

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 13th, 2026 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!
Sunday, September
20th
It's time for**

our Annual Parish BBQ. Immediately following the 11 AM Mass, Join us for a free BBQ with **hot dogs, hamburgers**, and maybe even the return of the **popcorn machine!** Fun for all ages, **including games and activities for your youth.**

Want to help at the BBQ? If you like to donate a salad or a sweet treat, please drop your item off to the volunteers in the kitchen before Mass. Volunteers are needed for the BBQ, youth games/activities, and clean-up. Contact the Parish Office at office@stkateri.ca

Religious Education Registrations will also take place at the time of the BBQ on September 20th for families with youth for **Catechism (Gr. K-7)** and for **Confirmation Candidates (Grades 8-9).**

Note from Fr. Bill re. Religious Education: After many years of ministry as our Religious Education Coordinator and Catechist, Sharon Watts is passing this role on to another person. On behalf of the parish I express from all of us our deepest gratitude and thanksgiving to you Sharon for all of the many ways you have gifted and graced our children, youth, catechists, parents and wider parish. You have given us so many of your Sunday's, weekends and other times to organize, recruit catechists, plan classes, create class lists, organize sacramental celebrations, and lead classes, workshops and retreats. There is so much more. You have done this with enthusiasm while delighting in the children and youth and with a faith that we are all inspired by. Thank you! Thank You!

I am also very grateful to announce that Lesley Lawlor has joined us as our new Coordinator for Religious Education for our children and youth. Lesley brings much experience of teaching religious education in the Catholic School system, parish leadership in adult faith ministry and most of all in her home. Next Sunday, Lesley, will be at the 11 am Mass to be introduced and for an opportunity for us to meet her. A warm welcome to you Lesley!!

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Wednesday, September 30th



Hello Crows Third Annual Fundraiser Performance. Drawing from the rich cultural landscape of their **Wabanaki ancestral lands** in

New Brunswick, **The Hello Crows** are a powerful Indigenous songwriting collective based out of Fredericton who through their music share stories of resilience, culture and community. This event is taking place at the **Fredericton Playhouse on Wednesday, September 30th at 7:30pm.** Tickets can be purchased through the Fredericton Playhouse by clicking on the following link: [Fredericton Playhouse Events Schedule](#)

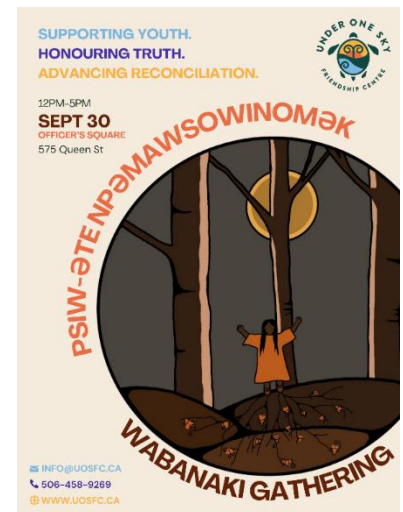
Come and support this important fundraiser dedicated to Indigenous youth and Wabanaki music and community initiatives.

**National Day for
Truth and
Reconciliation,
Wednesday,
September 30th.**

You are invited to attend the fourth annual **Psiw-əte Npəməwsowinomək Wabanaki Gathering.** All are welcome and

encouraged to attend this event focused on healing and celebrating Indigenous peoples, their resiliency and their cultures. Join us as we honor our children, survivors, communities and ancestors on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Event takes Place on **Wednesday, September 30th from 12-5pm at Officer's Square, 575 Queen Street.** Click on the following link to view the video prepared by Under One Sky, supporting youth, honoring truth and advancing reconciliation:

<https://www.uosfc.ca/psi-te-npomawsuwinumok>



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

- Religious Education Registrations will take place at the time of the BBQ on September 20th for families with youth for Catechism (Gr. K-7) and for Confirmation Candidates (Grades 8-9).
- Someone will be available to accept registrations at the back of the church following Mass on Sunday Sept 27 and Oct 4
- There will be a very important meeting for ALL parents of children enrolled in Religious Education for 2026-2027. It will be held at 10:15 in the Parish Hall on Sept 27th.

Holy Family Church - Readers: Now available in the lobby of the church is the schedule for the month of September; and a **sign-up sheet for readers for the months of October to December 2026**. Present readers are asked to sign-up as well as any new readers. If you are not on the readers schedule and would like to join this Ministry, please use this opportunity to sign up! Any questions, please speak with Jane Buckley (506) 444-1396 or jmb1958@me.com).

A Heartfelt Thank You ~ We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all of our parishioners for your incredibly generous support. The monthly food donations, in particular, are a tremendous blessing and allow us to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. We are also deeply grateful for the generous donation of school supplies, which went above and beyond our expectations and will make a meaningful difference to the children and families we serve. It is truly rewarding to do this work with such wonderful support from our community. Thank you for your continued generosity, compassion, and commitment to helping others. Your kindness makes a difference! Jane Buckley

Please remember to collect bottles and have your family and friends join in for Hope House Maternity Home Bottle drive and barbecue fundraiser. September 26 from 10 a.m. Till 2 p.m. at Kent Store on Bishop Drive Barbecue will be by donation.

Summary of Support for Sept 5 & 6

Regular/Loose	\$ 2,951.90
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
School Supplies	210.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	45.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,505.36



IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Season of Creation 2026 - 'Living Water!'

Ecumenical faith leaders from around the world have provided reflections for the Christian community in this Season of Creation.

This week's reflection is by Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt, General Secretary of The Lutheran World Federation, "Ezekiel's vision of 'Living Water' invites us to see God's live-giving grace and sacramental presence flowing into places of desolation, renewing both creation and human community. In a world facing a severe ecological crisis, this river becomes a call to repent from systems that exploit land, water, and vulnerable peoples. Creation is not a commodity but a communion of interdependent life entrusted to our care. The witness of women theologians and faith actors on the frontlines of ecological crisis deepens this vision by naming how environmental destruction is intertwined with harm that falls hardest on women and girls. We recognize the unjust burdens many still carry in their daily struggle for water, health and survival. At the same time, we honour women's wisdom, agency and resilience in protecting water and life. The Lutheran World Federation affirms that justice for creation cannot be separated from justice for people, especially those most impacted by climate change. The Season of Creation invites us to let God's living water reshape our communities into spaces of healing, equity, and hope, both tangible and eternal."

"The Letter", tells the powerful story of a young man from Senegal, a country facing desertification and sea level raising and the birth of the encyclical letter, Laudato Si'. Watch the video by clicking on the following link: [The Letter: A Message for our Earth](#)

"Let us overcome our fear and step into the water of God's love – to be art of the River of Transformation for the world, to see the literal healing and renewal of creation and the blessing of the Earth." (Season of Creation – Ecumenical Steering Committee)

In the spirit of praying together, join us as we pray an **Ecological Rosary – The Luminous Mysteries** on Thursday mornings at 10:30am at Holy Family Church, as we nourish our commitment to care for the earth and its living waters.

Where water flows, Lord, let everything live, trees for food and leaves for healing.

GENERAL PARISH MEETING FOR ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH

All are invited to a General Parish Meeting at Holy Family Church at **3:00 pm on Sunday, September 27th**. At this time the Parish Finance Council will give a report on the Revenues and Expenses for 2025 and for the First Months of 2026. They will also present a detailed picture of all assets and accounts/amounts that belong to the parish. The Parish Council will also provide an update on activities in the past year and any upcoming events.



BILIKJ COMMUNITY BINGO

We hope to see you at the next Bingo night which is scheduled for:

Monday, September 14th

at St. Ann's Church

in collaboration with St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.

Game prizes will be \$80.00 per game!!

10 Regular Games and 2 Specials (Jackpot and Winner Take All) Plus 50/50

9 up – 10 games - \$15.00

3 up – 10 games - \$5.00

Specials - \$1.00 per card

(must be purchased at the door with regular cards). None will be sold on the floor. There will be a canteen with light snacks and refreshments for purchase!!

Doors will open at 5:00 pm and BINGO will start at 6:00 pm. CASH ONLY to purchase cards and Canteen!! All funds collected will be used to support Bilijk Elder Annual Ste. Anne de Beaupré Trip in June 2027. 18 Years and Older only and EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Bilijk Mawiyamok Mark
your calendars! Get ready to join us for Bilijk MAWIYOK 2026, taking place September 11th, 12th, & 13th, 2026, Kingsclear New Brunswick along the beautiful Wolastoq, 729 Church Street, Kingclear First Nation.

Friday, September 11th:

•**10am:** Naming Ceremony

•**6pm:** Night Social

Saturday, September 12th:

•**1pm:** Grand Entry **Sunday, September 13th:**

•**12noon:** Grand Entry

Stay tuned for more details. Everyone is welcome!



Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Family Church: In the next couple of weeks, I will be preparing a new schedule for Eucharistic Ministers for the months of October to December 2026. If you are not presently a Eucharistic Minister but are interested in joining this Ministry at Holy Family Church, please contact July Kelly (506-478-7274) September 10th to be added to the new schedule. For existing Eucharistic Ministers, the schedule for September 2026 is available in the lobby of the Church. Thank you for serving in this vital Ministry that supports our Liturgy.

Readings for September 13th

1st: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

2nd: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Psalm: The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 13th John Monkhouse

Sept 20th Stacey Chessie

Sept 27th Elaine Geldart

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 13th For The People

Sept 20th Jean Murphy

Sept 27th For The People

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Sept 12th Sean Richards / Ethel Albuquerque

Sept 13th Bert Holland and Family

Mass of Thanksgiving

Sept 19th Dr. Joe MacDougall

Sept 20th Earle and Annetta McGuire

Claudia & Anthony Bourque and DFM

Ewdna & Armand Dube and DFM

Sept 26th For The People

Sept 27th Carolyn, Donna & Claude Roy

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 12th Mona LeBlanc / Willie Cormier
Sept 13th Oma Okoye / James McGroarty
Genevieve Obi / Claire or Sophia Obi
Sept 19th Anna Mae Snider / Joan Sowers
Sept 20th Victoria Olopade / Ray & Anita Allain

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 12th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
Sept 13th Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin
Sept 19th Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey
Sept 20th Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon

Our Sacred Storie **The Cross: Symbol of Love & Hope** **(Fr. John Jennings)**

Relationships lie at the center of our lives. They are expressions of our shared or common bond among us. In fact, this bond is a form of love. This is the case whether we are speaking of our circle of family and friends or at the level of international relations among the countries of our world. Our Christian faith is an expression of our relationship with our God. This faith relationship is built upon a love that God expressed through coming among us and sharing our humanity in the person of Jesus. He lived among us and died among us in his crucifixion.

The crucifixes that we often have in our churches and in our homes express some of the depth of this loving relationship our God has with our humanity. The cross expresses the pain of a broken relationship. In part it reveals the physical pain of the death of Jesus. But the story of the crucifixion speaks more. The event includes the desertion and denial of Jesus's disciples and friends, those who had come to follow him, love him and place their faith in him (Matt.26:34-35, 47-50, 56, 69-75).

The sacrifice expressed in the crucifix is incomplete. Our early ancestors in the faith, expressed this fuller faith of a broken relationship, healed in the resurrection of Jesus. Their faith expressed the Risen One's return to them and bringing the peace of the Paschal Mystery (Matt.28:9-10; Luke 24:36-48).

The crucifix only became a significant symbol for Christians quite late in Christian history. The early Christians and for more than the first 1000 years of our history had a different cross as symbol of their faith. It was a glorious cross, representing the resurrection and Jesus' victory over physical death, as well as the healing of all brokenness. Often it had no figure on it, frequently it was richly decorated and a stunning sign of the wonder of what God has shown through the risen Christ. This symbol expresses the full story of our salvation. That is, through the life, death **and** resurrection of Jesus, God's healing love brings healing and peace.

In the Gospels, Jesus reveals the unconditional, total love of God for us. In Jesus's words and actions, we repeatedly witness this love in real terms. Matthew

expresses this (Matt 18:21-35). Peter asks how many times he should forgive a sister or a brother. Would 7 be enough? (In biblical language the number 7 was used to mean totality or completeness).

Jesus' response is astounding. "Not seven time, but I tell you seventy-seven times." We must forgive and reconcile without limit. Our God loves us without limit, the model given us by Jesus is a love that is unceasing and as his disciples, that is our mission. In the name of the unceasing love we receive, we are to express it to others, all others. We are to be the face of God's love and mercy to our world. The whole life and message of Jesus proclaimed that God loves us, all of us, unconditionally.

The medieval mystic, Julian of Norwich (c.1343-1416) once described heaven like a banquet to which God has invited everyone. God is there in their midst, welcoming everyone, meeting and speaking with everyone and smiling at and with everyone. This is the God of unconditional love – no judging, no condemning. And if there is a big book with many names, it is not the book of judgement. It is the invitation list and it is infinite in its length, for it includes all. Can I live such a faith? Is my God that big?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts will resume in September. The next breakfast will be on Sunday, September 13th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 12.00, Children \$ 5.00 and Families \$ 35.00. Proceeds will be used to support the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Everyone welcome.

REFLECTION CORNER



"Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards; give us an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give us an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

-St. Thomas Aquinas