Prayer for the young and our families with Kateri

Oh, most humble Kateri

I seek your love and prayers

I turn to you for your inspiration.

May I know the power of humility, the strength of

seeking God’s will in everything I do this day.

the compassion to care this way for those who are weak and

in need of help, and the faith to forgive those who walk

an hurtful violent path.

Pray with me Kateri that through us, God our Creator

Will comfort the orphan, watch over the neglected child,

And wait with the youth who go astray.

You lost your parents and found others along the way to

Care for you and guide you, May all

Parents and grandparents stay healthy, seek the selfless

love of Jesus and give where giving is most needed.

May they make wise decisions and heed daily the

Wisdom of the Great Spirit.

Your spirit was strong and your love for Jesus is deep

May I trust that Christ will turn my weakness

Into His strength and meekness, so that whatever comes

to me this day, I may choose to do God’s will and faithful will I stay. AMEN

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*Most Holy Body of Christ*

*First Reading:*

**Exodus 24.3-8**

*Psalm:* **116**

*Second Reading:*

**Hebrews 9.11-15**

Gospel

**Mark 14.12-16,22-26**

From the first time Abraham heard the Word, the people sought to offer sacrifices. The ancient Israelites were not alone in this custom; most ancient Near Eastern religions had some variation of this tradition.

The problem with offering sacrifices to atone for impurities and imperfections, however, is that nothing stays purified permanently. And the God of Abraham and Sarah ultimately desires mercy not sacrifice, forgiveness rather than atonement.

And so this God shows up in body and blood, an infant growing into a man, to offer us a human and divine self for our redemption and example. As the second reading indicates, once Jesus’ blood is offered sacrifice could ever compare. One death so that all could have eternal life. And more, this living and dying and rising is an invitation for us to offer ourselves back.

The One who gave a name to Abraham, whispered to Moses from the burning bush, inspired Esther, breathed a baby into Mary has only ever wanted us- as we are- in love. This feast celebrates the way that God holds nothing back from us all of a Jesus, so that we might respond with nothing less than all of ourselves. May it be so. Leah Perrault, Swift Current, SK (Living with Christ)

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Sunday: June 2,2024**

12:30 pm

**Monday June 3,2024**

12:00 p.m.

**Saturday June 8, 2024**

A.A. Meeting 8:00 p.m.

**Last Sunday’s Collection: $ 330.85**

**Taco fundraiser- $520.00**



**THE SIGN OF THE CROSS IN OJIBWE LANGUAGE**

**Od ijinikasowining Weossimind,**

**(In the name of the Father,)**

**gaie Wegwissimind,**

**(and of the Son,)**

**gaie Wenijishid-Manito.**

**(and of the Holy Spirit.)**

**Mi ge-ing (Amen)**

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Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate: On Saturday, June 15, 2024 Bishop Colli will ordain three men to the Permanent Diaconate at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Thunder Bay at 2 pm. The men are: Rick Geurts of St. Patrick’s parish in Atikokan, Dave Frank of Kateri Parish and Gull Bay Parish and Reino Pitkanen of Holy Family Parish in Thunder Bay. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Continued from last week (Sweetgrass)

Connection to the Creator: Sweetgrass is believed to help establish a connection with the Creator, facilitating prayers and meditation. The sweet, aromatic smoke is said to carry prayers to the Creator and attract good spirits.

Ceremonial Use: Smudging: During smudging ceremonies, sweetgrass braids are burned, and the smoke is fanned over the body and surroundings using a feather. This practice is meant to cleanse the mind, body, and spirit, and to create a sacred space for prayer or other rituals. Braids: Sweetgrass is often braided into three strands, each representing mind, body, and spirit. The act of braiding itself is a spiritual practice, symbolizing unity and connection. Offerings: Sweetgrass can be offered to the spirits during ceremonies as a sign of respect and gratitude. It is also used in sweat lodge ceremonies and other purification rituals.

**Sacraments and Pastoral Needs**

*Baptism:* Please contact the parish office at least one month before. First Reconciliation and baptism date (622-5138)

*First Communion (Grade Two and older):* Please register with school or with the parish office. Families will be \contacted with requirements and other information.

*Marriages:* Please contact the parish office at least **six months** before the wedding date. Preparation will be required for the couple.

*Reconciliation (Penance):* Please make an appointment with one of the priests. (622-5138).

*Sacrament of the Sick (anointing):* please contact the parish office (622-5138) **or in the Regional Hospital, the on-call priest is available in an urgent need.**

*Funerals:* Please contact the parish office to arrange a funeral (622-5138).**All church services will be subject to Covid-19 protocol in effect of requested time.**

Administrator**: Grace Esquega**

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Michael Robinson;

Rev. Mr. John Semerling

Ministers of Service: Sharon Arsenault; Susan Eberhardt; Grace Esquega;

Penny Fitzpatrick; Sandra Reynolds; Tammy Robinson; Lisa Semerling

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Sharon Arsenault

Parish Priest**: Rev. Gerry McDougall, SJ**

Parish Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Masses for the Lord’s Day Weekday Mass Schedule**

**Sunday: 12:30 PM.**  **Monday: 12:00 PM**.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS Please contact the parish office.

THE HOLY ROSARY is recited half hour before all Weekday Masses