

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 16th, 2022 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Service of Remembrance St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

Plans are being made for this year's Service of Remembrance which will be held on **Thursday, November 17th @ 7pm**. The Service is intended for deceased family members and friends of our parishioners who have died since November 2021. The ceremony will consist of prayer, honoring the deceased by calling their names and lighting of a candle in their memory. The Service will also be livestreamed on our website at stkateri.ca.

To date our honor roll includes the following names:

- Victor Atwin
- Lewis Chessie
- Therese Doiron
- Grace Elliott-Edney
- Pauline Francis
- Georgio Gaudet
- Louis George
- Louise Mason
- Carroll Nesbit
- Evelyn Nicholson
- Fr. Monte Peters
- Richard Phillips
- Theresa Polchies
- Bernice Ramsay
- Bernice Rathburn
- Mary Rioux
- James Sabbatis
- Tiffany Shepherd
- Vernet Smith
- Mary Florence Somers
- Joanne Ward

If we have omitted anybody's name that you feel should be included, please contact the Parish Office by calling 444-6021.

THIS SUNDAY: Fundraiser in Memory of Fr. Monte Peters. Join us on **Sunday, October 16th** for an afternoon of country music at the **Heritage Center in Marysville** from **1:30pm-4:30pm**.

Admission is \$7.00 at the door. Proceeds from this event will go to the Youth Group at Holy Family Church, Hanwell in memory of Fr. Monte Peters. Hope to see you there!



Update from Development & Peace – Caritas Canada: Take this opportunity to see efforts taken to help the victims of the war since last February in Ukraine:

- [Ukraine Emergency: Update](#)
- [Children's programs in Ukraine](#)

In addition, over 200 non-governmental organizations called on world leaders meeting in New York recently to take decisive action to end the **global hunger crisis**. We are therefore also sharing our activities this summer to help our brothers and sisters in **sub-Saharan Africa**:

- [Our response to the Hunger Crisis](#)

Regarding our current campaign on **due diligence for Canadian companies operating abroad**, please see this [article on a persecuted journalist in Honduras](#). Last but not least, we would like to thank you for your support for our appeal for donations in response to the [unprecedented flooding in Pakistan](#). The mentions of our appeal last week in your communications have greatly helped the Pakistani people. **Thank you!**

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Margie Snell, Catechist)

The 2021-2022 Confirmation students will receive their sacrament October 22nd at the 4:30 Mass. All of the congregation is invited to share this wonderful moment with our students. (For all eligible students - this is for last year's class only - please make sure to have baptism certificate information to Margie, as well as your letter to Bishop as soon as possible.)

Hello and welcome to the New Confirmation Program!

My name is Margie, and I am the catechist for the confirmation program at Holy Family Church (St Kateri Tekakwitha Parish). We have a new Bishop, Bishop Riesbeck - and he requires the students to complete a different program than we have had in the past. Please see below for information regarding the program.

The new program consists of 2 steps:

- 1. ALPHA YOUTH PROGRAM**
- 2. Confirmation program - DECISION POINT**

Grade 8 and above - new students - start with the Alpha Youth Program online that begins in the fall of the first year and goes until Christmas. It is an online program that meets usually once per week, usually on Wednesdays at 7 pm. It is a blend of videos, discussion, and prayer. It is quite relatable to the students as it includes discussion and opinions from younger individuals and presenters. It covers topics like prayer, faith, healing, the Bible, etc. As our groups are often smaller, we join with other parishes to add depth to the discussions. Included in this program is a retreat - midway through - and will most likely be on November 19th - this date is not confirmed.

St. Anthony's monthly "Touched by Cancer"
Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place Friday, October 21th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome

Confirmation program - Decision Point

Once students have completed the Alpha Youth Program (a must to move forward to the confirmation program) we begin the next step - Decision Point.

Decision Point is a video/discussion blend program that presents the important topics needed to be covered to advance the students' understanding of their faith.

This program is the second part of the confirmation journey and must be completed in order for the students to be confirmed. This has been done as a blend of online and in person. For this program, the students have a workbook to complete (provided with your registration fee.) Given that we have more time to complete this part of the journey, we may only meet every 2 weeks.

SCHEDULE:

We will be starting this fall's classes **beginning Oct. 12th at 7 pm online. The class will go from 7 pm to 8:15 pm.**

We will need the students to be able to connect with us through laptop, tablet or desktop with camera capabilities. This is a closed group, so they are in a safe online environment. It is important for them to participate to have this type of setup online.

A link is sent to your email address to connect. Please make sure that the email we are given is one you can access from home.

Please let me know if you know anyone else who would like to be signed up for this course - at present I have 3 students signed up.

Additional information regarding the Decision Point program:

Community/charity work: An important part of the confirmation journey includes the students getting involved in community and charity work - this can include helping with Sunday School classes, youth group, Student Hunger program, neighbourhood senior assistance, walks for charity - Make a Wish, Coldest Night of the Year, etc. This will be expected and encouraged for all students to do. We will do a lot of this as a group. I hope this gives you an idea what the course will be like. If you have any questions please contact msnellholyfamily@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2022-2023 GRADES K-5

Classes are held 10:00am – 10:45am Sunday mornings as per schedules provided for K-3 and Grades 4/5.

If you would like to register your child(ren) or have questions, please contact Sharon Watts, Religious Education Coordinator at: mooseville4@gmail.com

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 at Holy Family: Every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. For further information call Judy Kelly at 478-7274 or the church office at 444-6021. All are welcome!

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers, Fredericton has launched a campaign to collect used prescription eyeglasses and readers for grandmas in Lesotho, Africa. Many grandmothers, challenged with poverty and a lack of resources, are struggling to raise their grandchildren, parentless due to the ravages of HIV Aids . As well, many grandmothers are dealing with the burden of poor eyesight, unable to read or help their grandchildren with schoolwork. The joy, relief and hope that a pair of glasses can bring to these women is unimaginable. If you happen to have old prescription glasses or readers not being used, we will gladly accept them through the month of October. A marked basket for donations will be available at the entrance of Holy Family church. We do not need the cases, as we will be sending only the eyeglasses. Thank you.

READINGS for October 16th

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

2nd 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 16th Alton Chessie
Oct 23rd Philip Alexander Iverson
Oct 30th For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Oct 16th Betty Colligan
Oct 23rd Theresa Atwin
Oct 30th Kathy Szo

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Oct 15th John, David & Shirley Meagher
Oct 16th Leona Murphy
Oct 22nd Linda Golding
Oct 23rd Leo and Roxie Burgoyne and DFM
Oct 29th Betty Goodine
Oct 30th Andréé Fortin

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 15th Paula Ryan/Roly McSorley
Oct 16th Marijke Hurkens/Chris Robbins
Oct 22nd Margie Snell / Beth Wright
Oct 23rd Jane Buckley / Carl Duivenvoorden

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 15th Harold DeCoursey/Fr. Fowler
Oct 16th Dorothy Blanchard/Noreen Bonnell
Oct 22nd Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
Oct 23rd JoAnne Linton / Fr. Bill

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Our Sacred Stories
Christian Communities: Reaching Beyond Ourselves
(Fr. John Jennings)

A parish is an interesting place. It is made up of all kinds of people who come from the various ages and stages in life. Some are veterans of the faith others are just beginning their life and journey. Some hold a deep commitment to the Catholic faith and have held it for years. Others are quite tentative in their faith or even somewhat reluctant to hold it. Still others have been away for some time and are just returning to the practice of their faith and are both uncertain and anxious about how to do this and how they will be greeted.

What every one of us has in common is that we belong to an amazing community of Catholic Christians who share a common faith and common values. Sure, there are differences in views among us and each of us can see life and faith differently. But beyond our personal differences we do hold common basic values. These basic values mark every Christian. They come to us from the message and the mission of Jesus expressed in the Good News, the Gospels. In fact, these values, this way of life is Jesus' way of expressing something that is shared by all humanity, for God gives life and love to all humanity.

This unity of all humanity, no matter who we are or where we are was recognized in the Second Vatican Council. One of its documents expressed this aspect of our Catholic faith explicitly. The words of *The Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World* express the foundation of our call to value, serve and respect all of humanity with openness, love and care.

There is a growing interdependence among people today which is based on the many technological advances that are obvious to everyone. But this interdependence reaches its perfection only in growing human relationships, not merely scientific ones.

For God, we believe, desires that all people become one family with love for God and neighbour as the basis. Because of Jesus' prayer "that all may be one as we are one," new horizons are now opened for us, implying that we will reach our true destiny only by pursuing such oneness with each other. (Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World #23-4, in Bill Huebsch. Vatican II in Plain English: The Constitutions 1997)

This is the ground for the *outreach* in which each of us as Christians and that our parish as a Christian community are called to engage. We find it expressed in the Gospel in the double commandment of Jesus:

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart,... and your neighbour as yourself. Jesus goes on to provide an example of this openness that is our call with the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:27-37). In doing so, Jesus reveals a God who treats all humanity with the same love, compassion and justice, no matter how great or insignificant (Luke 18:1-8).

One of the principal elements of the Christian community is its engagement in *outreach*, for *outreach* is action that acknowledges our oneness with and love for each and every human being. It expresses a basic value of our Christian community and also of our humanity –to care for one another.

Ukrainian Family Joins Our Neighbourhood
The Shevchenko family have been living with Canadian hosts in Deerwood. Now they have been able to rent their own home on Deerwood. In the entryway to the church is a display with a list of items needed by the family for their home. Please sign up for specific items of good quality.

If you cannot get to Holy Family in person, but would like to help, e-mail Chris Robbins at chris.robbins@bellaliant.net and you will be sent the list. Please indicate what you have to give on the display at Holy Family or by e-mail to Chris Robbins.

Word Mission Sunday. Sunday October 23rd is World Mission Sunday. This year's theme is 'You shall be my witnesses' and Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Mission, his charity for world mission. This year's Mission is highlighting Ethiopia. It is a country well-known for the suffering it has experienced through intense famine and desperate poverty. Sadly, our sisters and brothers continue to need our support. Your donations will help missionaries who work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Anything you are able to give will be so gratefully received. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Special donation envelopes will be available in the lobby of the church next weekend.