

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 6th, 2026 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Sunday,
Sept. 20th**

It's time for

our Annual Parish BBQ. Immediately following the 11 AM Mass, Join us for a free BBQ with **hot dogs, hamburgers**, and maybe even the return of the **popcorn machine!** Fun for all ages, **including games and activities for your youth.**

Want to help at the BBQ? Volunteers are needed for the BBQ, youth games/activities, and clean-up. Contact the Parish Office at office@stkateri.ca

Religious Education Registrations will also take place at the time of the BBQ on September 20th for families with youth for **Catechism (Gr. K–7)** and for **Confirmation Candidates (Grades 8-9).**

Note from Fr. Bill re. Religious Education:

After many years of ministry as our Religious Education Coordinator and Catechist, Sharon Watts is passing this role on to another person. On behalf of the parish I express from all of us our deepest gratitude and thanksgiving to you Sharon for all of the many ways you have gifted and graced our children, youth, catechists, parents and wider parish. You have given us so many of your Sunday's, weekends and other times to organize, recruit catechists, plan classes,

create class lists, organize sacramental celebrations, and lead classes, workshops and retreats. There is so much more. You have done this with enthusiasm while delighting in the children and youth and with a faith that we are all inspired by. Thank you! Thank You!

I am also very grateful to announce that Lesley Lawlor has joined us as our new Coordinator for Religious Education for our children and youth. Lesley brings much experience of teaching religious education in the Catholic School system, parish leadership in adult faith ministry and most of all in her home. Next Sunday, Lesley, will be at the 11 am Mass to be introduced and for an opportunity for us to meet her. A warm welcome to you Lesley!!

Welcome to 3 young adult Sudani

Newcomers who have recently arrived in Fredericton. Our parish is co-sponsoring three siblings, Abdelrahman Merghani, Ahmed Merghani and Khlowd Merghani with the family of Mohamad Fagir, their uncle.

We are delighted that they will be at Holy Family Church this **Sunday, September 6th right after the 11 am Mass.** Please stay to say Hello and Welcome them and if you have time, share a coffee and donut before you leave.

REFLECTION CORNER



“For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water; a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.”

-Pope Leo XIV

School Supplies Drive. A reminder we continue



to collect school supply items until Labor Day Weekend. Items needed are: backpacks, calculators, math sets, earbuds, pens, pencils, color pencils, crayons, erasers, highlighters, and

glue sticks. **(Please note: Notebooks (scribblers) and looseleaf paper are not required as the Foodbank already has a good supply of these items).** For those who wish to donate funds towards school supplies, envelopes will be available in the lobby of the church. Please only donate what you can, and if you are struggling in any way, please remember that all prayers are heard.

Holy Family Church - Readers: Now available in the lobby of the church is the schedule for the month of September; and a sign-up sheet for readers for the months of October to December 2026. Present readers are asked to sign-up as well as any new readers. If you are not on the readers schedule and would like to join this Ministry, please use this opportunity to sign up! Any questions, please speak with Jane Buckley (506) 444-1396 or jmb1958@me.com).

Summary of Support for August 29th & 30th

Regular/Loose	\$ 4,241.65
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
School Supplies	945.00
Oromocto Food Bank	25.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	45.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,555.11



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

**Season of
Creation 2026
'Living Water!'**

Ecumenical faith
leaders from around

the world have provided reflections for the Christian community in this Season of Creation. Last week we provided a reflection from Pope Leo XIV. This week the reflection comes from Rev. Botrus Mansour, World Evangelical Alliance General Secretary, “The Season of Creation offers a vital invitation to the global Church to rightly apprehend, and faithfully respond to, God’s lovingly and intricately fashioned gift of creation—upon which all creatures including humanity, depend for life. As Evangelicals, we affirm that “the earth is the Lord’s,” entrusted to our care, and that faithful discipleship includes receiving and enjoying the fruit of creation without diminishing its fruitfulness—relating to creation with wisdom, humility, and other Christian virtues. The Season of Creation, therefore, offers an opportunity to participate personally in the full reality of the Gospel and to become agents of God’s renewing work—embracing both personal salvation and the restoration of all creation under the lordship of Christ.”

As depicted above, the symbol for 2026, ‘**Immersion in Living Water**’, is a symbol of renewal and birth: water flowing from the temple as a sign of God’s caring and healing for us. It is an invitation to all Christians to a spiritual immersion – praying together while contemplating all the waters of creation, rivers, lakes, fountains, baptismal founts inspired by the Spirit of God, working together for the renewal of Creation. (Ecumenical Steering Committee 2026)

In that same spirit of praying together, join us as we pray an **Ecological Rosary – The Luminous Mysteries** on Thursday mornings at 10:30am at Holy Family Church, as we nourish our commitment to care for the earth and its living waters.

Beyond our prayers, let’s build upon this Season of Creation and make it our responsibility to become good stewards, seeking justice, reconciliation and the healing of the earth, for all.

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



BILIK COMMUNITY BINGO

**We hope to see you at the next Bingo night
which is scheduled for:**

Monday, September 14th

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.**

**There will be a canteen with light snacks
and refreshments for purchase!! Doors will
open at 5:00 pm and BINGO will start at
6:00 pm. CASH ONLY to purchase cards
and Canteen!! 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!!**

**Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts will resume
in September. The next breakfast will be on Sunday,
September 13th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol
Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$ 12.00, Children \$ 5.00
and Families \$ 35.00. Proceeds will be used to support
the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.
Everyone welcome.**

Readings for September 6th

1st: Ezekiel 33:7-9

2nd: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

**Psalm: O that today you would listen to the voice of
the Lord. Do not harden your hearts.**

Elsipogtog Powwow – 40th Anniversary. Join us
September 4–6, 2026 as we celebrate four decades of
culture, community, song, dance, and tradition at our
beautiful new Powwow Grounds. The Elsipogtog
Powwow Grounds is located at 1072 Route 510 in Lower
Main River, New Brunswick (near Nogemag Lodge).
Honouring our Drums, the heartbeat of Mother Earth and
the heartbeat of our people. Every beat tells a story. Every
song carries a teaching. Every gathering around the drum
reminds us that no matter where we come from, we are
connected. Its songs carry our prayers, our gratitude, our
grief, our celebrations, and our hope.

As we prepare to gather for the 40th Annual Elsipogtog
Powwow, we raise our hands to our Host, Co-Host,
Special Guest, and Invited Drum. Thank you for sharing
your songs, your gifts, your teachings, and your hearts.
Your voices keep our traditions alive and remind us that
as long as the drum is heard, our people will continue to
stand strong.



Bilijk Mawiyamok

Mark your calendars!
Get ready to join us for
Bilijk MAWIYAMOK 2026,
taking place September
11th, 12th, & 13th, 2026,
Kingsclear New
Brunswick along the
beautiful Wolastoq, 729
Church Street, Kingsclear
First Nation.

Friday, September 11th:

•**10am:** Naming Ceremony

•**6pm:** Night Social

Saturday, September 12th:

•**1pm:** Grand Entry

Sunday, September 13th:

•**12noon:** Grand Entry

Stay tuned for more details. Everyone is welcome!

Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Family Church: In the next
couple of weeks, I will be preparing a new schedule for
Eucharistic Ministers for the months of October to
December 2026. If you are not presently a Eucharistic
Minister but are interested in joining this Ministry at Holy
Family Church, please contact July Kelly (506-478-7274)
September 10th to be added to the new schedule.
For existing Eucharistic Ministers, the schedule for
September 2026 is available in the lobby of the Church.
Thank you for serving in this vital Ministry that supports our
Liturgy.

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 6th Lawrence Cameron
Sept 13th John Monkhouse
Sept 20th Stacey Chessie
Sept 27th Elaine Geldart

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 6th James Andrew McAllister
Sept 13th For The People
Sept 20th Jean Murphy
Sept 27th For The People

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Sept 5th Mary Holland
Sept 6th For the People
Sept 12th Sean Richards / Ethel Albuquerque
Sept 13th Bert Holland and Family
Sept 19th Dr. Joe MacDougall
Sept 20th Earle and Annetta McGuire
Claudia & Anthony Bourque and DFM
Ewdna & Armand Dube and DFM
Sept 26th For The People
Sept 27th Carolyn, Donna & Claude Roy

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 5th Paula Ryan/Margie Snell
Sept 6th Chinasa T/Jane Buckley
Doreen Cormier/Maureen Hawthorne
Sept 12th Mona LeBlanc / Willie Cormier
Sept 13th Oma Okoye / James McGroarty
Genevieve Obi / Claire or Sophia Obi

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 5th Ron Breau / Judy Kelly
Sept 6th JoAnne Linton / Laura McDonald
Sept 12th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton
Sept 13th Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin

Our Sacred Stories

Our Christian Church: Coming Together – Sticking Together

Much as we value our friendships, our communities, our country and even our families, it remains a challenge to “stick together”. We do not always agree with one another. Often in our world we tend to define ourselves by how we are different from others. Even in our faith communities we live with remarkably different practices and expressions of our shared faith. With all our differences, we can discover that we are still one. Being one does not mean that we are all the same. Unity does not mean uniformity. This reality applies to us, even as faith communities

Our story as Christians is filled with efforts to remain united while recognizing that we are not all the same. We seek unity, with all our differences and we do so with many set backs and failures. For the past 1000 years, the Christian church has had to live through the realities of division. The Greek – Latin schism or split resulted in a Christian church of the East and of the West. Then, about 500 years ago a whole series of divides affected the West, as we now live with a host of denominations of western Christianity. These were not the only breaks that have affected our Christian church, but they were certainly among the most significant. One might say division has been our identity. Does this have to be? Is there more to our Christian church?

Discovering our identity by emphasizing the differences between us and others limits and restricts us. When our

differences are made to loom large, they belie the fact that we share much in common. We might better come to recognize our Christian church by directing our attention to our common roots. What we seek in our identity is unity, not uniformity.

God's dream for our common humanity is that we live in peace, based on compassion and love. We can recognize this as Jesus teaches his disciples in Matthew's Gospel (18:15-20). Addressing his friends, Jesus says: “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Christian faith is a communal faith. It feeds our spirit but does so in the context of a community of faith, shared with one another and moved by the love that God pours out upon us all. This is who we are.

Early in this decade, our global Church began a worldwide conversation, a synod, directed to expressing a communal and life-giving identity for our Church. As Pope Francis opened the Synod on Synodality, he addressed the gathered bishops, priests, laity and religious in Rome, and described who we are to be: *A Church that does not stand aloof from life, but immerses herself in today's problems and needs, bandaging wounds and healing broken hearts with the balm of God. Let us not forget God's style, which must help us: closeness, compassion and tender love* (Address of Pope Francis, 9 Oct 2021).

Over the course of the next three years, in local parishes, diocesan churches, national churches and in several world-wide gatherings our Catholic Christian community engaged in prayer, reflection, sharing and listening to one another, in what was spoken of as “conversation in the Spirit”.

After a three-year process, in October 2024, the Synod on Synodality came to a close. What was titled: **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission - Final Document** presented us with a final glimpse of what the Synod brings to our Catholic Christian Community. It describes what took place, as well as encourages the whole global Church to continue the process of the synod in national, regional and local diocesan churches and parishes.

Pope Francis expressed the hope of the Synod in an “Accompanying Note” attached to the **Final Document**: *The whole Church, allowing itself to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit, was called to review its own experience and identify steps to be taken to live communion, realise participation and promote the mission that Jesus Christ entrusted to the Church.*

The synod process was and is an exemplar for the whole Christian community, to grow together and to “stick together”. A year earlier, in August of 2023, Pope Francis expressed this same sense of Church before 600,000 youth at World Youth Days in Lisbon, Portugal: *-In the Church, there is room for everyone. Everyone. In the Church, no one is left out or left over. There is room for everyone. Just the way we are. Everyone.* This is our Christian Church. Who we aspire to be. Who we can be. It is our identity.

The Fredericton Choral Society (FCS) begins its fall 2026 season with a rehearsal/reception on Monday, September 14, 7-9 pm at Christ Church Parish Church, corner of Westmorland and Charlotte Streets. Rehearsals are held at the church each Monday from 7-9 pm. The FCS is a non-auditioned choir welcoming singers of all levels. The major works for the December 19th performance are Mendelssohn's cantata, “Von Himmel hoch” accompanied by orchestral ensemble and Daniel Pinkham's “Christmas Cantata” accompanied by the East Coast Brass. For more information, please contact fcs-exec@googlegroups.com. Membership fees available upon request.