

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 9th, 2022 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Truth and Reconciliation –

Calls to Action: Nmoskeyin translates to *I'm Sorry* which will be our gift to survivors and their families. This sentiment requires a pledge that goes beyond words, it requires genuine awareness and

knowledge of all harms incited by the residential school experience that continues to haunt Indigenous communities in many ways. Let us continue to focus on praying for a strong and unfailing commitment to fulfilling the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Mi'kmaq Prayer

Creator, open our hearts to peace and healing
between all people.

Creator, open our hearts to provide and protect for
all children of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts to respect for the earth, and
all the gifts of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts to end exclusion, violence,
and fear among all.

Thank you for the gifts of this day and every day.

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!

The “**Honorable Harvest**” is an Indigenous way of developing a relationship with nature. It asks us to give back, in reciprocity, for what we have been given. Reciprocity helps resolve the moral tension of taking a life by giving in return something of value that sustains the ones who sustain us. One of our responsibilities as human people is to find ways to enter into reciprocity with the more-than-human world. We can do it through gratitude, through ceremony, through land stewardship, science, art, and in everyday acts of practical reverence. Some additional reflections by Robin Kimmerer on the Honorable Harvest include:

Never take the first.

Ask permission.

Listen for the answer.

Take only what you need.

Minimize harm.

Use everything that you take.

Be grateful.

Share what you have taken.

Reciprocate the gift.

Take only what is given to us.

Practice gratitude as we are only one part of the living species. Gratitude is humbling. Give thanks for everything you have received.

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.

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 msnellhollyfamily@gmail.com



**Knights of Columbus
Monthly Community
Breakfast are returning!!
Sunday, October 9th from
10:00AM to 1:00PM, 170
Regent Street. Breakfast is**

sausage, scrambled eggs, beans, French toast, pancakes, hash browns, juice, coffee and tea. Adults: \$ 8.00, Children \$ 5.00, Family \$ 25.00. Eat in or take out. Everyone welcome!

Religious Education 2022/2023

Classes (K-5 and Grade 8/9) will be held following the 11am Mass:

The fee is \$10.00 per child, families with 2 or more \$20.00 per family. **K-5 Classes will begin Sunday September 25th at 10:00am. Grade 8/9 schedule will be announced soon.** Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Sharon Watts, Religious Education Coordinator at mooseville4@rogers.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!

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Oct 9 th	Omer Doucet
Oct 16 th	Alton Chessie
Oct 23 rd	Philip Alexander Iverson
Oct 30 th	For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Oct 9 th	Elaine Geldart
Oct 16 th	Betty Colligan
Oct 23 rd	Theresa Atwin
Oct 30 th	Kathy Szo

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Oct 8 th	Lewis Chessie
Oct 9 th	Heidi MacLean
Oct 15 th	John, David & Shirley Meagher
Oct 16 th	Leona Murphy
Oct 22 nd	Linda Golding
Oct 23 rd	Leo and Roxie Burgoyne and DFM
Oct 29 th	Betty Goodine
Oct 30 th	André Fortin

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 8 th	Mary Estabrooks/ Anna Mae Snider
Oct 9 th	Noreen Bonnell / Maurice Harquail
Oct 15 th	Paula Ryan/Roly McSorley
Oct 16 th	Marijke Hurkens/Chris Robbins

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Oct 8 th	Margie Snell/Colleen Hamilton
Oct 9 th	Elaine Shea/Father Bill
Oct 15 th	Harold DeCoursey/Fr. Fowler
Oct 16 th	Dorothy Blanchard/Noreen Bonnell

READINGS for October 9th

1st Reading:	2 Kings 5:14-17
2nd Reading:	2 Timothy 2:8-13
Gospel:	Luke 17:11-19

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed his victory in the sigh of the nations.

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.

Mass Schedule

St. Ann's Church – Kingsclear

Sunday @ 9:30 am

Holy Family – Hanwell Road

Saturday @ 4:30 pm (Livestreamed)

Go to [St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish \(stkateri.ca\)](http://St.KateriTekakwithaParish.stkateri.ca) and click Online Services

Sunday @ 11:00 am

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 also wounded. 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 sometimes 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 to 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.

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 can call this wholeness *holiness*.

Holiness is sometimes confused with what we might call religiosity. Holiness is not following the rules of the church. Nor is holiness to be regarded as a spirituality that is so personal that it can be lived alone, taking no other persons into account.

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. Holiness flows from a sense of the spirit, a spirituality that is lived in the midst of our ordinary lives and shared with a community of others on the same journey of life.

In holiness, we discover the full meaning of the Incarnation – God so loves us, that he lives among us. God is part of us in a way that we can begin to understand that our life has meaning. It offers us the gift of hope, based on love that allows us to have faith and trust in our life-journey.