

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
September 1st 2024 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



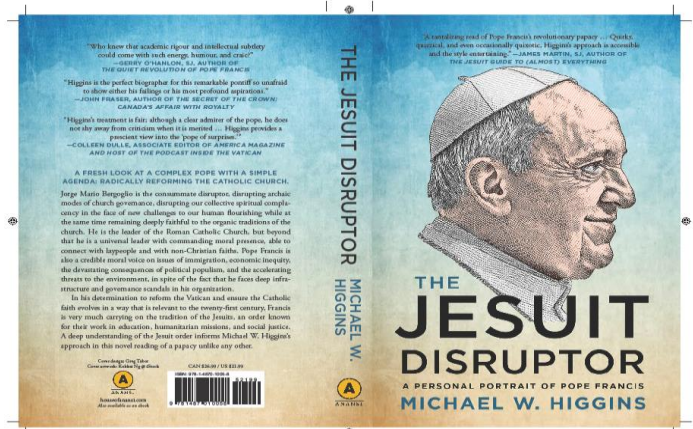
Parish BBQ: On Sunday, September 8th after the 11am Mass at Holy Family Church we will be holding a free Parish BBQ, hot dogs and hamburgers will be served, and we hear that the popcorn machine will be running too. During the BBQ there will be activities and games for our youth, and you may register your child for catechism, and grades 8 and 9 for Confirmation. Everyone is welcome!

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to assist with set-up on the Saturday afternoon (3pm – Sept. 7th) in the Church Hall and on Sunday afternoon with clean up. There will be a sign-up sheet for both days in the church lobby starting this weekend.

Dr. Michael W. Higgins is coming to Fredericton to launch his new Book, **The Jesuit Disruptor: A Personal Portrait of Pope Francis**, published by House of Anansi, and give a presentation on The Synod on Synodality. On Saturday, September 14th he will be at Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton from 10:30 am till 1:00 pm This gathering will begin with a presentation on the Synod and Synodality (and Q and A) followed by the book launch and a social time with food and refreshments and book signing. Westminster Bookmark will be present with books available. Dr. Michael Higgins is well known to us as an author, English and Religious Studies Professor, former President and Vice Chancellor of St. Thomas University, journalist, documentarian, columnist with many prominent newspapers, commentator and analyst with CBC and CTV, and biographer of Henri J. M. Nouwen and Thomas Merton. He will be attending the next Synod gathering in Rome in October, as he did the first synod gathering as a credentialed journalist on behalf of Paulist Press. No registration or fee to attend! However, for the sake of numbers for food preparation and ordering books (Westminster Bookmark) please let us know if you are attending @506-444-6021 or email: office@stkateri.ca. All are welcome!



Bilijk 10th Anniversary Pow Wow. The Pow Wow will be held from Sept. 13th to 15th on the Bilijk Pow Wow Grounds, 729 Church St., Kingsclear Everyone is welcome!!



READINGS for September 1st

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

***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 reciting the Luminous Mysteries. Everyone is welcome!*

Holy Family: New Readers Welcome for 2024-

25 - Interested in reading at the 4:30pm Saturday or 11am Sunday mass this coming year? If you are new to Holy Family or did not read this past year, please sign up on the sheet on the Bulletin Board in the entryway. If you were a regular reader this past year, you will be contacted by phone to ask whether you want to read this coming year.

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 and for the Shelters and Foodbank along with much needed school supplies/donations. Your kindness and generosity are outstanding! You are truly answering the teachings of Jesus. Thank you!

SUMMIT NIGHT – You are invited to a Summit Night at **St. Dunstan's Church** on Saturday, September 7, at 7:00 pm. Join us for an evening of Adoration with a talk, worship and fellowship centered on the theme, "trust in God in the controllable and uncontrollable moments of life". For more information or to register, please contact frederictoncatholicyoungadults@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Twilight Retreat, hosted by St. Theresa's CWL, on Monday, September 9th, in the church hall. First session begins at 4:30 pm, followed by a potluck, second session and closing prayer at 8 pm. Presenter, Jim Anderson, is the Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation for the Diocese of Saint John. Topic: "The Saints Next Door: Being Extraordinary Ordinary People of Faith".

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 1st Arthur Solomon
Sept 8th Augustine Ede
Sept 15th Jean Murphy
Sept 22nd For the People

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 1st Lawrence Cameron
Sept 8th John Monkhouse
Sept 15 Liz Solomon

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Aug 31st Gordon Frazer
Sept 1st Richard Murphy
Sept 7th Dr. Joe MacDougall
Sept 8th Shirley Cyr
Sept 14th Sean Richards
Sept 15th Edmond Blanchard
Sept 21st Sister Charlotte Lockhart / The Meagher Family (John, David, Shirley & Dolores)
Sept 22nd Walter Randall

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Aug 31st Joan Sowers / Mona LeBlanc
Sept 1st Maurice Harquail / Marijke Hurkens
Sept 7th Mona LeBlanc / TBD
Sept 8th Maurice Harquail / Jane Buckley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Aug 31st Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
Sept 1st Bettyanne McMackin / Sharon Watts
Sept 7th Joan Sowers / Harold DeCurcey
Sept 8th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

Note from Fr. Bill about Mass Intentions: Due to an increase in requests for Mass Intentions for the same day and Mass time to celebrate special anniversaries and birth dates of deceased loved ones, you will notice at times that we have more than one Mass Intention for the same Mass. Since Church Law allows for this to happen we will continue this practice into the future. We are grateful to be able to provide this blessing as we live and celebrate all of the gifts of Christ's resurrection that we share in through the Eucharist.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2024/25

September 8th – Registration will occur after 11:00am Mass during our Parish Barbeque. K-7 and Confirmation Grades 8 and 9.

September 15th – Sharon Watts will be available after Mass for registration until 12:30pm for those who were not able to attend the weekend before.

Class Start Dates for K-7 TBA

Confirmation Class schedule will be provided by Margie Snell

****Holy Family Church is always looking for committed catechists (teachers) who are able to lovingly, patiently, and energetically share with our children about the love Jesus Christ has for each of us, to help prepare our children for the reception of the sacraments, and to instill in them knowledge and love of our Catholic faith. We understand that the lessons are important. Equally important is your presence, attitude, and kindness in creating a community with the Children and youth of love, acceptance, and respect.**

Our Current Needs

We have the following openings: Grade Kindergarten (based on enrollment numbers); Grade 1; Grade 6 and Grade 7.

Each class is required to have two unrelated adults in the room each week. The Catechist and an adult volunteer. If this cannot occur each week, there will be no class held.

Please consider volunteering as a catechist and/or adult volunteer to share your faith with our children and youth as you, too, grow in your faith and share that journey with the future of our church!

Each teacher and parent volunteer are required to attend the Responsible Ministry session and complete registration forms along with providing a recent police check.

For more information, please email Sharon Watts: office@stkateri.ca The Parish office will forward emails to Sharon.

Summary of your Support for August 25th & 26th

Regular/Loose	\$ 2,213.65
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
School Supplies	870.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	45.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,956.34

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

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) office@stkateri.ca*



The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

**World
Day of
Prayer
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Care of Creation

The month of September is dedicated to Care of Creation and **September 1st** is designated as the World Day of Prayer for Creation. The theme for this year is **“To Hope and Act With Creation”** and is inspired by the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans. *What does it mean to hope and act with creation?* In Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis invites us “to live in a spirit of social friendship, marked by universal fellowship, Christian peace and the stewardship of our common home. The protection of creation is therefore not only an ethical issue, but one that is also eminently theological. It is the point where the mystery of mankind and the mystery of God intersect.”

The Pope’s prayer intention for the month of September: **For the Cry of the Earth.** We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and the victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts will resume in September. The next breakfast will be on Sunday, September 8th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 10., Children \$ 5. and Families \$ 30.00. Proceeds will be used to support the Law Enforcement Run for Special Olympics. Everyone welcome.

Our Sacred Stories
Living as Church: Context, Customs and Change
(Fr. John Jennings)

For the past few weeks, in our liturgies, we have focused on the theme of Jesus as “the bread of life” as presented in John’s Gospel, chapter 6. Now we return to Mark’s Gospel and reflect on what it means to be disciples of Jesus. In doing so, we become more aware of what it means to call ourselves a Christian *community* of disciples. Often, we speak of this as *being church*. The Synod, which will resume in Rome this Fall is intended to be an opportunity for our global Church to reflect on what all this can and does mean for our world-wide community. Discovering who we are, in whatever the context in which we live, is important. And the readiness to respond to the needs for new vision in response to our changing context is significant for our Church.

Local churches are urged to spend time in reflection on how they can grow awareness of what is taking place at the Synod in Rome. An example of this will take place in our own diocese on September 14 when Dr. Michael Higgins launches his new book: [The Jesuit Disruptor: A Personal Portrait of Pope Francis](#), in Fredericton. The launch will take place at a presentation by Dr. Higgins on “The Synod on Synodality”.

The synod is an expression of the role Pope Francis is playing in the growing awareness by our church of the need to listen to all the baptized - laity and clergy, female and male. It is founded on our shared baptismal call. This presents all of us with the challenge of change, which is part of all life, in a host of settings. Mark’s Gospel reveals this challenge facing Jesus and his disciples as they shared the Good News. It is not a new challenge, nor does it ever go away.

In some cities across Canada, until very recently there were city by-laws which demanded that hotels and inns provide stabling facilities for the horses of their guests. In its time, this was a response to the needs of the time, a way of offering hospitality to guests. The by-law remained on the books even though virtually no guest came to the hotel on a horse. No one bothered to change the by-law.

It is a very human trait to resist change or at the very least, be uncomfortable with it. Humanly speaking, change is a constant challenge for us. The world develops, circumstances change and at times we do not keep up with the change. This is something of what we see Jesus working against with the Pharisees in Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

The fundamental call of Jewish faith was quite simple, to love God and to love neighbour. This is the basic tradition of Judaism. As time passed and life evolved, the people of the Old Testament developed other traditions, customs and practices which adapted this basic or fundamental tradition to particular circumstances of life. In this way the many ritual laws and practices of Judaism were developed – e.g. the washing of hands, cups, pots, and bronze kettles as well as many other ritual laws.

As these laws developed, they made sense. They had a connection with the core tradition as a way of expressing honour to God and respect for neighbour. But as life and circumstances changed the ritual laws continued even though the connection with the basic or core tradition was no longer evident. The ritual laws

took on a life of their own and even obscured the core tradition. Meticulously saying the right words and performing the correct actions appeared as more important than the loving, communal action of the People of God.

This was the challenge faced by Jesus when he encountered the Pharisees – “You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” The Pharisees were not bad folk. In fact, they were zealous and committed followers of the Law. But in their zeal, they forgot the core tradition, or at the very least obscured it. Jesus’ words and actions were a call to return to the core tradition of loving God and neighbour. The ritual laws got in the way of seeing this fundamental call. Lip service to the Law got in the way of living God’s call from the heart.

Living the core of God’s plan with the heart is what discipleship to Jesus is all about. This is who we are as *Church*. Being *Church*, living as disciples is a matter of the heart and the simple double commandment of love God and love neighbour. Here is the challenge - how we love evolves and changes over time as our world and our circumstances change. The laws, rules and rituals are simple ways of responding in particular times and are subject to change. The heart is the constant in discipleship and in being *Church*.

The present experience of the Synod on Synodality offers an opportunity to look at the heart of who we are as Church. Are we ready to accept change, in order to speak to the world in which we live at our time in history?

Speaking at the opening of the First Session of the Synod on October 9 2021, Pope Francis uttered a prayer calling on the Holy Spirit. He began the prayer with these words:

Come, Holy Spirit! You inspire new tongues and place words of life on our lips: Keep us from becoming a “museum Church”, beautiful but mute, with much Past and little future...

The Al Yamanis, first Syrian family sponsored by the Parish in 2016, are celebrating the birth of a son on August 23. From left to right, daughters, Sundus 7; Safaa 14; Leen 12; sons, Molhim 10; newborn son Ayham; mother, Khawla; and father, Kentar.

