

## 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 a 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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### *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

Happy New Year! We begin our journey with Jesus through the liturgical year with a call to be alert. There is a great temptation to close our eyes to the ugliness of the world. But when we choose voluntary blindness, we can often become closed to wonder and grace.

In today's Gospel Jesus calls us to "be alert at all times". How do we open our eyes without being overwhelmed by despair at the suffering around us? How do we see with hopeful eyes beyond brutality? The teaching of Jesus gives us gospel lenses. We are taught to see signs and recognize in them the work that God calls us to do. These are bifocal lenses where we see the global patterns of injustice as well as the local possibilities of building the reign of God.

Advent is a time of deep discernment – the great gift that helps us convert vision into action. Our pre-Christmas preparations are often marked by haste and distraction, but Advent calls us to embody hope, peace, joy and love. We are to become the Advent candles we light. As we become these Advent candles, may we illuminate the dark places in the world and light the path of the coming of the Christ Child, again and again. Les miller, Richmond Hill, ON (Living with Christ)

*First Reading:*

**Jerimiah 33.14-16**

*Psalm: 25*

*Second Reading:*

**1Thessalonians 3.12**

Gospel

**Luke 21.25-28,34-36**

Administrator: **Grace Esquega**

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Michael Robinson;

Rev. Mr. John Semerling

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Penny Fitzpatrick; Sandra Reynolds; Tammy Robinson; Lisa Semerling ; Debbie Esquega

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**

**Sunday: 12:30 PM.**

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

**Monday: 12:00 PM.**

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS Please contact the parish office.

THE HOLY ROSARY is recited half hour before all Weekday Masses

**Sacraments and Pastoral Needs**

Baptism: Please contact the parish office at least one month before the 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.

Confirmation (Grade Eight 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).

# Mass of Thanksgiving

For the

Society of Jesus in Thunder Bay

On the Occasion of their departure

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> ,2025

St. Peter’s Church

*No Mass at Kateri on that Sunday*

*Mass on Monday*

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Sunday Missals for sale at the back of the church \$5.00

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The Thunder Bay Diocesan CWL is pleased to present an Advent Service at St. Dominic Church on Saturday, December 14 from 10:00am to 12:00pm facilitated by Father Terry, the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor. The theme is “Mother of the Americas, Mother of New Hope:

Exploring the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Everyone is welcome! It will be a faithful and enriching way to spend a morning!

## This Week in Our Parish

**Monday: Dec 2nd ,2024**

**12:00 mass**

**AA meeting Sat Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 8:00pm**

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**Sunday: Dec 8th ,2024**

**12:30 pm mass**

**Collection Nov 24th, \$361.85**

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Pot Luck Time 5:00pm

When **Friday DEC 13,2024** at Kateri, we have Turkey and potatoes but we are in need of salads deserts etc. All are welcome.

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### **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)**