

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 7th, 2025 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2025 Season of Creation: In Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, he often challenged us with questions such as: "What need does the earth have of us? What is the goal of



our work with regard to caring for the earth?" In his statement for World Day of Prayer in 2022, Pope Francis issued a further challenge, "If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the

voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in the praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home."

With this year's theme, 'Peace with Creation', we are reminded in the Celebration Guide that peace with creation requires proactive steps. Jesus taught repentance and restorative justice. We must repair broken relationships between humans and Earth, humans and other creatures and humans and God.

We are all experiencing the effects of climate change, but none more so as those who live in the poorer countries. They live with increasing food and water insecurity from droughts and floods, affecting their livelihoods, making them more vulnerable and causing them to fall further into poverty. These words from St. Basil the Great, who cared deeply for the poor reminds us, "The bread you store up belongs to the hungry; the cloak that lies in your chest belongs to the naked; the gold you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor."



In addition to our prayers, this year's Celebration Guide profiles that action is needed in the way of advocacy, sustainability, cleaning campaigns and even education. Caring for creation is central to our faith. We are all part of

Creation and we are challenged to consider our responsibility to nurture and protect it.

As part of our journey, consider a 'Seeds of Peace' activity that can be done individually, in a group or as a family:

- Gather some soil, seeds and a pot. Reflect on the power of the seed. A tiny seed, if given water and light can move soil, many times its own weight. Never underestimate the power of a seed!
- Think about some of the situations in the world where God's peace is needed.
- Think about and thank God, for those who bring about peace.
- Give thanks to God for the wonders of creation and pray that we may all be inspired to work together to protect the earth, our common home.
- Lastly, plant your seeds as a prayer for peace and a commitment to allowing the goodness of your lives to grow.

May we be always be guided and transformed by the Holy Spirit's presence and may we always be open to the idea of working together for peace with Creation. "There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself." -*Laudato Si'* (118).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Sunday, Sept. 7th

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:**

- Games and activities for our youth
- Family registration for **Catechism (Gr. K-7)**
- Registration for **Confirmation Candidates (Grades 8-9)**

Want to help? Volunteers are needed for the BBQ, youth games/activities, and clean-up.

Contact **Sharon** office@stkateri.ca

Summary of Support for August 30th & 31st

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,618.45
PAD (wkly. average)	2,314.62
School Supplies	282.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,315.07

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.

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.

READINGS for September 7th

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Second Reading: Philemon 9b:10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Shelter & Foodbank Donations



A huge **THANK YOU** to parishioners from St. Ann's Church, Holy Family Church, and Residents from Shannex for your generous donations at last weekend's Cookie Sunday! Through your donations we collected dozens of cookies and for the Shelters and Foodbank along with much needed school supplies/donations. Your kindness and generosity are outstanding! You are truly answering the teachings of Jesus. Thank you!

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 7 th	James Andrew McAllister
Sept 14 th	Jean Murphy
Sept 21 st	For the People
Sept 28 th	The McKerral Family

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 7 th	Stacey Chessie
Sept 14 th	Elaine Geldart
Sept 21 st	Carolann Doherty
Sept 28 th	Betty Colligan

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 6 th	Joan Sowers/Paula Ryan
Sept 7 th	Flora Ederaro/Jane Buckley
Sept 13 th	Paula Ryan / Anna Mae Snider
Sept 14 th	Noreen Bonnell / Ebuka Ezeakafor / Oluchi Ezeakafor / Maureen Hawthorne

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 6 th	Rita Maxwell/Harold DeCoursey
Sept. 7 th	Joanne Linton/Annie Zdyb-Rinne
Sept. 13 th	Wanda Cairns / Margie Snell
Sept 14 th	Sharon Watts / Bettyanne McMackin

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Sept 6 th	Marjorie Steeves
Sept 7 th	For the People
Sept 13 th	Charlotte Southwell
Sept 14 th	Anthony & Claudia Bourque and DFM Armand & Edna Dube and DFM Edmond Blanchard
Sept 20 th	Martin Clark
Sept 21 st	Namdi Ozor Family
Sept 27 th	For the People
Sept 28 th	Patricia Okoye

New Readers' Schedule for Holy Family

People who have agreed in recent weeks to serve as Readers for the September 2025 to June 2026 period, please pick up a paper copy of the new schedule in the entryway. You will notice a change in the Sunday schedule: **Now there are 4 readers for each Sunday Mass. Each reader should just read 1 of the 4 readings: 1st Reading; Psalm; 2nd Reading; or Intentions after the Credo.**

This was needed to accommodate the many people who want to be Readers. Thank you for your strong interest in this Ministry.



Biljik Annual PowWow – September 12th-14th, Biljik PowWow Grounds, along the Wolastoq, 729 Church Street, Biljik (Kingsclear) First Nation.

Friday, September 12th:

- **12noon:** Naming Ceremony
- **6pm:** Night Social

Saturday, September 13th:

- **1pm:** Grand Entry

Sunday, September 14th:

- **12noon:** Grand Entry

What to Expect:

Dancers and Drums:

Features various dancers in traditional regalia and musical performances by drum groups.



Vendors: Many vendors will be onsite to showcase crafts, food and cultural items. Take part in this 3-day vibrant celebration of Wolastoqiyik culture along the bank of the Wolastoq. The event has free parking and admission. Everyone is welcome!

Film Screening: Permission

You are invited to a special screening of the film *Permission*: Fr. Bob Bedard's Vision for the Church, on September 14th, 2025, at 3pm (doors open at 2pm) at the Villa Madonna Retreat House. On this 40th anniversary year of their founding on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, come discover the heart of Fr. Bob Bedard the founder of the Companions of the Cross and a major figure of renewal in the Canadian church. See why so many in the church continue to find inspiration in his vision of a church explosively alive. See poster in the lobby of the church.

For more information, please contact:

info@immaculateconception.ca

<https://form.jotform.com/252294613131046>

Development and Peace Fall Workshop: The Saint John Diocesan Council for Development and Peace will hold its **Fall Campaign Workshop on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton**, and beginning at 10 am to 2 pm.

Adah Ogbe, our D&P Maritime Regional Animator, will present the workshop on the Fall Campaign, *Turn Debt into Hope*. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided.

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. Click link to register via Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/s_x8LisUTYSzn4NmCusIYA

I hope you will be able to join us, either in person or virtually. Everyone is invited to attend. We are looking for new members. If you questions or are interested in the work of this Council, please speak to Judy Kelly.



Our Sacred Stories
Disciples in the Making: Becoming God's Dream
(Fr. John Jennings)

Do you have a dream? What would you most want for your family, for your friends, for your community or country, for yourself? It is important for us to dream. Most children have wonderful dreams. Perhaps as we get older, we sometimes lose some of this gift of having dreams. Aging brings a tendency to be what we sometimes call "realistic". Maybe we might sometimes call it – "cynicism". We tend to find and focus on the flaws and the negatives in life. It stands in the way of the virtue of "hope".

At every wedding, I am struck by the promises that couples speak to one another: ***I promise to be true to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honour you all the days of my life.*** This is a huge commitment. Without knowing what the days and years to come may bring, here are two people who are willing to risk themselves for the sake of each other. We, and they know that things sometimes do not work out. How are they able to take such a chance? How can they have such hope?

As much as there is risk, there is also the dream. The promises speak of a future, *all the days of my life*. What a blessing, that it is possible to dream. It may never be fully realized, but the very fact that we have a dream is essential for us and our life. To hear a couple make such promises, pledging their very hearts to one another is momentous to say the least. We need to hear it and to see it, for human life is founded on hope and the capacity to have a dream that is life-giving.

Parents and grandparents share this same dream - that it is possible to bring life to another. And so their love and their life brings new life into our world and nurtures it. It has the same uncertainty as the commitments made at the exchange of promises, the same risks. But it also has the same dream – that life for all its challenges is full of promise. And we, all of us need to hold this hope, for it is God's dream for all our world.

Luke's Gospel (14:25-33) presents us with the reality that we are disciples in the making. Responding to the call to be Jesus's disciples has a cost and like the couple's promises or the parent's role, being a disciple means taking risks, stepping out into the unknown. Doing so, calls for trust, faith and hope. Our risks are part of life and without them, we are in so many ways – lifeless.

Faith means to trust enough that we can risk and we can dream. These are a source of life. In Luke's story, we discover that becoming and living as disciples is indeed taking a risk. But living as disciples is also an expression of our dream. And what a dream it is, for it is God's dream, for all humanity and creation.

Gods' dream is that we accept and share God's unconditional love, that we live in a world, we build a world that is marked by peace, justice and love. God's dream is a world where no one is excluded, no one is left out or lives an outcast, where all are respected.

As disciples of Jesus we pray this dream in the prayer Jesus taught us: *Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*. Our dream is really God's dream.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts will resume in September. The next breakfast will be on Sunday, September 14th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00 and Families \$30.00. Proceeds will be used to support the Law Enforcement Run for Special Olympics. Everyone welcome.