

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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September 11th, 2022 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation falls at the beginning of the Season of Creation, which began on September 1st and runs until October 4th the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis calls on each of us to use this month to cultivate our ecological conversion and to pray together so that “we and future generations can continue to rejoice in creation’s sweet song of life and hope.”

Sweetgrass: Sweetgrass as the hair of Mother Earth, is traditionally braided to show loving care for her well-being. Braids plaited of three strands, are given away as signs of kindness and gratitude.

Sweetgrass belongs to Mother Earth. Sweetgrass pickers collect properly and respectfully, for their own use and the needs of their community. They return a gift to the earth and tend to the well-being of the *wiingashk* (sweetgrass). The braids are given as gifts, to honor, to say thank you, to heal and to strengthen. The sweetgrass is kept in motion. When sweetgrass is given to the fire, it is a gift that has passed from hand to hand, growing richer as it is honored in every exchange.

That is the fundamental nature of gifts: they move, and their value increases with their passage. The more something is shared, the greater its value becomes.

(Excerpt from the Book, Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer, member of the Citizen of the Potawatomi Nation.)

Family Fun Day

**FAMILY DAY – SUNDAY, SEPT 11TH
AT HOLY FAMILY**

**Join us at 12 noon for a free BBQ.
A movie will be available for the kids
with a popcorn machine and other fun
activities. It will also be Religious
Education Registration Day.
Everyone is welcome!**

Religious Education 2022/2023

Registration for all classes (K-5 and Grade 8/9) will be held following the 11am Mass on these dates:

Sunday, September 11th at 11:45am – 12:30pm
(we hope to have a Parish Barbeque held at the same time, pending COVID updates)

Sunday, September 18th at 11:45am – 12:30pm

The fee is \$10.00 per child, families with 2 or more \$20.00 per family. K-5 Classes will begin Sunday September 25th at 10:00am. Grade 8/9 schedule will be announced soon. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Sharon Watts, Religious Education Coordinator at mooseville4@rogers.com

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 11th Joyce Buckley
Sept 18th Deceased Members of Kieley & Lavoie
Sept 25th Gerard Lavoie

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 11th Mike Solomon
Sept 18th Lawrence Cameron
Sept 25th John Monkhouse

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Sept 10th Lewis Chessie
Sept 11th Graham Randall
Sept 17th Vernet Smith
Sept 18th Edmond Blanchard
Sept 24th Heidi MacLean
Sept 25th Betty Goodine

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 10th Joan Sowers / Mona LeBlanc
Sept 11th James McGroarty / Marijke Hurkens
Sept 17th TBD
Sept 18th TBD
Sept 24th TBD
Sept 25th TBD

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 10th Joan Sowers / Margie Snell
Sept 11th Sadie Cameron / Ewart Kenney
Sept 17th Colleen Hamilton / Harold DeCoursey
Sept 18th Noreen Bonnell / JoAnne Linton
Sept 24th Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
Sept 25th Bettyanne McMackin / Sharon Watts

READINGS for September 11th

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

Responsorial Psalm: I will get up and go to my Father.

Rosary at Holy Family: Every Thursday morning at 10:30am at Holy Family Church. For further information call Judy Kelly at 478-7274 or the church office at 444-6021. All are welcome!

Offertory:

September 3rd and 4th

Regular	\$1,147.00
Loose	208.60
St. Patrick's Cemetery	5.00
Building Fund	5.00
Mass Intentions	10.00
HST Rebate	<u>1,333.13</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,708.73</u>

August 27th & 28th

Regular	\$1,738.00
Loose	282.15
St. Patrick's Cemetery	35.00
School Supplies	40.00
Mass Intentions	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,115.15</u>

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY

DONATIONS

1. Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD). Form at the church entrances or contact the office and one can be emailed to you.

2. Mail your envelopes to the parish. St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.

3. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). You may also send your weekly donations by Electronic Funds Transfer. office@stkateri.ca

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Family Church – New Schedule: Copies of the new schedule, Oct to Dec are available in the church lobby or on the Parish Website under the 'Ministries' tab. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Kelly (478-7274). Thank you for serving in this vital Ministry that supports our Liturgy.

Did you ever wonder where all the donations go when we collect for the Food Banks? At all Masses on the weekend of September 11th Jane Buckley, Local Executive Director will provide a short overview of how your conations are making a positive impact on those in need.

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.

Mask Update: Given the rising count of Covid numbers and the strong recommendation from Public Health that masks should be worn at all indoor events starting this weekend, July 24th, masks must be worn at all times while in church. We thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Call Out Program – STAY INFORMED! We are doing this to reach out to as many parishioners as possible to keep them informed of activities in the Church. Building a relationship is about keeping in touch. Please let us know if you or anyone you know would like to be part of our program by contacting the office at 444-6021, or email: office@stkateri.ca

New Readers at Holy Family – Sign-Up Sheet - If you are new to the parish, or just have decided that you would like to be a reader this coming year, there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Provide your name, phone number, and at which Holy Family Mass you prefer to read – Saturday at 4:30 or Sunday at 11:00. If you would like a bit of coaching before you do your first reading, please indicate that on the sheet.

Farmers Market at St Francis of Assisi, Sept 17th from 9 Am to 1 PM. Items for sale — local vegetables, jams, jelly, pickles, crafts, baked goods & bottle drive. This is our Fall Fundraiser. Your support will be appreciated.

N.B. Right to Life in support of the Women's Care Centre will be hosting a roast beef dinner. Monday September 26 @ 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30). At the Brunswick Street Baptist Church Tickets are \$25.00 each and available by phoning 459-8990.

Prayer – We See You
(Michaela McGuigan/CAFOD)

God of light and life,
we see you in the rising sun, the golden fields
of new daffodils,
and the feel of a spring shower.
Help us to see your light reflected throughout
creation.

God of compassion,
You are there with those people who are facing
the effects of a
changing climate, and are affected by floods,
droughts, and famine.
Show us how to be there with them too.

God of truth and justice,
you hear those people around the world,
who struggle to make their voices heard.
Open our ears and the ears of those in power
to hear the cries of those living in poverty.

God of hope,
We see you in people who refuse to give up,
who will not lose faith
and kept on fighting, for your earth and for
your people.
Lift us, so that we may never lose hope.
Amen.

Congratulations to Deacons Stephen Mawhinney and David Rioux who were ordained to the Transitional Diaconate for the Diocese of Saint John by Bishop Christian Riesbeck, C.C. September 8th, 2022, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Saint John, NB. Please keep Stephen and David in your prayers.

Our Sacred Space
Bringing Our World Together:
A Reconciling Christian Community
(Fr. John Jennings)

Bridges! They are amazing things. What is most remarkable about them is that they allow us to cross divides, to overcome what stands between us and others. Bridges are an essential piece of building communities and nurturing our relationships with one another.

Ivo Andric was a Yugoslavian author of Bosnian origin. In 1961 he was awarded the Nobel prize for literature. What is regarded as his greatest work, *The Bridge on the Drina* is a novel depicting the struggles of the people of Bosnia for the 300 years leading up to World War I.

Andric tells the tale through the story of a bridge over the River Drina. The principal character in the novel is the bridge itself. The story relates what the bridge did for the people of the small town and region of Visegrad. It brought the community together and linked it to the bigger world. Bridges do that, overcoming our separations and divides. They can connect and reconcile us.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus in a series of parables (15:1-32) presents us with the core of God's dream for us – a dream of reconciling and healing love. We discover what Jesus meant when he proclaimed the Reign of God is among us. It is seen when we find ourselves in communities marked by reconciling love, in a world marked by peace. God's love bridges our divides. We profess this saying: "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.... Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Recently, we have become more aware of a great divide in our society. For generations Indigenous peoples have suffered a form of cultural genocide. Placing indigenous children in residential schools to erase their culture and language has done lasting damage to families and communities in Canada. The foundation of the schools was something of Europe's history.

The 15th century saw European trade, sovereignty, culture and religion expand beyond Europe's borders. Traders and explorers found their way around Africa and eastward to Asia. They also went westward across the Atlantic to the Americas.

This became known as European Expansion. It was a time of conquest and colonization. Given the close connection between rulers and religion, church and state in this period it is no surprise that the church played a part in this expansion. The term "Doctrine of Discovery" expresses this involvement or complicity. It had an impact on indigenous peoples. The "Doctrine" though not a real doctrine, is a term used to describe the way the church played a role in the expansion around the globe.

Several 15th century papal documents ("Papal Bulls") articulated the Vatican support for the expansion first of Portuguese and then of Spanish explorers and conquerors. Later the principles were used to cover other Europeans encountering indigenous peoples. As Pope Francis visited to apologize for the complicity of the church in residential schools there was a call to rescind the "doctrine". The papal bulls were not doctrinal statements but in some way, the "Doctrine of Discovery" was an affirmation for European conquest and colonization of indigenous peoples in the 15th century. It was also used to justify later attacks or limits on their rights and property.

The church has spoken up frequently against such limitations of human rights. Vatican II, repeatedly asserted freedom of religious rights as well as human rights in general. To reconcile our differences, to heal the wounds that separate us and to be builders of bridges, rather than walls, this is who we are to be. Our communities are communities of bridges, not barriers and walls.

St. Anthony's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place Friday, September 16th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

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