

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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4th Sunday of Advent

Some 30 years ago, I had a profound spiritual awakening. Being in touched by the Holy Spirit in such a real and deep manner compelled me to enthusiastically go and share the experience with everyone. In today's Gospel we are privileged to witness just such a movement of the Spirit in the lives of Mary and Elizabeth.

Luke gives us a insight into the heart and person of Mary: prompted by the Spirit, she unselfishly forgets her own needs and visits her cousin who has miraculously conceived in her old age. Mary did not think twice, but in haste took the arduous journey to share the joy of her own impending motherhood. We are also given a glimpse of the Spirit at work in the heart of Elizabeth who cannot contain her joy but must bestow blessings upon her young cousin.

This Gospel invites us to journey with Mary into the Judean hill country- a journey that will continue with Joseph to Nazareth, in the flight after the Nativity and ultimately to the Cross. When our own journey is challenging, we can take heart from Mary. She followed the promptings of the Spirit, found strength to carry out her journey and received blessings in return.

In this holy season, may the intercession of Mary and the saints give deeper intimacy with the Holy Family. Denis Grady, OFS, Calgary, AB. (Living with Christ)

First Reading:

Micah 5.2-5

Psalm: 80

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10.5-10

Gospel:

Luke 1 39-45

Administrator: **Grace Esquega**

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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 5th, 2025

St. Peter's Church

12:30 pm

No Mass at Kateri on that Sunday

Christmas Mass Schedule

Kateri Wed, Christmas Eve Dec 24th,

5:00 pm

Kateri Thurs, Dec 25, Christmas Day

12:30 pm

St Anne's -Christmas Eve Dec 24,

8:00 pm

Midnight Mass 12:00pm

-Miigwech to everyone who supported the Anemki-Wadj Raffle!

With your generosity, we raised \$1,350 for the Anemki-Wadj Centre. Your support means so much—thank you!

A heartfelt Thank you to Louis Pelletier and Sandy Reynolds for their generosity and creativity.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday: Dec 23, 2024

Holy Hour 11:00 am

12:00 p.m. mass

AA meeting Sat Dec 28, 2024, 8:00pm

Sunday: Dec 29th, 2024

12:30 pm mass

Last Sunday's Collection: \$276.35



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)