with citizens who have their roots from countries and cultures around the globe. To be a citizen of this country and to live here presents us with many blessings as well as expectations.

We have a loyalty to this nation and are proud to call ourselves Canadians. It demands that we respect our fellow Canadians and care for the land in which we live. Our citizenship demands that we do what we can for the good of our country, but also that we work to better our world. Our country was founded in 1867 to provide “peace, order and good government” (BNA 1867), but not just for us.

We live in a wider world. The vision is directed beyond our borders, for the common good of all peoples. The peace and well-being of all must be our concern, especially the peace and well-being of the most vulnerable of our world. To have this concern is to express what is found in Pope Francis’s encyclical letter, *Fratelli tutti* (3 Oct 2020). For Francis, we are all sisters and brothers. Everyone is our neighbour. Since we share a common humanity, we are “Neighbours without borders”.

This can be a stretch for us. But in fact, we are called even further. In another of Pope Francis’s encyclicals, *Laudato si* (24 May 2015), we are challenged to take up our responsibility for all creation with care for all creatures. The earth, all creation is “Our common home”.

The fundamental message and mission of Jesus and the Gospels is to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is among us. What does it mean? The Good News of Jesus Christ may be stated in this way: *As a people of the Kingdom, we see ourselves as living in a loving relationship with God as the community of God’s People, and in love and respect for one another and for all creation.* Such a loving relationship with all creation is the fullness of living faith. It is summarized by the Gospel writer Matthew in two commandments – loving God and loving our neighbour (Matt 22:34-40).

We are a community of disciples, a sign and sacrament of God and God’s Kingdom in the midst of our world. How we live makes the Reign of God come alive. Together, in every Eucharistic gathering, we pray the Our Father and we hear ourselves ask of God “Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” To do so is to pray for the fullness of the Kingdom, among us. We pray for “Our common home”. How might we do this effectively and work to building peace and compassion in our world?

Two Years ago, in November 2024, our Church concluded what was call The Synod on Synodality. This was a meeting of our whole global church, held in several sessions in Rome, with voices from all of the global Church. The sessions in Rome included both laity and clergy, women and men.

The Final document of the last session attempted to reveal both the conclusion and the method of the Synod on Synodality. How do we reach out as a global Church, addressing the hopes and dreams of our world community with faith, compassion and love? The Synod offered some insight on how we might discover who and why we are. It offers some guidance on how we might proceed to reach out to our local communities as well as to the world of which we are a part.

As the document indicates, we are a church who has a capacity to gather together in order to *Dialogue*, to *discern*, and to *decide*. When we listen actively to one another and openly hear one another, we discover “a Church that is closer to people and more relational – a Church that is God’s home and family”.

The Final Document of the is quite explicit in how the Synod expresses who we are: ***Synodality is the walking together of Christians with Christ and towards God’s Kingdom, in union with all humanity. Orientated towards mission, synodality involves gathering all levels of the Church for mutual listening, dialogue, and community discernment*** (Final Document of the Synod on Synodality art.28, 24 November 2024).

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

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!