

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 8th, 2024 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish BBQ: On Sunday, September 8th after the 11am Mass at Holy Family Church we will be holding a free Parish BBQ, hot dogs and hamburgers will be served, and we hear that the popcorn machine will be running too. During the BBQ there will be activities and games for our youth, and you may register your child for catechism, and grades 8 and 9 for Confirmation. Everyone is welcome!

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to assist with set-up on the Saturday afternoon (3pm – Sept. 7th) in the Church Hall and on Sunday afternoon with clean up. There will be a sign-up sheet for both days in the church lobby starting this weekend.

Dr. Michael W. Higgins is coming to Fredericton to launch his new Book, **The Jesuit Disruptor: A Personal Portrait of Pope Francis**, published by House of Anansi, and give a presentation on The Synod on Synodality. On Saturday, September 14th he will be at Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton from 10:30 am till 1:00 pm This gathering will begin with a presentation on the Synod and Synodality (and Q and A) followed by the book launch and a social time with food and refreshments and book signing. Westminster Bookmark will be present with books available.

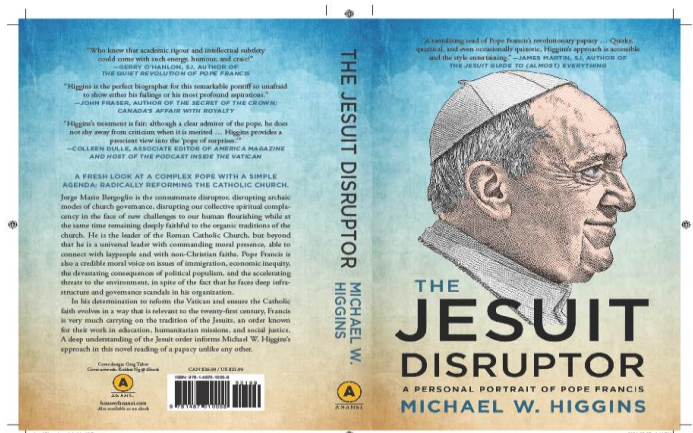
Dr. Michael Higgins is well known to us as an author, English and Religious Studies Professor, former President and Vice Chancellor of St. Thomas University, journalist, documentarian, columnist with many prominent newspapers, commentator and analyst with CBC and CTV, and biographer of Henri J. M. Nouwen and Thomas Merton. He will be attending the next Synod gathering in Rome in October, as he did the first synod gathering as a credentialed journalist on behalf of Paulist Press.

No registration or fee to attend! However, for the sake of numbers for food preparation and ordering books (Westminster Bookmark) please let us know if you are attending @506-444-6021 or email: office@stkateri.ca. All are welcome!



Biljck 10th Anniversary Pow Wow. The Pow Wow will be held from Sept. 13th to 15th on the Biljck Pow Wow Grounds, 729 Church St., Kingsclear Everyone is welcome!! Click or copy the following link for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/906723287050283/?rdr>



READINGS for September 8th

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, O my soul?

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!

Holy Family: New Readers Welcome for 2024-25 - Interested in reading at the 4:30pm Saturday or 11am Sunday mass this coming year? If you are new to Holy Family or did not read this past year, please sign up on the sheet on the Bulletin Board in the entryway. If you were a regular reader this past year, you will be contacted by phone to ask whether you want to read this coming year.

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!

SUMMIT NIGHT – You are invited to a Summit Night at **St. Dunstan's Church** on Saturday, September 7, at 7:00 pm. Join us for an evening of Adoration with a talk, worship and fellowship centered on the theme, "trust in God in the controllable and uncontrollable moments of life". For more information or to register, please contact frederictoncatholicyoungadults@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Twilight Retreat, hosted by St. Theresa's CWL, on Monday, September 9th, in the church hall. First session begins at 4:30 pm, followed by a potluck, second session and closing prayer at 8 pm. Presenter, Jim Anderson, is the Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation for the Diocese of Saint John. Topic: "The Saints Next Door: Being Extraordinary Ordinary People of Faith".

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 8th Augustine Ede

Sept 15th Jean Murphy

Sept 22nd For the People

Sept 29th Alton Chessie

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 8th John Monkhouse

Sept 15 Liz Solomon

Sept 22nd Elaine Geldart

Sept 29th Carolanne Doherty

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Sept 7th Dr. Joe MacDougall

Sept 8th Shirley Cyr

Sept 14th Sean Richards

Sept 15th Edmond Blanchard

Sept 21st Sister Charlotte Lockhart / The Meagher Family (John, David, Shirley & Dolores)

Sept 22nd Walter Randall

Sept 28th Sean Richards

Sept 29th Ralph Christie

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 7th Paula Ryan / Mona LeBlanc

Sept 8th Maurice Harquail / Jane Buckley

Sept 14th Paula Ryan/Margie Snell/Beth Wright

Sept 15th Anita Allain/Ray Allain/Bonnie Deveau

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 7th Joan Sowers / Harold DeCurcey

Sept 8th Sadie Cameron / Dorothy Blanchard

Sept 14th Leslie Carr / Colleen Hamilton

Sept 15th Patrick Burgoon / Ewart Kenney

Summary of your Support for August 30 & Sept 1

Regular/Loose	\$ 3,626.10
PAD (wkly. average)	1,827.69
School Supplies	1,110.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	50.00
St. Mary's Cemetery	100.00
Building Fund	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,723.79

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

- Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD). Forms are at the entrance of the churches. Return to parish office.
- Mail to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) office@stkateri.ca

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2024/25

September 8th – Registration will occur after 11:00am Mass during our Parish Barbeque. K-7 and Confirmation Grades 8 and 9.

September 15th – Sharon Watts will be available after Mass for registration until 12:30pm for those who were not able to attend the weekend before.

Class Start Dates for K-7 TBA

Confirmation Class schedule will be provided by Margie Snell

****Holy Family Church is always looking for committed catechists (teachers) who are able to lovingly, patiently, and energetically share with our children about the love Jesus Christ has for each of us, to help prepare our children for the reception of the sacraments, and to instill in them knowledge and love of our Catholic faith. We understand that the lessons are important. Equally important is your presence, attitude, and kindness in creating a community with the Children and youth of love, acceptance, and respect.**

Our Current Needs

We have the following openings: Grade Kindergarten (based on enrollment numbers); Grade 1; Grade 6 and Grade 7.

Each class is required to have two unrelated adults in the room each week. The Catechist and an adult volunteer. If this cannot occur each week, there will be no class held.

Please consider volunteering as a catechist and/or adult volunteer to share your faith with our children and youth as you, too, grow in your faith and share that journey with the future of our church!

Each teacher and parent volunteer are required to attend the Responsible Ministry session and complete registration forms along with providing a recent police check.

For more information, 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

The month of September is dedicated to Care of Creation. The theme for this

year is **“To Hope & Act With Creation”**.

During this Season of Creation, we are all invited to pray on how we are called to hope and act together with creation. The following reflections may help guide us on our journey of caring for creation:

- To hope and act together with Creation we must truly listen to how and why Creation is groaning. We need to push for more action, we're more aware than ever of the problems.
- Creation is groaning. Creation is part of God's revelation; we must learn from and with creation to know how to hope and act for a better future.
- Although the testimony of Indigenous Christians and their spiritualities are respected, they are not listened to. Usually, Christian churches find resistance to speaking about Earth or Creation as a being, while for Indigenous and original peoples this is an intrinsic part of their cosmic worldview and way of living.
- Creation groans as fossil fuel industries create greenwashing campaigns for clean energy. They are expanding their energy businesses instead of actually phasing out of fossil fuels. They talk about energy transition, but they are only doing an energy expansion to keep their profits high.
- We must acknowledge the damages caused by selfish and foolish decisions that disregard the cries of the most marginalized, including refugees, or those displaced by climate change, mining, and ecological devastation. The presence of big oil companies at COP28 we saw last year is a clear example of this.
- As resources diminish and access to them diminishes, there is more war. The inevitable result of the climate crisis will be more violence. You can't have peace without an equitable sharing of resources.
- The African wisdom of Ubuntu teaches us that the sense of self is shaped by relationships with others. It takes a village to raise a child. It takes a cosmic family to care for Creation. I am because we are, the same goes with Creation. We are nature, nature is us, we are God's hands for global and cosmic justice.

"Let us weep with the anguished plea of creation. Let us hear that plea and respond to it with deeds, so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in the creation's sweet song of life and hope." (Pope Francis)

“Be Open” – A Manual of Discipleship to Jesus

(Fr. John Jennings)

The Gospel writer, Mark provides us with a host of stories presenting Jesus as the teacher for those who are following him. In chapter 7:31-37, Mark describes Jesus moving through the Decapolis region. This is a Greek, Gentile area. We see Jesus encountering a man who is both deaf and unable to speak. He is in many ways closed off from his world. Jesus heals the man and opens the way for him to the world around him. This is a story of Jesus as the healer – the one who brings wholeness, completeness to the man and his world.

Mark’s story is more than a miracle story. As always in the Gospels, the writer is presenting us with one of the many signs of the Kingdom that Jesus brings in word and in action. Every healing, every reconciling of relationships in the Gospels is a sign that Jesus brings the presence of God’s Kingdom, God’s dream into the world. Jesus is releasing the strength of God’s loving Spirit, a gift of God to all. This gift of Spirit lives in all Creation. In Jesus, Creation is coming to that state of wholeness and fulfillment that has been God’s dream from the very beginning.

The story in Mark leads us to a reflection of how as disciples or followers of Jesus, we bring his Spirit to life in our world. It is a little manual of discipleship for us. The steps of discipleship might be seen in the unfolding story of Jesus’ encounter with the deaf and mute person.

Step 1: Jesus goes beyond his comfort zone. He takes a risk to reach to the Decapolis, a Greek and Gentile area, outside of his familiar space of synagogue and Jewish communities.

Step 2: Jesus encounters a crowd who are expecting a miracle, a wonder to astound them. But Jesus, respecting the man takes him apart, in private, to allow him to receive a cure from within.

Step 3: Jesus puts his fingers into the ears of the man, taking him further from the outside world and leading him inward to his heart.

To do so is to respect the inward strength and dignity of the man himself.

Step 4: Jesus then spat and touched the man’s tongue. He conveyed something of his own heart, his own Spirit to the heart of the man.

Step 5: Then, Jesus speaks in very simple terms: *Be opened.* “Immediately the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.” The man can hear and speak. He is no longer cut off from his world. He has received the gift of God’s Spirit from Jesus and now lives in wholeness, a sign of God’s reign in all its fullness.

What we see in Mark’s account of Jesus is the story of every disciple who brings Jesus’ Spirit into the world, respecting the other and conveying something of the Spirit within us to others. It is how each of us lives as a disciple and a sign of the presence of God’s dream for our world. To follow this “little manual of discipleship” is to work at the call to bring healing, wholeness, reconciliation and peace to a wounded, fractured and divided world. God bless you and all disciples.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfasts will resume in September. The next breakfast will be on Sunday, September 8th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knicol Hall, 170 Regent Street. Adults \$10. Children \$5. and Families \$30.00. Proceeds will be used to support the Law Enforcement Run for Special Olympics. Everyone welcome.

HOLY FAMILY - September - December Readers’ Schedule for Holy Family – Readers, please pick up a copy of the new schedule on the shelf below the bulletin board in the entryway.