

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 15th, 2024 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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!



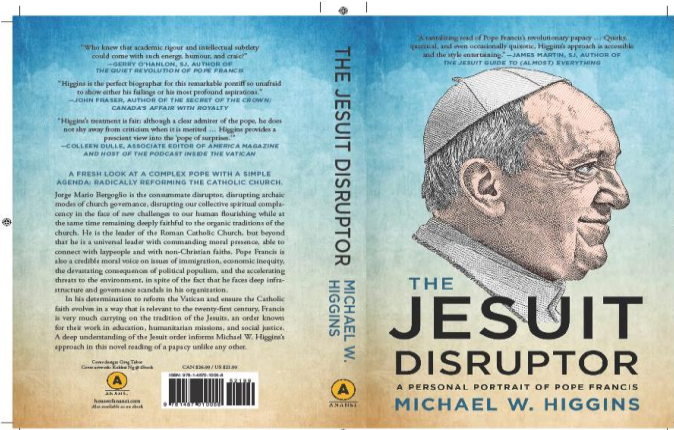
Bilijk 10th Annual Pow Wow. This weekend (Sept. 13-15) Bilijk will be holding its 10th Annual Pow

Wow. The Pow Wow will be held on the Bilijk Pow Wow Grounds, 729 Church Street, Kingsclear. The Pow Wow starts at 3pm on Friday with the 'Naming Ceremony' with Imelda Perley and Maternal Child Health followed by lighting of the 'Sacred Fire' at 6pm. Some of the activities throughout the weekend include: Stories Around the Fire with Bernie Paul, drums, dancers, and singers, Community Feast, etc.

To see a complete copy of the program click on the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/906723287050283/?rdr>

Everyone is welcome!!



READINGS for September 15th

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

2nd Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

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!

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.

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 7 & 8

Regular/Loose	\$ 2,887.30
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
School Supplies	125.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	50.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,889.99

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD). Forms are at the entrance of the churches. Return to parish office.

- Mail to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.

- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) office@stkateri.ca
Thank you for your continued and generous support of our Parish.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 15th Jean Murphy

Sept 22nd For the People

Sept 29th Alton Chessie

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 15 Liz Solomon

Sept 22nd Elaine Geldart

Sept 29th Carolanne Doherty

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Sept 14th Sean Richards

Sept 15th Edmond Blanchard

Sept 21st Sister Charlotte Lockhart / The Meagher Family (John, David, Shirley & Dolores)

Sept 22nd Walter Randall

Sept 28th Sean Richards

Sept 29th Ralph Christie

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 14th Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright

Sept 15th Anita Allain/Ray Allain/Bonnie Deveau

Sept 21st Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley

Sept 22nd James McGroarty/Claire & Genevieve Obi

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 14th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton

Sept 15th Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney

Sept 21st Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell

Sept 22nd JoAnne Linton / Verna McSorley

Parish BBQ Thank You. WOW, the barbeque on Sunday was a great success, with the cooperation of the weather. We are so blessed to have a wonderful team who makes it all happen. Many members of the congregation turned out and participated in activities, such as socializing, playing soccer, chalk painting and several other activities.

Also, registration for Catechism and Confirmation kept the catechists very busy. The food was delicious with hamburgers, hot dogs and popcorn being the big hit. A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with setup on Saturday afternoon and helped with food prep, activities for the kids and clean-up on Sunday. Your time and commitment to this event is much appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you all next year!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2024/25



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

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

As we continue our journey in the Season of Creation this may be a good opportunity to reconnect in a special way with nature and perhaps issue a challenge to ourselves on how we are using the earth's resources.

Is what I'm doing a sustainable practice or is it for gain only? Will my actions diminish resources for future generations? What actions am I taking or could take to lessen the effects of climatic change and ecological devastations globally?

An African wisdom of Ubuntu teaches that the sense of self is shaped by relationships with others. It takes a village to raise a child. It takes a cosmic family to care for Creation. I am because we are, the same goes with Creation. We are nature, nature is us, we are God's hands for global and cosmic justice.

The Affirmation of Faith

We have faith in one God, one Source of all life, one ground of the whole earth, who created all things good. And we have faith in Christ, in whom we have been shown the special role of humanity to bear God's likeness in working and caring for Creation, in seeking to understand her mysteries and powers, in working with these powers for the wellbeing of life on earth.

And we have faith in God's Spirit who leads us to a meek, unselfish and compassionate lifestyle. So that the earth is inherited in peace, her life is transformed for all creatures and her bounty shared justly.

So, be it. Amen.

(Source: Adapted from India and reproduced by ECEN (European Christian Environmental Network) for Creation Time 2003)

Indigenous Rosary: The September session of the Monthly Indigenous Rosary will take place on **Saturday, September 21st at 1:30pm Atlantic Time.** New to the Monthly Indigenous Rosary events? [Click here to register online.](#) Registration only needs to be completed once, and you will receive the Zoom information prior to each event. If you are already registered, no action is required, and you will receive the Zoom link on September 20th.

Grades K-7 and Confirmation Candidates Grade 8+ (if you are currently enrolled as second year Confirmation students, you do not need to re-register)

FOR THOSE WHO WERE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND SEPTEMBER 8TH's REGISTRATION

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.

October 6th – First Day of Classes for K-7 (based on Catechist Schedule and if we have Catechists in place for each class)

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, 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.

Sharing Good News of the Kingdom
A Whole Community Project
(Fr. John Jennings)

Faith is a curious thing. It's like other experiences of trust. Most frequently we discover a relationship of trust by our encounters with others. I often ask couples who are getting married how they met their partner. So often the response is the same. They discovered their spouse by meeting them through others. A friend introduced them, a classmate suggested they contact this person, the person was part of a group they were in. Many persons play a part in planting and nurturing our relationships. Faith is one of these relationships. Who has played a role our own relationship with Jesus the Christ? Who has brought us to our faith community? Who supports us in this faith?

In the Fall season, the activity levels in our Christian communities rise. This is not simple busyness. It is a recognition that our Christian communities are human communities. We live in many relationships, families, friendships, work colleagues, neighbours. One of our most significant ties is seen when we realize that life takes on meaning as a community of disciples of Jesus the Christ. In this community we have a call to share the Good News and nurture the faith of one another.

The Gospel writer Mark helps to discover how we encountered our faith and how it is nurtured over the years. Most explicitly, Mark, in chapter 8:27-35 draws us to see that for Jesus the Good News of the Kingdom he proclaimed was lived out in his actions, actions of sacrifice for others. When he asked his followers: "Who do people say that I am"? A host of response were reported – from John the Baptist to the Old Testament prophets. Peter finally hit the nail on the head. "You are the Christ." Jesus is the Messiah, the one whom Israel, the prophets and the many figures of the Old Testament were awaiting. He is the one who is the sign that the Kingdom of God is among us.

Mark goes on to tell of Jesus announcing his ultimate rejection, suffering and death,...for the sake of the Kingdom. The Kingdom will fall on deaf ears for many. They will not realize or understand that the transition to the Kingdom includes a dying to self for the sake of others. In Jesus we see that to be a follower of Jesus, involves sacrifice, i.e. living and acting for the good of others. As he puts it in Mark: "[The one who would be his disciple,] let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

The Good News is full of episodes in which Jesus reveals the Kingdom as present in the compassion and care of his own life.

The ultimate giving of his life follows on innumerable instances where Jesus in his actions, is giving his life for others in their needs. Often, we view Jesus's actions of healing, forgiveness and outreach to the isolated and rejected, as miracles. We fail to recognize that these wondrous acts are above all signs of the Kingdom of God alive in our midst.

We live in a world marked by life, but also marred by death. There is an ultimate death, but also many "little deaths" - hatreds, rejections of others, wars, broken relationships, injustice, intolerance and domination. These are all evidence that our life is wounded.

Into this world of woundedness Jesus has entered with the message and mission that the Kingdom of God is present. Yes, it is a message of the full and ultimate eternal life. But the message and the mission of Jesus brings life to where there is any instance of death. Just a glance of how Jesus acts in the Gospels reveals his love and compassion bringing healing, reconciliation and peace where he reaches out and cares for and about others. As his disciples, our call is to "take up his cross and follow." This is to build the kingdom of justice, love and peace where we walk. To live as Jesus has done.

Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at St. Anthony's Church on Friday, September 20th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

Upcoming Events

September 28th & 29th

Cookie Sunday Weekend

(Foodbank is collecting canned meats and mayonnaise)

September 30th

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)

- **Please wear orange to Mass on the weekend of September 28th and 29th**

October 2nd – 4th

Red Shawl Campaign, UNB (more info to come)

October 13th (10am-1pm)

Knights of Columbus Breakfast