

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 28th, 2025 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) – Tuesday, September 30th: On this day and at our Masses this coming weekend, we encourage you to wear orange and in a spirit of reconciliation and learning 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



The Hello Crows, will be performing at the Fredericton Playhouse (686 Queen Street) on **Tuesday, September 30th at 7:30pm**. This performance

is a fundraiser for the Grand Council's Longhouse Project. Enjoy an evening of powerful Indigenous songs and stories derived from their rich Wabanaki culture. Click here to purchase your tickets:

<https://theplayhouse.ca/en/schedule-and-tickets>

Phyllis Webstad Story: Click on the following link to learn about Phyllis' story and the Orange Shirt Society: [Orange Shirt Society](#)



You are invited to attend the **third annual Psi-te Npomawsuwinuwok (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 Maqiyahitimok 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 go the JEDI website: <https://jedincb.ca/truth-reconciliation/half-day-two-eyed-seeing-session-2025>

Sunrise Ceremony: You are invited to a Sunrise Ceremony in honour of Wabanaki Children. The event takes place on **Tuesday, September 30th**, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation from **7am to 8:30am at Officer's Square**. All are welcome and participants are asked to bring chairs.

High School Youth

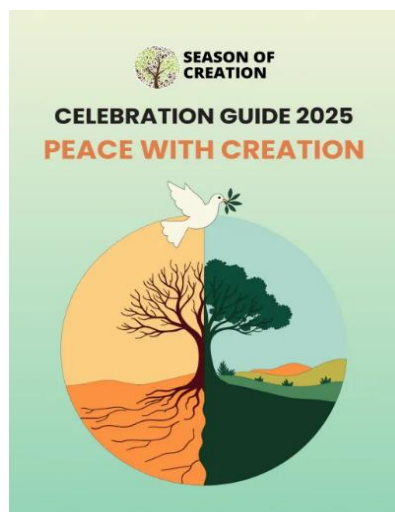
Event: NET (National Evangelization Team) is a group of vibrant young adults who travel across Canada sharing the Gospel through engaging and interactive retreats.



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

Cookie Sunday Weekend: It's Cookie Sunday weekend **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!



Season of Creation

Prayer: God, we praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you,

our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image. Amen.

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.

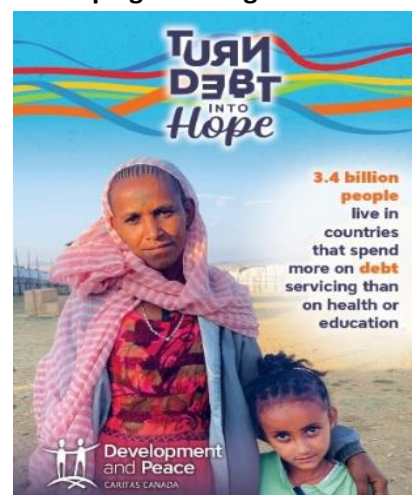
Altar Servers: Holy Family Church is looking for young girls and young boys to join this ministry. We are therefore calling on our young people, 3rd grade and above to consider becoming altar servers. Altar servers are an essential part of the Mass and a special way to participate and serve the Parish 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.

Development and Peace Fall Campaign Coming Soon

Let's take action to *Turn Debt into Hope!*

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada invites us to join the global [Turn Debt into Hope](#) campaign. Together, in this Jubilee Year, we are called to act for the cancellation of the unjust and unpayable debts of the Global South.



Our campaign also highlights the ecological debt that wealthy countries owe to many countries in the Global South that are caught in debt traps.

Let's put people and the planet first by calling on creditors and political leaders to take action to end the debt crisis affecting dozens of impoverished countries. [Sign at devp.org/debt!](#)

To learn more, read the **Action Sheet** or visit devp.org/campaign

READINGS for September 28th

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 28th The McKerral Family
Oct 5th For the People
Oct 12th Peter & Chris LaForest
Oct 19th For the People
Oct 26th James Andrew McAllister

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 28th Betty Colligan
Oct 5th Lawrence Cameron
Oct 12th John Monkhouse
Oct 19th Stacey Chessie
Oct 26th Elaine Geldart

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 27th William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
Sept 28th Patrick Burgoon / Carl Duivenvoorden
Flora Ederro / Mandy Gilmore
Oct 4th Margie Snell / Joan Sowers
Oct 5th Anita & Ray Allain / Bonnie Deveau
Victoria Olopade

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 27th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
Sept 28th Rhadia Ange / Rhadissa Ange
Oct 4th Rita Maxwell / Harold DeCoursey
Oct 5th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Sept 27th For the People
Sept 28th Patricia Okoye / Flo Doherty
Oct 4th Ralph Christie
Oct 5th Jake McMackin
Oct 11th For the People
Oct 12th DFM Badeau & Boyle
Oct 18th Priscilla Veno
Oct 19th Fred & Noreen Moar
Oct 25th Sharon Roberge
Oct 26th Earl & Julia Dionne

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. **Continued**

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.

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

Summary of Support for September 20th & 21st

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,222.40
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
St. Patrick's Cemetery	285.00
St. Mary's Cemetery	20.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,842.02

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.*

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.

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

Disciples in the Midst of the World

We live in a big world. It has many resources and possibilities. It also has many problems and challenges. Not the least of our challenges are the inequalities that mark our world. There is great wealth and many resources in parts of the world, while other areas are marked by poverty and disruption. How do we respond to these inequalities in what Pope Francis referred to as "Our Common Home" (Encyclical on Climate Change & Inequality, 2015)?

Luke's story in this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 16:19-31) is a challenge to us. It presents some fundamental elements of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The story focuses on a rich man, who is unnamed and a poor man, Lazarus. It challenges us to reflect on how we live our discipleship.

In the story the rich man was not portrayed as consciously oppressing Lazarus. Rather he was oblivious to the poor man at his gate. He did not even notice the person who was right in front of him. And certainly, he did not recognize that he had any responsibility to Lazarus.

This is our challenge in the world today. Often, we are quite ready and willing to offer help in a crisis, whether a handout to someone in need or aid in the case of a natural disaster such as a flood or earthquake. This is all good and certainly responds to a need.

The real challenge however is more demanding. It is the question of social justice in our world. Often the poverty that we encounter locally or globally has a basis in the social structures of our world. Since it is so basic, so much a part of our way of seeing the world, it is hard for us to recognize. Still more difficult is it for us to see that we can do anything about it.

The call to be disciples of Jesus is a call to the message and mission that he revealed. It means we work to build God's reign where we are. Starting with ourselves, it calls for the transformation of our mentality and that of our world into one where justice and peace reign, where there is equal respect and honouring of every person. Impossible? Three suggestions: Think globally, Act locally and Pray.

A Prayer from Pope Francis

God of love, show us our place in this world, as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! (Encyclical on Climate Change & Inequality, 2015)