

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 27th, 2026 – 26th 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.

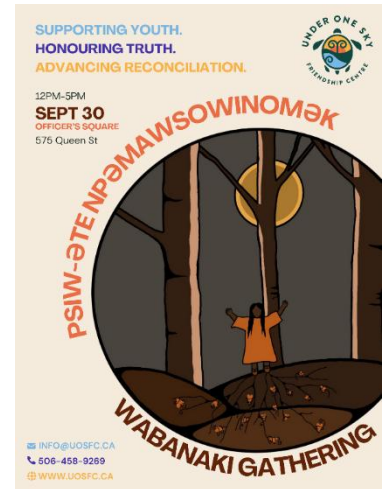
Drawing from the rich cultural landscape of their **Wabanaki ancestral lands**

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.

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

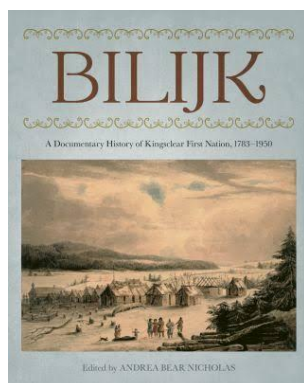
honor our children, survivors, communities and ancestors on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Event takes Place on **Wednesday, September 30th from 12-5pm at Officer's Square, 575 Queen Street**. Click on the following link to view the video prepared by Under One Sky, supporting youth, honoring truth and advancing reconciliation: <https://www.uosfc.ca/psi-te-npomawsuwinumok>



GENERAL PARISH MEETING

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

Religious Education Registrations will be available for the next two weekends at Holy Family Church (September 27th and October 4th) for families with youth for **Catechism (Gr. K-7)** and for **Confirmation Candidates (Grades 8-9)**. If you have any questions, please contact Lesley Lawlor, Religious Education Coordinator. *Contact info – religionseducationlawlor@gmail.com*

REMINDER: A reminder to all parents with youth in Religious Education for the 2026-2027 year that there is a parents meeting this coming **Sunday, September 27th at 10:15 am at Holy Family Church.**



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 **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30th, 2026**



- Acknowledge the Truth
- Move Past Ignorance
- Shift to Action
- Honor Orange Shirt Day

It's Cookie Sunday Weekend 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!

Summary of Support for Sept 19 & 20

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,530.45
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
School Supplies	120.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	25.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,828.91

Attention
Students
Grade 8-12



NET (National Evangelization Team) is a group of vibrant young adults who travel across Canada sharing the Gospel through engaging and interactive retreats.

St. Mary Magdalene Parish is hosting an event at St. Dunstan's Church worship site on Friday, October 15th beginning at 6pm.

This event is open to all high school youth Grades 8-12.

Come join us for a powerful night of faith, fun, and connection! More details coming soon. Please contact Lesley Lawlor religionseducationlawlor@gmail.com



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

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 Jooseop Keum, Council of World Mission, General Secretary, "In the prophetic vision of Ezekiel, where living water flows from the sanctuary to renew the earth, we encounter God's enduring promise of healing, justice, and the restoration of all creation. This vision speaks powerfully into our present reality marked by ecological devastation, extractive economies, and the deepening suffering of vulnerable communities, particularly in the Global South. Yet, even in contexts where death-dealing systems seem to prevail, the river of God's life continues to flow, bringing renewal to the land, restoring dignity to peoples, and awakening hope for a transformed future. This is a missional calling to all to participate in God's work of nurturing life-flourishing communities grounded in justice, shared abundance, and ecological integrity. In this Season of Creation, the church is called to join the life-giving movement of God to resist all forces that deny life, to protect the sacred gift of creation, and to nurture a just and sustainable future where all may live in dignity and fullness."

A Prayer for the Moana: "Three of the five nations named by the United Nations as anticipated to be under water by the end of the century are within the Diocese of Polynesia. Scientists stated recently that this human-made tragedy may happen within the next 50 years. The nations are Kiribati, the Marshall Islands and Tuvalu. In Fiji, the headquarters of the Diocese of Polynesia, there are hundreds of villages listed for relocation." Statement by Archbishop Emeritus Dr Winston Halapua. Follow this link to listen and reflect on a Pacific Prayer for the Moana (ocean) - [**Prayer for Moana**](#)

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

Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers is having a Jewelry Sale on Saturday, October 24, from 8am-3pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 170 Regent St. Proceeds are divided between the Stephen Lewis Foundation & Help Lesotho which support life-enhancing programs that aid African grandmothers & their communities. Cash or cheque accepted.



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. Canteen with light snacks and refreshments for purchase!! Doors open at 5:00 pm and BINGO will start at 6:00 pm. CASH ONLY! 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!!

New Schedules available for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Family Church: New schedules are available in the entrance of the church for the period October 2026 to January 3, 2027. If you have any questions, please speak to Jane Buckley for Readers Schedule and Judy Kelly for the Eucharistic Ministers Schedule. Thank you for serving in these vital Ministries that supports our Liturgy.

Readings for September 27th

1st: Ezekiel 18:25-28

2nd: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Psalm: Lord, be mindful of your mercy.

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 27th Elaine Geldart
Oct 4th Carolanne Doherty
Oct 11th Betty Colligan
Oct 18th Mike Solomon
Oct 25th Lawrence Cameron

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 27th For the People
Oct 4th Margaret Francis
Oct 11th For the People
Oct 18th The Grexton Family
Oct 25th Helen MacDonald

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Sept 26th For The People
Sept 27th Carolyn, Donna & Claude Roy
Oct 3rd Ralph Christie
Oct 4th For the People
Oct 10th Lorna MacNeil
Oct 11th Laura, Carla, Lorna & Yvonne
Oct 17th Gerald Hoogendyk
Oct 18th Zeron & Rose Chapados
Oct 24th Ann Hawkins
Oct 25th Larry & Arlene Gallant
Oct 31st DFM Meagher and Whitty

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 26th Roly McSorley / Mary Beth McSorley
Sept 27th Chinyere Alozie / Noreen Bonnell
Oct 3rd Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider
Oct 4th Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden
Marijke Hurkens

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 26th Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
Sept 27th Rhadia Ange / Radissa Ange
Oct 3rd Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
Oct 4th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

Sacred Stories

Who Are We in God's Dream?

(Fr. John Jennings)

One of the important elements of growing up and of who we become consists in the persons whom we encounter in the course of our lives. Sometimes we refer to these persons as our mentors. In quite natural and informal ways, they serve as models and supports for us. Our mentors are like the masters from whom we might learn a trade as an apprentice. But mentors are more than this. They affect all aspects of our lives. And, we have many of them marking our lives. Every so often I recall some of the many mentors who formed my life over the years. Two of these mentors loom very large and I want to introduce them to you.

Shortly, after ordination, I began graduate studies in Toronto. At that time, I lived and worked in a parish that had a significant Italian population and was fortunate to meet one of my mentors, an Italian priest named Evasio. He came to Canada from north Italy to serve as a priest here. We built a friendship and work alongside one another for more than three years. His relationships with the community, and his imaginative pastoral service and commitment to all he encountered have had a lasting impact on my life and service to this day. He was a true mentor for me, even if he did not recognize it himself. Mentors are sometimes like that.

A second mentor in my life might seem a strange one. It was a surprise for me, when it came to mind repeatedly through the years. This mentor or better expressed these mentors are the many persons in many parishes, classrooms and communities with whom I served over the years. Their openness, care, hospitality, love and willingness to try new and creative ways to express their faith has been a nurturing gift. Moved by their love and supported by their openness and energy, pastoral work has been truly life-giving. Mentors matter.

The Gospels handed down to us by our ancestors in the faith are not simply interesting stories about Jesus. In fact, they are more. The Gospel writers seemed to recognize the manner in which Jesus was a mentor to his disciples. Jesus gathered persons around himself that they might become his friends and disciples. He shared his message with them and by word and action he showed them the life-giving gift of God's love in action. Jesus was more than a rabbi or teacher for them. Jesus was their mentor. The stories and actions were more than information. Like a good mentor, Jesus gave them life. He shared his life with and for them. And like any good mentor, the intention was that they might grow to be like him.

St. Paul grasped this mentoring role of Jesus and prayed that all disciples of Jesus take on the same role and direction as Jesus revealed in his words, his actions and his life-giving love. As Paul wrote to a small community of Christians in Philippi: *Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, then make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full agreement and of one mind.... Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus* (Phil. 2:1-2, 5). For St Paul and for all of us as a Christian community, Jesus Christ is our mentor.