

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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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

A memory lingers: a father holding his little daughter's hand. They waited for the bus to take her first day of school. She had chosen to wear a tee shirt emblazoned with two words: Question authority. We knew we had a daughter with a strong soul, but could we have fathomed what her calling would be? In the first reading we hear of a promise Hannah made three thousand years ago. The vocation of her yet unborn child was set. Samuel would be given to the Lord. John in the second reading tells us that we all have a calling to be children "children of God." What path would we each take to fulfill this mission? Long-term Church cries such as those around abuse or racism may have led many of our youth to follow spiritual directions outside the institutional Church. Are they lost? Can we recognize that our youth may not at all be astray, but rather about their Father's business in unexpected ways? There should be no barriers to our welcoming acceptance of all God's children, whatever their path or calling.

Luke tells us Mary and Joseph looked for the lost twelve year- old son for three days. They found a young Jesus in the temple. In his "Father's house." They didn't understand that their child was not lost at all: he knew his vocation and had answered its call. Michael Dougherty, Whitehorse, YT, (living with Christ)

First Reading:

Samuel 1.20-22,24-28

Psalm: 84

Second Reading:

1 john 3.1-2,21-24

Gospel:

Luke 2.41-52

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

Father Biju Mathew

Appointed to be the next Parish Priest of St. Anne's, Kitchitwa Kateri, Our lady of the Snows (Armstrong). And Sacred Heart of Jeus (Gull Bay).

Fr. Mathew is a priest of eighteen year' experience, seven of those years in the Diocese of Thunder Bay. He is from Kerala, India, and was ordained to the Missionary Diocese of Adilabad. His pastoral experience in India included pastor to a minority Catholic people in a predominantly Hindu region. Fr. Mathew is an outdoorsman, who enjoys hiking, cycling, kayaking, canoeing, and fishing. He enjoys playing badminton. Let us welcome Fr. Biju to Kitchitwa Kateri.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday: Dec 30 ,2024

12:00 p.m. mass

Wednesday Jan 1st/2025

New Year's Day Mass 12:30 pm

AA meeting Sat Jan 4th,2025 8:00pm

Sunday: St. Peters Church Jan 5th.2025

12:30 pm mass

Last Sunday's Collection: \$448.00



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.) Amen