

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 20th, 2026 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Once again
this year we offer

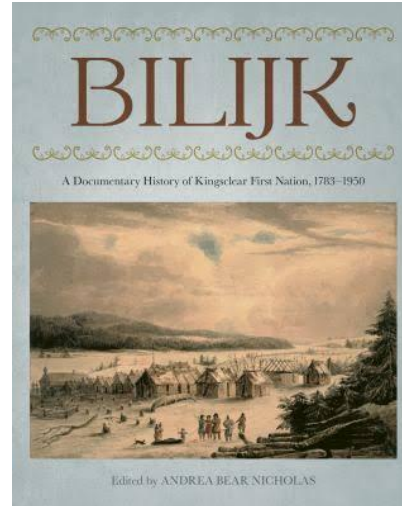
an invitation to the parishioners of St. Kateri Tekakwitha to wear orange at the weekend Masses on September 26th and 27th in support of **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**. In a spirit of reconciliation and learning you are encouraged to participate in activities that promote and bring awareness of the Residential School experience and its impact on Indigenous communities. This day is a day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter. Let us honor the children who never returned from Residential Schools, their families and their communities.

Events/Activities



**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.



'Bilijk' book.

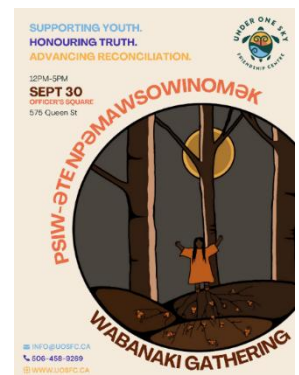
Earlier this year, historian, author and Professor Emeritus from St. Thomas University Andrea Bear Nicholas recently completed the book 'Bilijk' a documentary history of Kingsclear First Nation from 1783-1950 which

includes Oral Traditions, archival documents, paintings, maps and photographs which documents the history of Bilijk, the first Welastekwey community to be established as a reserve. Click on the link that follows and listen to an audio clip of a CBC interview with Andrea Bear Nicholas as she speaks on her journey on the completion of her new book. Click here

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/audio/9.7146872>

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>





Praying the Rosary: Please join us on **Thursday, September 24th 10:30am** at **Holy Family Church**. Ahead of **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Day** we will be praying the Sorrowful Mysteries prepared by the National Indigenous Rosary Group. All are welcome!



The Saint John Diocesan Council for Development and Peace will hold its **Fall Campaign Workshop** on **Saturday, Oct. 3, Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton, 10am-2pm**. Adah Ogbe, Development &

Peace Maritime Regional Animator, will present the workshop on the Fall Campaign, **IS CANADA ON TRACK FOR JUSTICE?**

If you cannot attend in person, you can join the meeting virtually, via Zoom. The link to REGISTER for the meeting is below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with the meeting link. **You do not have to be a member of Development and Peace to attend.** All are welcome to come and learn about the campaign and get to meet others who are dedicated to social justice. Hope to see you on October 3rd!

Registration link for the Fall Workshop on Saturday, October 3rd: [D & P Zoom Link](#)

REFLECTION CORNER



“Be attentive to the voice of grace.”

-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

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 The Most Reverend and Right Honorable Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, “In the Season of Creation, we turn again to Christ, through whom all things were made and in whom all things hold together. In his incarnation death, and resurrection God’s love is revealed not only for humanity but for the whole created order. To care for creation is therefore an essential expression of Christian discipleship and an integral mark of the Church’s mission: to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and to sustain and renew the life of the earth. As we follow Christ, we are called to share in his reconciling work, seeking justice, healing, and hope for the earth and for all who dwell within it.”

Click on the following link to view a video entitled, “Spoiled” a film that follows the courageous efforts of coastal communities, small-scale fishers, scientists, and activists as they rise to defend their livelihoods: [Ocean Oil Drilling](#)

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

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

Catholic men and young men (16+) are invited to join us on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at St. Dunstan's Church, Fredericton, for a day of faith, renewal, brotherhood, and encouragement.

Featuring Fr. Aaron Knox, opportunities for Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, and concluding with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC.

Registration Fee: \$35 (includes lunch)

Register today: events.insogan.org/NBMC

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.



BILIJK COMMUNITY BINGO

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

**Monday, September 28th
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!!

Summary of Support for Sept 12 & 13

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,036.15
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
School Supplies	50.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	45.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,429.61

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

- 1. Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD). Forms are at the entrance of the churches. Return to parish office.*
- 2. Mail: St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.*
- 3. Electronic Funds Transfer to office@stkateri.ca*

Cookie Sunday Weekend is September 26th & 27th.

In addition to cookies, the Food Bank is in need of soups and pasta items. Donations can be dropped off at Holy Family Church at the Saturday Mass or Sunday Mass at both St. Ann's Church and Holy Family Church. Any donation you can provide is most appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry!

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 20th

1st: Isaiah 55:6-9

2nd: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call on him.

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 20th Stacey Chessie

Sept 27th Elaine Geldart

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 20th Jean Murphy

Sept 27th For The People

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

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 19th Anna Mae Snider / Joan Sowers
Sept 20th Victoria Olopade / Ray & Anita Allain
Sept 26th Roly McSorley / Mary Beth McSorley
Sept 27th Chinyere Alozie / Noreen Bonnell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 19th Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey
Sept 20th Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon
Sept 26th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
Sept 27th Rhadia Ange / Radissa Ange

Our Sacred Stories Our God of Open Arms

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit a parish where there was an obvious and open sense of welcome. There was a buzz of conversation that was going on at the entrance and it continued through the whole community after people were seated. Those in the community were of all ages, from babies in arms to seniors. They were glad to be gathering. and the confusion and sounds of many ages coming together added to the Eucharistic table around which they were coming together.

Confusion? Yes, but definitely inviting, welcoming and inclusive. This Eucharistic gathering was a real and active expression of a Christian community and of our shared faith. Our liturgy, our Sunday celebration has a ritual that helps us to gather. The ritual is a guide, a way of gathering. Sometimes we see it as a rule so that every Eucharist unfolds in the same way, everywhere and every time.

What can get lost is the element of human giftedness and the sense that we are a believing community of many different persons believing and celebrating together. A ritual in a faith community is a customary way of doing things. It often can and does change to fit the circumstances and the character of the community itself. Like a team, we each bring our own personal gifts and a willingness to share our lives with one another, for God loves each and everyone of us in our human uniqueness. Like all love, it is not earned, it is honoured and gratefully accepted.

God is hard to describe in human language. The efforts we make to do so always fall short. About the best we can do is to describe God with the human qualities we have, just more of them. None of this, however, is satisfying. God is not us, not human. God does not judge, like we do. God does not demand our attention, like we do. God does not wait until we ask, like we do.

God does not limit love, like we do, and so on, and so on.

God does, however, speak to us. The language of God is often best seen in what we experience, in the images that are all around us. The wonder of the universe, the amazing harmony that we sometimes see in Creation these are expressions of God's loving presence among us. The same, for what we can notice in something so close to us as our own humanity. The evolution of humanity and the other creatures that surround us speak to us of the life-giving love of our God.

As well, God has spoken to us in the person of Jesus. This is one of the principal lessons from what we call the Incarnation. Our Scriptures repeatedly point out the significance of this wonderful act of God, as a sign of generous love. The Gospel of John has Jesus expressing this to Nicodemus, a leader of the community: "God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

At the center of Jesus's message is the image of our God whose love is abundant, who gives generously. Take a careful look at the parable of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel (Matt.20:1-16). Jesus relates the story of a landowner who goes out at various times throughout the day in order to hire workers. At the end of the day, no matter what time they started work, all of them receive the same daily wage. It comes as a surprise to all and those who worked from the very start of the day complain that it was unjust. The response of the landowner is to point out his generosity.

This is a parable about the Kingdom of God. There is no limit or demand that God sets to enter the reign of God. It is all generosity and gift. This is our God. Any Christian community is called to reflect this reign of God. All are invited, all are to be welcomed with the same warmth into the Kingdom and into the community, even those who have drifted or turned away. Such a reign of God is a revelation of God's unconditional love.

There is no limit or restriction on God's love. There are no locked gates for the Kingdom of God. It is always a gift, given out of love. A Christian community is called to reflect and express this open and inclusive love. As communities of Christians, this is who we are – reflections of our God, a loving parent.

**As a member of this Christian community do I
express open and inclusive love to all?**