

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 29th, 2024 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) – Monday, September 30th.

On this day and at our Masses this coming weekend you are encouraged to wear orange and in a sincere spirit of reconciliation to participate in activities that promote awareness of the residential school experience and the impact it has had on Indigenous communities for over a century. To witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. It is a day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.

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

Sept. 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](#).

Sept. 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 **Sept. 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.

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.

Oct. 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.

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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: It's Cookie Sunday weekend 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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024/25

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

The first day of class is Sunday October 6th at 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.



The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

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.

Saint Mary's Cemetery Clean Up!!

Volunteers needed for the Annual Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery (Hanwell) clean up. Saturday, October 5th, 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 506-440-2840. Your time is greatly appreciated.

READINGS for September 29th

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29
2nd Reading: James 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Responsorial Psalm: The precepts of the Lord are right, and give joy to the heart.

***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 21st & 22nd

Regular/Loose	\$ 4,171.15
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
St. Patrick's Cemetery	190.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,188.84

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) to office@stkateri.ca

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 29th Alton Chessie
Oct 6th James Andrew McAllister
Oct 13th Shane Gallagher
Oct 20th Norma Daigle

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 29th Carolanne Doherty
Oct 6th Betty Colligan
Oct 13th Mike Solomon
Oct 20th Lawrence Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Sept 28th Sean Richards
Sept 29th Ralph Christie / Antoinette LeBlanc
Oct 5th Walter Randall
Oct 6th Leah Devlin
Oct 12th Leona Murphy
Oct 13th Anthony & Claudia Bourque
Armand & Edna Dube and DFM
Oct 19th Mary Lynch
Oct 20th Elsie Blanchard
Oct 26th Helen Janssens
Oct 27th Michael Bowland

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 28th William Cormier / Mona LeBlanc
Sept 29th Chinyese Aloaie Norma Downing and Debbie Landau
Oct 5th Anna Mae Snider/Joan Sowers
Oct 6th Noreen Bonnell/Anul, Ebuka and Oluchi Ezeokafor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 28th Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
Sept 29th Bettyann MacMackin / Sharon Watts
Oct 5th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
Oct 6th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard
Oct 12th Joan Sowers / Harold DeCoursey
Oct 13th JoAnne Linton / Verna McCloskey

Our Sacred Stories
Living Christian Life in the 21st Century
(Fr. John Jennings)

Sometimes we find ourselves in settings which are threatening to us. Currently our church finds itself in a context, a world that for many seems to be a threat. It is marked by a distance from things spiritual, where church, prayer and faith seem to count for little. This world is sometimes referred to as “secular” and is viewed as hostile to church and to things spiritual. It is a world in which there often seems little place for church or spirituality. But perhaps this is not quite accurate.

Father Timothy Radcliffe is a Dominican priest and the former general superior of the Dominican Order. He is also a thoughtful and inspirational speaker and writer. Just before the first session of the Synod on Synodality opened in October 2023, the participants, laity and clergy, women and men took part in a 3-day retreat with meditations offered by Sr. Maria Grazia Angelina O.S.B. and Fr. Radcliffe. This time of feeding the Spirit before entering into the work of the Synod it seems proved to be influential in how the first session unfolded.

Several years ago, Timothy Radcliffe wrote an article entitled “The Shape of the Church to Come.” The article discussed the manner in which our church has addressed the reality of living in a world that is secular, a world where faith, religion, church and Christian life seem unimportant. For some, this is a threatening world, but not for Radcliffe.

Fr. Radcliffe sees our world not as a threat to Christianity and the church, but the ground in which we work - where we sow the seeds of the Good News. For him, living in a secular society in the 21st century challenges us to see and proclaim the Good News in a new light. He holds that our sharing of the Good News has much to offer to our secular society, not to correct it, but to build upon it.

Radcliffe offers advice to us on Christian moral vision and life in the 21st century secular world.

[As church and society] we need a moral vision that neither locks us in a ghetto nor assimilates us to society.... We need a moral vision that engages us as people of the 21st century and leads to our flourishing. Many Catholics understand morality in a way that reflects an Enlightenment (i.e. 18th century) culture of control, obligation and prohibition. To be a Catholic is to accept the rules, starting with the Ten Commandments.... Commandments have always, obviously, had a role in Catholic morality, but with the Enlightenment they became central, rather than being part of our formation as people who seek our happiness in God....

The renewal of virtue ethics, especially in North America, promises a way beyond a voluntaristic morality. It is not so much about acts as about becoming the sort of person who finds happiness in God. By practicing the cardinal virtues of prudence, courage, temperance and justice, we can become pilgrims on the way to holiness. With the theological virtues of faith, hope and love, we are given a foretaste of the end of the journey. A morality founded on virtues [rather than commandments] is about the transformation of our desires rather than their control.

Mark’s Gospel, relates this spiritual openness as foundational for Jesus’ disciples (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48). The disciples were to see that the Spirit speaks in a host of voices. Both Vatican II in 1962-65 and now, the Synod on Synodality both in general have adopted this perspective on our Catholic Church.