

## 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

David Shulist S.J.



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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

#### **From the Pastor's Desk**

This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday—a pause in Advent to rejoice because the Lord is near. Gaudete means rejoice. On this day, the rose candle is lit on the wreath instead of a purple one, showing that Christmas is close. Today's readings echo that hopeful message. Isaiah speaks of deserts blooming, the weak being strengthened, the blind seeing, and sorrow giving way to lasting joy. These images show that God's restoration is already beginning, not just something far in the future.

James gives us another anchor: patience with purpose. He compares our waiting to a farmer waiting for the crops, steady and confident because the Lord is near. This is not passive or anxious waiting; it is calm trust, watching and working even when things are hard. Advent is a time to stay alert and faithful, not to lose heart, because the harvest is coming. We are invited to carry that patient hope into our homes, work, and community so that our waiting quietly shows others that God is near.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist asks if Jesus is the one to come. Jesus points to real signs happening now—the blind seeing, the lame walking, the poor hearing good news—proof that God's kingdom is breaking in already. In these signs, we find reason to rejoice honestly, even amid struggle. Dear friends, let our hearts lighten and our eyes open. Let us celebrate small healings, acts of mercy, and blooming hope among us. May our patient waiting be filled with joyful trust, because truly, the Lord is near. God bless you and keep you and your family sound and safe. **Rev Biju Mathew**

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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).

**Christmas Mass Schedule Mass**

Christmas eve **Dec 24<sup>th</sup>** ,2025

7: 00pm.here at Kateri

Christmas Day mass Dec 25.2025 at

10:30 am at St Anne’s Parish, 126

Mission Rd., Fort William First Nations

Beginning Jan 5,2026, the Monday mass will begin at 12:10 pm.

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December14

The third Sunday of Advent in 2025 will be on December 14. This Sunday is also known as Gaudete Sunday, which signifies a time of joy and anticipation in the Advent season.



**This Week in Our Parish 2025**

**Monday Mass Dec 15,2025 12:00pm**

**Sunday: Dec 22 ,2025**

**Last Sunday’s Collection: \$691.25**



**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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