

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 5th, 2025 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Season of Creation:

October 4th not only marks the end of the *Season of Creation* but recognizes the **Feast Day of St.**

Francis of Assisi. Long

before he was formally recognized as the Patron Saint of Ecology by Pope John Paul II in 1979, this humble Saint was well known for his love of nature and interconnectedness with all of God's Creation. In an excerpt from St. Francis' Canticle of the Sun, he reminds us that it is Sister Earth who supports us: "We praise you, Lord, for Sister Earth, who sustains us with her fruits, colored flowers, and herbs. We praise and bless you, Lord and give you thanks and serve you in all humility." His life can be best defined as follows:

Sisterhood and Brotherhood with Nature: He often referred to animals and other elements of the earth as "Sister Mother Earth", "Brother Wind", and "Sister Water".

A Life of Simplicity and Harmony: Early on in life Saint Francis relinquished his wealth and instead lived a life of poverty and service to others all the while living in harmony with nature.

Love for All Creation: From the creatures of the earth to the smallest of plants to the stars in the night sky, Saint Francis believed in the interconnectedness of God's creation.

A Model for Environmentalism: His teachings and the way he lived his life reflected our responsibility to care for Mother Earth and all her inhabitants; not as consumers and exploiters but as good stewards.

As we seek balance with Mother Earth with respect and honor let us continue to strive to become better stewards of God's Creation. May we continue to pray in gratitude for the beauty of creation.

Prayer of Gratitude for Beauty of Creation

God, our Creator of heaven and earth, how blessed we are to be surrounded by the beauty of your creation.

***We** lift our prayer of gratitude as we see the stars of heaven, and the beauty of the sunset.*

***We** are amazed by the seas and waterways and all that are in them.*

***We** are enchanted by the flowers and trees which are clothed by you.*

***We** are awed by all the animals you created.*

For the beauty of the earth, the mountains and valleys, the sun and the moon – we give you praise.

Amen.

-Author Unknown

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.



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.

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



October is World Mission Month. During October, we are called to be 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples' and are encouraged to pray and help raise awareness for global Missions.

World Mission Sunday (WMS) is October 19th and there will be a special collection (envelopes will be available in the lobby of the church). Donations to WMS go directly to missionaries and local churches in mission dioceses. These communities request the support they need to bring lasting change – whether it be to build a chapel, provide vital healthcare, set up a school, or create a safe space for children. It ensures that support reaches areas most in need, who suffer great poverty, conflict and turmoil and encourages communities to grow in faith, dignity and self-reliance.

Prayer for Every Day of Missionary Month

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 Therese of the Child Jesus and Saint Francis Xavier, patrons of missions, pray for us. May, Queen of Missions, pray for us.

--P. Yoland Ouellet, o.m.i, National Director of the PMS, Francophone Canada.

The summary of Support for September 27th & 28th will be made available in the Bulletin for next weekend.

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.

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.

SAINT MARY'S CEMETERY FALL CLEAN-UP

Volunteers needed for the annual Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery (Hanwell) clean up. Saturday, October 4th, from 9:00 AM until Noon. We will be cleaning headstones, levelling graves, cutting back some tree branches. No experience required. Just show up. For more information contact Vic Badeau at 5064402840.

READINGS for October 5th

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Oct 5th For the People
 Oct 12th Peter & Chris LaForest
 Oct 19th For the People
 Oct 26th James Andrew McAllister

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Oct 4th Ralph Christie
 Oct 5th Jake McMackin
 Oct 11th For the People
 Oct 12th DFM Badeau & Boyce
 Oct 18th Priscilla Veno
 Oct 19th Fred & Noreen Moar
 Oct 25th Sharon Roberge
 Oct 26th Earl & Julia Dionne

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Oct 5th Lawrence Cameron
 Oct 12th John Monkhouse
 Oct 19th Stacey Chessie
 Oct 26th Elaine Geldart

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 4th Margie Snell / Joan Sowers
 Oct 5th Anita & Ray Allain / Bonnie Deveau
 Victoria Olopade
 Oct 11th Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider
 Oct 12th James McGroarty / Clare Obi
 Genevieve Obi / Oma Okoye
 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 4th Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey
 Oct 5th Sadie Cameron /Dorothy Blanchard
 Oct 11th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
 Oct 12th JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey
 Oct 18th Lynn Laagland/Judy Kelly
 Oct 19th Sharon Watts/Bettyanne McMackin
 Oct 25th Leslie Carr/Colleen Hamilton
 Oct 26th Ewart Kenney/Patrick Burgoon

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.

Shelter & Foodbank Donations. WOW!! A huge **THANK YOU** to parishioners from St. Ann's Church, Holy Family Church, and Residents from Shannex for your generous donations at last weekend's Cookie Sunday! In this Jubilee Year, you continue to provide *hope* to those in need.

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 17th at 7pm. All are welcome!

Our Great Stories
Faith: Small is Great
(Fr. John Jennings)

Faith the size of a mustard seed – what an image Jesus uses as he responds to his disciples! They ask him to increase their faith. Faced with what they hear are the demands of discipleship, they feel inadequate, too limited in their ability to respond to his call. His response is to tell them that they do not need *more* faith (Luke 17:5-10). What they need is to recognize the power of *small* faith.

This *small* faith is with us in so many ways. It marks our lives and allows us to make sense ourselves, to recognize who we are. Such faith seems so ordinary that we take it for granted and forget its significance. Often, we limit “faith” to belief. It is much broader. Faith is at the core of all our relationships. It is the trust with which we live our lives.

Two great circles of relationship dominate much of our lives. The first is our relationships with one another, the second is how we relate to our environment, the world, the creation in which we live. Our peace and contentment are dependent on these two clusters of relationships. Relationships are blessings, the delight that God has in each of us and all creation.

Our many specific relationships are a reflection of our relationship with God, the source of our life and the foundation of our capacity to love. It is in these two circles that we live out our relationship with our God. The major support for each of them is what we refer to as faith, the willingness and capacity to have a life that looks beyond ourselves and to trust in another.

It is quite striking to witness a couple who are getting married. For all the excitement and the many plans and preparations that surround a wedding, it is something more that creates the wonder of what is happening. The couple pledges love to one another “in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health”, and they promise this for the rest of their lives. What makes this possible is their bond of love. With this love, they can hold each other in trust, with a faith in each other no matter what may come their way. True friendships are based on such trust and faith.

The bond of relational love is what Pope Francis’s *Encyclical on Climate Change and Inequality* (*Laudato Si* 2015) expresses. He sees the commitment we make to all creation in this light. Humanity together shares creation as “our common home”. In his final prayer, the pope appeals to all for the sake of all: *Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature.* The call for peace, justice and care for creation founded on our relationships with God and with one another in our common home.

Discipleship is a call to faith and courage. In the Gospels we hear of those who began to follow Jesus. When they did so, they did so in faith, trusting in this person who was calling and leading them. Sharing the mission of Jesus is to live in faith, trusting in the relationships that come with it – with God who gives us life, with Jesus who blesses our humanity, with one another as we work together and with all creation, God’s great gift and the reflection of God’s love.

The gift faith is always about our relationships and how we live them. Following the model given us by Jesus, we find ourselves called to listen, to respond, to reach out in love in a messy, often wounded world. This brings reconciliation and healing to our brokenness and the brokenness of all creation. Faith the size of a mustard seed – what a difference it can make in all of life!

Journey with the Pope

“Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell.

We can ask ourselves, then: what spaces in my life do I need to put in order so that they are ready to receive the Lord?”

--Pope Leo XIV