

# St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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**September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Care of Creation – Quotes from Robin Wall

Kimmerer, member of the Citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and author of *Braiding Sweetgrass* and *Jane Goodall*, British Ethologist, and author of *Reason for Hope*.

“In some Native languages the term for plants translates to “those who take care of us.” *Robin Wall Kimmerer*

“Every single day each one of us lives on this planet we make some kind of impact. Even if we make small choices: choosing to walk instead of riding in a car; what we buy; where did it come from; will it harm the environment?” *Jane Goodall*

“Our indigenous herbalists say to pay attention when plants come to you; they’re bringing you something you need to learn.” *Robin Wall Kimmerer*

“Out in the forest I had this very strong feeling of a great spiritual power out there. It was the kind of feeling that I sometimes have in a church or cathedral where people have been to worship year after year.” *Jane Goodall*

“Never take the first plant you find, as it might be the last—and you want that first one to speak well of you to the others of her kind.” *Robin Wall Kimmerer*

“Provide hope but not just hope but hope with action.” *Jane Goodall*

“The trees act not as individuals, but somehow as a collective. Exactly how they do this, we don’t yet know. But what we see is the power of unity. What happens to one happens to us all. We can starve together or feast together.” *Robin Wall Kimmerer*

“Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” *Jane Goodall*

“Gifts from the earth or from each other establish a particular relationship, an obligation of sorts to give, to receive, and to reciprocate.” *Robin Wall Kimmerer*

“We have to act; we have to act together fast.” *Jane Goodall*

## **Religious Education 2022/2023**

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

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

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mooseville4@rogers.com)

## **FAMILY DAY – SUNDAY, SEPT 11<sup>TH</sup> 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!**

### Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Father John Dolan
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Buckley
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	Deceased Members of Kieley & Lavoie
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Gerard Lavoie

### READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Szo
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Solomon

### Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Deceased Members of Boyce Family
Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Louise Mason
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	Lewis Chessie
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Randall
Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	Vernett Smith
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	Edmond Blanchard
Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	Heidi MacLean
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Goodine

### READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Estabrooks / Margie Snell
Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Hubbard / Jane Buckley
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Sowers / Mona LeBlanc
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	James McGroarty / Marijke Hurkens

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lynn Laagland / Judy Kelly
Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bettyanne McMackin / Sharon Watts
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Sowers / Margie Snell
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sadie Cameron / Ewart Kenney

### READINGS for September 4<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading:	Wisdom 9:13-18
2nd Reading:	Philemon 9b:10, 12-17
Gospel:	Luke 14:25-33

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

**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!

**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.

### **Offertory:**

#### **August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

Regular	\$1,197.00
Loose	193.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	30.00
School Supplies	45.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$1,465.20</u></b>

### **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](mailto: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.

**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.

**Cookie/Foodbank Donations.** Thank you for your continued support for cookie Sunday! You donated 125 dozen cookies, 199 boxes of Kraft dinner, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, rice, coffee, canned meats, school supplies, snacks for kids and much more to local food banks and shelters.

When we give to those less fortunate, we live in the spirit of Christ. For those who offered prayer, he had listened.

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

**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](mailto: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.

### ***Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Sept 8<sup>th</sup>***

The feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary originated in the Eastern Church and was commemorated in the West around the 5<sup>th</sup> century. No one knows for sure where Mary was born, possibly Nazareth or Jerusalem but we do know, according to the Gospel of James, that her father was Joachim and her mother was Anne. On this feast we offer praise and thanksgiving for Mary's personal sanctity and her vocation as the mother of Jesus.

***Saint Mary, we celebrate your holy birth in the land your Son made holy. Your discreet life of prayer and service obscures so much but speaks loudly as well. May our lives be discreet in their goodness, known to God and to those few who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. Amen.***

### **Our Sacred Stories Disciples in the Making (Fr. John Jennings)**

September is a season of change. The long hazy, even lazy days of summer are coming to an end. The vacations are behind us and the more regular work schedule is resumes. Schools and colleges and universities are opening their new year. The new season in many ways is a new stage in our life journey. For many, whether student or teachers or someone beginning new work, September launches us into unfamiliar territory. It will call us to take up the risks of something new and unfamiliar. September is also a season that demands a willingness to take a risk and make a commitment.

Luke's Gospel, (Luke 14:25-33) relates a story of Jesus in the midst of a large and enthusiastic crowd. They are would-be disciples. Are they really disciples? Can they be disciples? Are they ready for discipleship? Some are there simply because they are following the crowd. Others are curious, hoping to see one of the miracles or wonders they are told he does. Are they really hearing his message and buying into his mission – accepting the invitation to actively build God's reign in our world?

Jesus turns to them and expresses the message in radical terms: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." What an outlandish statement! Who can accept this? But we can assume it gets the attention of those in the crowd.

To be a disciple calls for commitment, deep commitment. Some really want to enter into such discipleship. They hear what Jesus has said. They see what he has done. The message and the mission seem to be what they are searching for. But they do not yet understand all that is involved. They may not be fully convinced or committed, but they are willing to offer a tentative "yes", to take a chance.

Whether we recognize it or not this is where most, if not all of us are. We are disciples in the making. Our quest in life finds us on a journey with this Jesus and his message. But our "yes" is always less than perfect. Perhaps it will always be this way. We will always be in a state of becoming.

To hear the words we find in Luke's Gospel can be threatening. Who can make such a commitment? The radical demand that Luke describes is well beyond us and can be daunting and discouraging. What happens if we do not meet this demand of total and complete commitment to the message and mission? What happens if we do not fully respond to the baptismal call we have been given, if

our Christian life is less than perfect, if our commitment is not so total? Can I take the risk?

Our Scriptures help us here. They tell the story of a God who loves us, a God of mercy, compassion and forgiveness. This is how God has repeatedly dealt with the chosen people of Israel. Prophet after prophet he sent to them. Throughout the New Testament, this is the God who is revealed in the person of Jesus, the God who has come to share our humanity.

Sure, we are less than perfect disciples. We are on a life journey of striving in our discipleship. We fall short. We often fail. We are ever in a state of becoming. Both as individual disciples and as church, we often discover we can't quite measure up. But we trust in the Jesus that we see in the Gospels who welcomes all and who reaches out to us when we are at our weakest and most inadequate.

We also recognize that God sees the strength that we actually do possess and the desire to make a commitment that we may not fully manage to live up to. That is just the way our God of love is, and for this God and for God's love we give thanks.

## **Development & Peace – Caritas Canada August 2022 Update**

### **We are not letting go: we want due diligence now!**

As the summer comes to an end, [Development and Peace – Caritas Canada](#) members are preparing to up the ante on advocacy for human rights. We have been working for over 10 years on calling Canadian companies to account for environmental and human rights abuses, and we are not done! We will continue pushing for change as we build a new campaign cycle! To maximize the impact of Lent, all our new campaigns will start in January.

That means we will continue with the [People and Planet First](#) campaign this fall and keep the pressure on the federal government to pass due diligence legislation limiting Canadian companies operating abroad. We will also seize this opportunity to celebrate our 55th anniversary and invite new people across Canada to join our movement.

### **Our response to the Hunger Crisis**

Development and Peace launched an appeal for donations this summer in response to the hunger crisis in **sub-Saharan Africa**. Thanks to the Government of Canada's matching fund, your generous donations totalling over \$155,000 were doubled, for a grand total of over \$310,000.

Find out about the [two new projects in Mali and Niger](#) we are supporting with these funds, as well as about our existing project in Somalia and the ways in which we are contributing to the development of long-term local solutions.

### **After the Deluge**

As you may know, widespread flooding in **India's Assam state** this summer displaced hundreds of thousands of people and waterlogged farmland in a region that was already suffering from food insecurity.

Fortunately, our local partner, Caritas India, is well placed to respond to this emergency. Development and Peace has therefore already allocated over \$136,000 in financial support to help Caritas India [reach 40,000 people in 8,000 households](#) over the coming year.

### **To Donate:**

By giving to **Development and Peace**, you are contributing directly to building a more just world. Your gift will increase the quality of life and human dignity of the world's poorest. Use the following link to donate online <https://www.devp.org/en/donate-now/> or call toll-free at **1 888 234-8533**.