

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 21st, 2025 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



High School Youth Event: NET (National Evangelization Team) is a group of vibrant young adults who travel across Canada sharing the Gospel through engaging and interactive retreats. Their dynamic format includes games, skits, small group discussions, live personal testimonies, and guided prayer time—all designed to help youth encounter Christ in a meaningful way. This popular event is coming to the Fredericton region on Friday, October 3, 2025, and we at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish are so pleased to advise that our Holy Family Church will be hosting the event this year! The evening begins at **5:30 PM** and is open to all high school youth Grades 9-12. Come join us for a powerful night of faith, fun, and connection!

To register, please provide the following information to office@stkateri.ca

- Student Name
- Student Email (if available)
- Parent(s) Name
- Parent(s) Email
- Cell number (in case we need to contact parents that evening)
- Student's Grade

** Parents will be required to **sign in and sign out** their student, in keeping with Responsible Ministry Protocol.



An invitation to wear orange: Once again this year we offer an invitation to the parishioners of St. Kateri Tekakwitha to wear orange at the weekend Masses on September 27th & 28th in support of

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Tuesday, September 30th. “Our

mission now

more than ever, is to inspire every person to step up, speak up, and act to end racism, helping to forge a culturally safe community where Indigenous peoples can thrive. It's a journey we all need to take together – Indigenous community and allies alike – and so we wear orange together.” (Phyllis Jack Webstad, First Nation elder, William Lakes, BC).



Cookie Sunday Weekend: Next Cookie Sunday weekend is **September 27th & 28th**. In addition, the **Food Bank** is once again in need of ‘**anything tomato**’: tomato soup, tomato sauce, tomato paste, crushed or stewed tomatoes, pasta sauce.

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.

Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach Ministry!

2025 Season of

Creation: This year is the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's Canticle



of the Sun also known as Canticle of the Creatures & Laudes Creaturarum (Praise of the Creatures). Written in 1225, this prayer/hymn points to the spirituality of this Patron Saint of Ecology. In the following excerpts from the Canticle, St. Francis uses the words "Sister" and "Brother" as a way to describe earth's elements and thus further pointing to his deep connection with nature.

"Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord, all praise is yours, all glory, honour and blessings. To you alone, Most High, do they belong; no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

We praise you, Lord, for all your creatures, especially for Brother Sun, who is the day through whom you give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour, of you Most High, he bears your likeness.

We praise you, Lord, for Sister Moon and the stars, in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.

We praise you, Lord, for Brothers Wind and Air, fair and stormy, all weather's moods, by which you cherish all that you have made.

We praise you, Lord, for Sister Water, so useful, humble, precious and pure.

We praise you, Lord, for Brother Fire, through whom you light the night. He is beautiful, playful, robust, and strong.

We praise you, Lord, for Sister Earth, who sustains us with her fruits, colored flowers, and herbs. We praise and bless you, Lord, and give you thanks, and serve you in all humility."

CAFOD Novena to St. Francis: The Canadian Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) Novena to St. Francis consists of nine days of prayer and reflections from St. Francis' Canticle of the Sun and Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'.

By registering for this online prayer resource, you will receive daily reflections starting on September 25th and concluding on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the last day of the Season of Creation. Through these inspired prayers may be always be aware of our commitment to be good stewards protecting the earth resources and helping those most vulnerable. St. Francis pray for us and our world. Click here to register: [Novena to St. Francis of Assisi](#)

You are invited to attend the **Third Annual Psi-te Npomawsuwiniwok (All My People) Wabanaki Gathering.**

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this event focused on healing and celebrating Indigenous peoples, our resiliency and our cultures. Join us as we honor our children, survivors, communities and ancestors on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Event takes Place on **Tuesday, September 30th from 12-5pm at St. Mary's First Nations Old Reserve, Fredericton.**



Tuesday, September 30th – Truth & Reconciliation Day. JEDI (Joint Economic Development Initiative)



is hosting a **Two-Eyed Seeing Session on Tuesday, September 30th from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the Maqiyahimok Centre, 247 Maliseet Drive, Fredericton.** The cost is **FREE** with limited spots available. Lunch and light refreshment will be provided. This session is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register to go the JEDI website: www.jedinb.ca/truth-reconciliation

Rosary - Rosary is prayed every Thursday morning at 1030 at Holy Family. During Ordinary Time we will be reciting the Luminous Mysteries. All are welcome to attend.

Altar Servers: Holy Family Church is looking for young girls and young boys to join this ministry. We are therefore calling on our young people, 3rd grade and above to consider becoming altar servers. Altar servers are an essential part of the Mass and a special way to participate and serve the Parish Community. If you are interested or would like more information, please email the Parish Office at office@stkateri.ca or call 506-444-6021 and leave the youth's and parent's name and a phone where you can be reached. Training will be provided.

Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Family Church: A new schedule is available in the entrance of the church for the period September to December 2025. If you have any questions, please speak to Judy Kelly. Thank you for serving in this vital Ministry that supports our Liturgy.

New Readers' Schedule for Holy Family

People who have agreed in recent weeks to serve as Readers for the September 2025 to June 2026 period, please pick up a paper copy of the new schedule in the entryway. You will notice a change in the Sunday schedule: **Now there are 4 readers for each Sunday Mass. Each reader should just read 1 of the 4 readings: 1st Reading; Psalm; 2nd Reading; or Intentions after the Credo.** This was needed to accommodate the many people who want to be Readers. Thank you for your strong interest in this Ministry.

SAINT MARY'S CEMETERY FALL CLEAN-UP

Volunteers needed for the annual Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery (Hanwell) clean up. Saturday, October 4th, from 9:00 AM until Noon. We will be cleaning headstones, levelling graves, cutting back some tree branches. No experience required. Just show up. For more information contact Vic Badeau at 5064402840.

READINGS for September 21st

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the needy.

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 21st For the People

Sept 28th The McKerral Family

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 21st Carolann Doherty

Sept 28th Betty Colligan

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 20th Mary Beth Gorey / Roly McSorley

Sept 21st Jane Buckley/Doreen Cormier/Maurice Harquail/Chinasa Trinita

Sept 27th William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc

Sept 28th Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden
Flora Ederro / Mandy Gilmore

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 20th Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly

Sept 21st Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon

Sept 27th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton

Sept 28th Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Sept 20th Martin Clark / Paul and Leah Devlin

Sept 21st Namdi Ozor Family

Sept 27th For the People

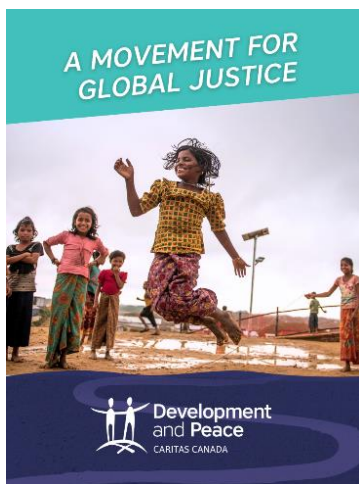
Sept 28th Patricia Okoye / Flo Doherty

How do we learn more about joining the Catholic

Church? Over the past few months several adults have asked about the possibility of joining the Catholic Church. To respond to this expressed desire, the Parish is offering an 'RCIA Process' beginning later in November.

This is for anyone who is interested in inquiring about becoming a Catholic and entering a journey of discernment about this. If you are interested, please call Judy Kelly at 506-478-7274 with your name and phone number and she will be in touch with you to provide additional information on what the process entails and to assist you with any information you need.

Fall Yard, Book and Bake Sale , Saturday, Sept 20th from 8 AM - 1PM at St. Francis of Assisi Hall, 2130 Route 102, Lincoln. Everyone welcome!



Workshop on the Development and Peace

— Caritas Canada Fall

Campaign: This Fall, as we continue as *Pilgrims of Hope* with the Jubilee 2025 campaign, [Turn Debt into Hope](#), you can:

✓ **Help** raise awareness among Canadians about the consequences of the debt crisis for impoverished

populations in the Global South.

✓ **Sign the petition** calling for the cancellation of the unjust debts of countries in the Global South.

You're invited to attend the workshop on **Saturday, September 20th at 9:30am at Holy Family Church (Church Hall)**. For more information, contact: [Judy Kelly at office@stkateri.ca](mailto:Judy.Kelly@stkateri.ca) or visit devp.org/campaign.

"For those members of our human family, this is not a matter of payment or non-payment, but a question of life."
Bishop William T. McGrattan

Is God Calling You to Serve the Youth? Do you feel a stirring in your heart to walk with the young people of your parish? Now is the time to answer that call! Join us for the **Youth Ministry Training Workshop, October 3–5, 2025** at the **Between the Hearts Retreat Centre, Amherst, NS**. This dynamic weekend will equip you with the tools, inspiration, and community you need to make a real impact in the lives of youth.

All costs are covered. Spots are limited to **two participants from each area** in our diocese: Woodstock, Fredericton, St. Stephen, Sussex, Upper Miramichi, Miramichi, and Saint John.

Apply by September 24, 2025. Successful applicants will be notified by **September 26, 2025**. To

apply: <https://forms.office.com/r/5B4pa35sNP> For more information, contact: Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis ✉ catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org ☎ 506-627-6465

GRANDMOTHERS HELPING GRANDMOTHERS NEW MEMBERS, NEW IDEAS WELCOMED

Want to make a difference in people's lives, while enjoying fellowship and fun? Please consider joining "**Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers**" (GHG) a local Fredericton-based group founded in 2006.

We work to raise funds, create awareness and build solidarity with the African grandmothers of sub-Saharan Africa. Many of these women, post the AIDS pandemic, continue to face horrific struggles, trauma and tragedies in their lives and those of their families.

Funds raised by **GHG** are distributed equally to 2 amazing Canadian organizations, the **Stephen Lewis Foundation** working at the grassroots levels in 15 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and **Help Lesotho**, working solely in the tiny country of Lesotho, a landlocked country in South Africa.

With support from these Canadian organizations, African grandmothers have overcome extreme barriers and have become leaders and advocates in their communities - starting programs focused on child care; grief counselling; parenting assistance; leadership training; income generation; ending gender-based violence; as well as advocating politically for women's human rights.

Continued solidarity & financial support is urgently needed to maintain & expand these grassroots programs.

GHG holds 3 general meetings per year, a fun potluck supper in the fall and fundraising projects throughout the fall to spring. **You don't have to be a grandmother to join!** Membership fee is \$20.00 per year.

For more information, please contact Linda Hubbard (lindahub@nb.sympatico.ca), or Marie Cashion (cashio@unb.ca)

Join us at our **fall General Meeting on Thursday, Oct.02, 1:30-3:00**, in the Holy Family Church Hall (basement).

Our Sacred Stories

Openness to a Flawed Humanity: Seeing with God's Eyes (Fr. John Jennings)

The Gospels present us with many stories told by Jesus. These parables offer glimpses of what God is like. In Luke's Gospel (Luke 16:1-13) we catch sight of the generous loving God as revealed by Jesus himself. This parable tells the story of a rich man who had a servant managing his wealth. The manager was accused of "squandering" his wealth and so was fired. Recognizing he was in a tight spot, the manager decided to change the debts owed to his former employer. This he thought would make him new friends at this difficult time. Surprise - the rich man commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. What a strange story! What is the point Jesus is making here? Perhaps there are many.

One key point is clearer when we see the location of this story in Luke's Gospel. It follows directly after a parable which is very familiar to us, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Here the younger son of a man demands his share of the family wealth. He goes away and "squanders" his share. In dire straits, he decides to return home to his father. But filled with guilt he determines that he can no longer be regarded as a member of the family, only a slave to his father. Surprise – the father spots the son returning. Overwhelmed with joy, he runs out to gather the wayward one into his arms. No mention of the "squandering", no mention of the thoughtlessness of the son and his desertion of the family. These two parables shown together are revelations of how God sees us.

As persons, as communities, as a global humanity we are gifted with many resources, much wealth. These are ours to use, in trust from God. How do we use this wealth of resources human, natural, economic? Sometimes we "squander" what we have been given. The temptation to treat it as held only for our personal enrichment or even to work at seizing it from others can overtake us, whether as individuals, or communities or nations. In this, like the manager or the younger son, we betray the trust.

The two stories reveal God's response. It is a surprising one. We do not earn God's love. We have only to be open to accept it. God's eyes are ever ready to see beyond our failings. The debts and sins, the hurts and broken trust cannot stand in the way of God's vision. God's unconditional love ever recognizes the goodness of

each and every person, even if the person themselves may be blind to it.

Luke presents us with these two parables as Jesus' way of proclaiming a faith in God as a loving parent, ever ready to reconcile and heal.

The stories express a faith in a God who challenges us with wealth, gifts and resources, in trust. At the same time, they present a God whose unconditional love can see beyond our failures to live up to this trust. It is a parent's love that can see beyond our failures to the goodness with which God has gifted us.

And there is a further point, another challenge. If this is how God treats every one of us, we are to see one another in the same open way. One aspect of the wealth and gifts we have received from God demands of us that we strive to see one another through God's eyes – to recognize the goodness of all beyond the failures and flaws that we encounter. God always has a parent's love for our flawed humanity. In faith are we able to accept and live this love ourselves?

Summary of Support for September 13 & 14

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,425.69
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
St. Patrick's Cemetery	35.00
Religious Education Registration	170.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,945.31

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*

Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parish.