

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 6th, 2024 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October is Mission Month – Are you Ready?

The month of October is a special period of reflection and action for our Church's missionary efforts worldwide.

This year **World Mission Sunday** will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 20th** the second to last weekend in October as is the tradition. This year's theme chosen by Pope Francis is '**Go and Invite EVERYONE to the Banquet**'. Inspired by the parable of the wedding banquet in the Gospel of Matthew 22:9 emphasizing our call to bring God's love and message to all corners of the world. Our mission is to reflect this divine hospitality, bringing joy, compassion, and hope to everyone we encounter.

"In this year devoted to prayer in preparation for the Jubilee of 2025, I wish to encourage all to deepen their commitment to take part in the celebration of Mass and to pray for the Church's mission of evangelization...she does not cease to pray, at every Eucharistic and liturgical celebration, the "Our Father", with its petition, "Thy kingdom come". In this way, daily prayer and the Eucharist in particular, make us pilgrims and missionaries of hope, journeying towards everlasting life in God, towards the nuptial banquet that God has prepared for all his children.

The contributions collected on World Mission Sunday are crucial for sustaining the Church's mission in over 1,150 territories where the Church is still young or struggling. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to engage fully in this mission throughout the month of October." -Pope Francis, The Pontifical Mission Societies

Over the next two weekends we will provide you with some short stories on the work of Missionaries around the world and how you can help.

Shelter & Foodbank Donations. 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! Through your donations we collected dozens of cookies for the Shelters and Foodbank along with much needed goods for preparation of the Food Bank School Lunch Program.

Your kindness and generosity are outstanding! You are truly answering the teachings of Jesus. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024/25

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

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.

Update on Sudan Hunger Crisis: A Robust Response. In response to the ongoing Sudan hunger crisis, **Development and Peace** has launched an emergency project in the Juba mountains in South Kordofan state. Funded by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and implemented in partnership with Trócaire, the six-month project will provide critical nutrition supplies to thousands of children and pregnant and lactating Women. United Nations agencies estimate about 25.6 million people—over half the country’s population—are facing acute hunger.

Sudan is also experiencing the world’s largest internal displacement crisis. Of the more than 10 million people who have fled their homes, 7.9 million have been displaced within Sudan and more over 2 million have sought refuge in neighboring countries. Around one in seven of the world’s internally displaced people is now Sudanese. The starvation and displacement have been caused by many years of communal strife, disease outbreaks, economic and political instability and climate disasters. These pre-existing adversities have been greatly exacerbated by a civil war that has been raging for over 500 days.



Our partners are saving lives. Such is the situation in which our new project will provide vital lifesaving aid to some of the most marginalized people. Our outlay of just over \$586,000, will allow Trócaire to prevent malnutrition deaths by delivering ready-to-use

therapeutic food and milk, supplementary food and oral rehydration solution to over 8,700 people at 15 health centers and in their catchment villages in the Juba Mountains.

The Nuba Mountains, which border South Sudan, were once the hotbed of strife. Recently, however, they became a “haven of relative security”, according to Refugee International, who report that over 700,000 internally displaced people have arrived there since April 2023. Situating the project in this region allows Trócaire to not only reach the most vulnerable people, but also to do so safely and effectively.

But they need more help. As crucial and meaningful as Trócaire’s work through this project will be it will come nowhere close to meeting the monumental needs of the Sudanese people. In April 2024, Development and Peace—Caritas Canada had joined civil society organizations including Caritas Africa, Caritas Internationalist, CAFOD, Catholic Relief Services and the Jesuit Refugee Service in issuing a joint statement urging “the international community not to abandon the people of Sudan” and calling for “much greater international humanitarian support to mitigate the enormity of the suffering of the people.”

With our Cooperation Canada partners, we recently reiterated this message in a public statement addressed to Canada’s ministers of foreign affairs and international development.

This call has now become urgent, as has the need to your solidarity and generosity. To make a donation click on the following link: https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/?tfa_89

Saint Mary’s Cemetery Clean Up!!

Volunteers needed for the Annual Saint Mary’s Catholic Cemetery (Hanwell) clean up. Saturday, October 5th, 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 506-440-2840. Your time is greatly appreciated.

READINGS for October 6th

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7b, 15, 18-24
2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

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!

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 Sept 28th & 29th

Regular/Loose	\$ 2,622.30
PAD (wkly. average)	1,986.92
St. Patrick's Cemetery	15.00
School Supplies	70.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	385.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,079.22

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

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Oct 6th James Andrew McAllister
Oct 13th Shane Gallagher
Oct 20th Norma Daigle

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Oct 6th Betty Colligan
Oct 13th Mike Solomon
Oct 20th Lawrence Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Oct 5th Walter Randall
Oct 6th Leah Devlin
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 5th Anna Mae Snider/Joan Sowers
Oct 6th Noreen Bonnell/Anul, Ebuka and Oluchi Ezeokafor
Oct 12th Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright
Oct 13th Jane Buckley/Maurice Harquail and Mhinasa Trinitta

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 5th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
Oct 6th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard
Oct 12th Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey
Oct 13th JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey

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.

Our Sacred Stories

The Synod on Synodality: Its Roots in Vatican II: Openness to all (Fr. John Jennings)

Our church is currently in the midst of a synod. The first session took place last October. The second session begins this month. The synod, taking place in Rome, is a gathering of the whole church, laity and clergy, women and men. It has its roots in the Second Vatican Council which took place some 60 years ago. That council was an effort to discover the pastoral mission of the global Catholic church in our era. The Synod on Synodality, seeks to carry this task forward now in the 21st century. It might help us to look at a little of the history that has brought us to this time.

Our faith community has a story, in fact many stories. These stories constitute our history, how we became the community of faith that we are today. The history is not static and unchanging. Like all life, our Church is continually evolving, changing in response to the place, culture and needs of the time in which we are living. Right from the very beginning, the followers of Jesus (disciples) were called upon to take the Good News (Gospel) out and share with their world and its peoples.

It was through their sharing of the Gospel in the places and among the people of their own time that the first disciples began their mission to build the Reign of God as Jesus had done. This had been the mission of Jesus. Now, after the Resurrection, it was the task of new disciples, in fact of many new disciples.

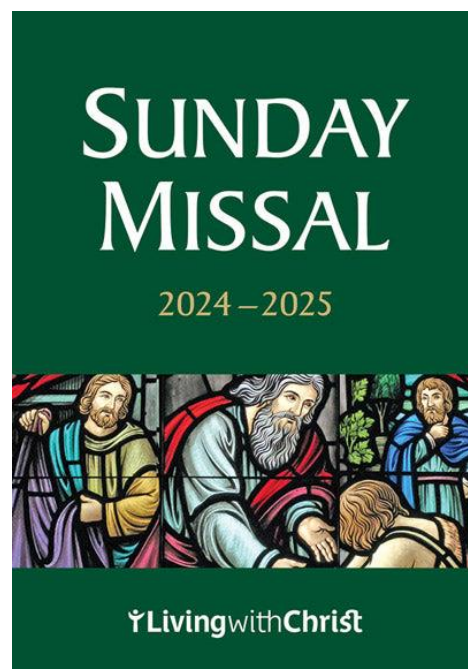
Over the course of more than 2400 years, the world has changed. In fact, it is no longer anything like the world in which those first disciples began to share the message and mission of Jesus. One of the ways in which our church sought to adjust and respond to the changing world was through synods and councils.

Looking at the history of the Catholic Church's general council reveals to us how for some 20 centuries they have been the church's way of responding to the challenges and opportunities of the times in which it lived. In some ways the first 20 general councils responded with a common format. They attempted to define doctrine and establish practice in the church. The 21st such council, the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, faced the challenges and possibilities of the 20th century in a different way. Its was *pastoral*.

The church of Vatican II sought to speak to the peoples of the 20th century in the light of their current environment, addressing their concerns with sensitivity.

It was from these roots in Vatican II that Pope Francis came to summon the current Synod on Synodality. In his opening address to the first session, he identified the connection. He noted the character which should mark the synod: *The Synod has three key words: communion, participation and mission.* He then went on to express the hopes for the synod. In brief these hopes included: *That of moving not occasionally but structurally towards a synodal church...where all can feel at home and participate.... That we become a listening church... that we listen to the Spirit [and] to our brothers and sisters speak of their hopes and of the crises of faith present in different parts of the world, and of the need for a renewed pastoral life.* Then he went on with a final hope for the Synod: *It offers us the opportunity to become a church of closeness. [That we] keep going back to God's own 'style', which is closeness, compassion and tender love.*

As we enter the second session of the Synod on Synodality, perhaps our thoughts and prayers over the next weeks could be for the many delegates in Rome as they enter into conversation in the Spirit for us all. At home, in our own local communities, may we undertake the same openness, listening and sincerity, with faith and courage.



***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!***