

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 22nd, 2024 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 28th & 29th in support of **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Monday, 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)

Activities - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Monday September 30th

Sept. 27th, 9am-12pm – Blanket Exercise for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. JEDI (Joint Economic Development Initiative) is hosting a **free** Blanket Exercise Session at the St. Mary's Maqiyahimok Centre (247 Maliseet Drive, Fredericton). The Kairos Blanket Exercise is a unique, participatory history lesson developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers and educators that fosters truth, understanding, respect and reconciliation. Limited spots are available. Please contact Tiger.Levi@jedinb.ca

Sep 30th - 10:30am to 3pm: Every Child Matters Ceremony. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Everyone welcome, **March begins at 10:30am from the Old Reserve ending at Officers' Square on Monday September 30th** with a ceremony honouring Indigenous children who never returned home from the residential school system in Canada, as well as the survivors, their families and Communities. Please wear orange and join in this day of remembrance and reconciliation. The read the calls to action, click [here](#).

September 30th – 12noon-5pm: With support from the National Association of Friendship Centres and Canada Heritage, Under One Sky is excited to announce that we will be hosting the second Psi-te Npomawsuwiniwok (All My People) event. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend this community gathering focusing on healing and celebrating Indigenous peoples, our resiliency and our cultures. Join us **September 30th from 12-5pm at St. Mary's First Nations Old Reserve** as we honour our children, survivors, communities and ancestors on the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Sep 29th, 2024 - All day: In a sincere spirit of Reconciliation, come to the Fredericton Museum (571 Queen Street) to learn more about Wabanaki cultural history and take a moment to reflect upon Canada's duty to reconcile with the past.

Red Shawl Campaign – October 2nd to 4th: The Mi'kmaq-Wolastoqey Centre's Red Shawl Campaign will be held over three days, October 2nd to 4th. A symbol of protection, the red shawl brings healing as we seek action and move toward justice for our lost sisters and their loved ones. Please join us in honoring those we have lost.

Oct. 2 at 1pm – Provincial Archives: The opening of the main exhibit will take place on October 2nd at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. This event will begin the Red Shawl Campaign with reflections and an introduction to the powerful symbolism of the red shawls. This display at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, will feature a collection of red shawls, each symbolizing the lives of Indigenous women and girls lost. The exhibit aims to educate, inspire, and motivate visitors to take action and become advocates for change. The exhibit will be open from October 2nd to 4th.

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October 4th Vigil at 7pm: The vigil will be held at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick to honor and remember the lost lives of Indigenous women and girls. The vigil offers a space for reflection and community solidarity.

Sept. 22-Oct 6: Beaverbrook Art Gallery Supporting Event: In an act of solidarity, the Beaverbrook Art Gallery will host a complementary exhibit from Sept. 22 - Oct. 6, 2024, featuring 13 red shawls in the Harrison McCain Pavilion. This partnership amplifies our message and provides an additional platform for community engagement.

For more information on the Red Shawl Campaign including a special video click on the following link: <https://www.unb.ca/mwc/events/redshawl.html>

Cookie Sunday Weekend: Next Cookie Sunday weekend is **September 28th & 29th**. In addition, the **Food Bank** needs canned meats and mayonnaise to help supplement their food boxes and for school lunches.

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!

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.

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Remembering and Honouring the Children



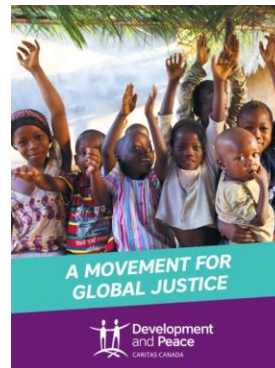
On **September 26th** we are hosting an event for Truth and Reconciliation Day. We will be lighting a **Sacred Fire in the Lower Courtyard at 10am** followed by a **ceremony at 11:30am**, and afterwards a **Luncheon in the Wabanaki Centre at 12:30pm.**

Bring your friends - All are welcome!

Don't forget to wear your **orange shirts** to honour and acknowledge all of the Indigenous children who were forced to attend Residential Schools.



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Do you know Development and Peace — Caritas Canada?

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, is a democratic movement for global solidarity rooted in

Catholic Social Teaching.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada addresses the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. **Coming soon, information on our Fall Campaign - Create Hope: Reaping our Rights.**

We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. To better understand our work, watch the short documentary at <https://t.ly/jDczl> or visit devp.org.

READINGS for September 22nd

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

2nd Reading: James 3:16—4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

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!

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 14 & 15

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,103.30
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
Religious Education Registrations	260.00
School Supplies	20.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	35.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,245.99

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

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*

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 22nd For the People

Sept 29th Alton Chessie

Oct 6th James Andrew McAllister

Oct 13th Shane Gallagher

Oct 20th Norma Daige

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 22nd Elaine Geldart

Sept 29th Carolanne Doherty

Oct 6th Betty Colligan

Oct 13th Mike Solomon

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

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

Sept 22nd Walter Randall

Sept 28th Sean Richards

Sept 29th Ralph Christie

Oct 5th Walter Randall

Oct 6th Leah Devlin

Oct 12th Leona Murphy

Oct 13th Anthony & Claudia Bourque & DFM and Armand & Edna Dube

Oct 19th Mary Lynch

Oct 20th Elsie Blanchard

Oct 26th Helen Janssens

Oct 27th Michael Bowland

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

Oct 5th Anna Mae Snider/Joan Sowers

Oct 6th Noreen Bonnell/Anul, Ebuka and Oluchi Ezeokafor

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

Sept 28th Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly

Sept 29th Bettyanne McMackin / Sharon Watts

A Synod for Our Whole Church (Fr. John Jennings)

Mark's Gospel relates a story of Jesus and disciples traveling through Galilee (Mk 9:30-37). He overhears a conversation among his followers about who among them was the greatest. Jesus response to this is telling: "Whoever wants to be first must be last and servant of all." He then focuses on a little child in their midst, pointing to the child as the greatest expression of God's attention for the most vulnerable. To welcome the most vulnerable is to be open to God and a sign of God's love for all.

The disciples who followed and listened to Jesus were to discover that what they heard was not just for themselves. The message was always to be shared. Their mission was the mission that Jesus himself lived. With the gift of the Spirit, their small circle would grow into the Church that we are today. Down through the centuries, each generation of disciples took on the mission of sharing Jesus' Good News broadly, creating an open and inclusive community of faith.

Over these centuries, Christian community found itself in a culture and society that was ever subject to evolution and change. Each era raised new questions of doctrine and of practice. Since the church was rooted in the culture and the society, it could not ignore the questions, nor could it reject the culture. As a Church, the community sought to respond to the change world and the cultures around it. Councils and synods are one of the ways in which our church, now a global community, has attempted to speak to and bring the faith to each successive era with its unique questions and multiple cultures.

We are now in the midst of such an experience, the **Synod on Synodality**. Each such experience shares the same goal, to share our faith with the people and cultures of each era. Each era and each culture is unique, and how we as a faith community respond is unique. We are to share the common Good News in ways that can reach the peoples and cultures of our times.

Three years ago, Pope Francis called for this **Synod on Synodality**. He recalled the experience of the 2nd Vatican Council (1962-65). Pope Francis expressed his hope and confidence for this synod of our global church: *I am certain the Spirit will guide us and give us the grace to move forward together, to listen to one another and to embark on a discernment of the times in which we are living, in solidarity with struggles and aspirations of all humanity.*

For 2 years, parish communities and national groups of dioceses prepared for the first session of the synod. It was an effort to involve laity and clergy, women and men from around the world. When the first session began on October 4, 2023 it gathered women and men, laity and clergy in Rome. They were there representing us all. The common identity that they shared was their common baptism into the

Christian community. As it was expressed more than once, their baptism constituted their passport for their presence.

Back in 2021, when Pope Francis initiated this synod process, he expressed three hopes that we might have as church. First, *that of moving not occasionally but structurally towards a **synodal Church**, an open square where all can feel at home and participate.* Second, that we might *become a **Listening Church**, break out of our routine and pause from our pastoral concerns in order to stop and listen.* Third, [the synod] *offers us the opportunity to become a **Church of closeness**.* This is what Francis refers to as "God's own 'style'" – filled with compassion and love.

Now, one year later, we are beginning the second session of the **Synod on Synodality**. As it begins, there are the same hopes and dreams that we may listen to one another and dream with each other as Church. With our shared baptism and common dreams, the laity and clergy, women and men at the second session (October 2-27, 2024) are call to hold to the same hopes for our whole, global faith community. We pray that our community may be a beacon of peace, justice and love for all peoples of our times.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024/25

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

**The first day of class is Sunday October 6th ,
10:00am to 10:45am for the following Grades:
Kindergarten/Grade 1
Grade 2 - Grade 4/5 - Grade 6/7**

***Please note Grade 3 will begin October 20th (to be confirmed by Catechist)**

Please watch for an initial email from Sharon Watts, Religious Education Coordinator, announcing Catechists/Adult Volunteers for each class. Registration is ongoing if you had not had an opportunity to register your child(ren). If you have any questions, please email Sharon Watts: office@stkateri.ca The Parish office will forward emails to Sharon.