

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

The readings this weekend remind us that God often comes quietly into our lives. He does not demand applause or attention; instead, He asks for trust. Through the prophet Isaiah, we hear the promise: "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). Emmanuel means God is with us—not only when life is easy, but also when it is confusing and difficult.

In the Gospel, we meet Saint Joseph, described as a righteous man. When Joseph learns that Mary is pregnant, he is "unwilling to expose her to public disgrace" (Matthew 1:19). Instead of accusing her, Joseph protects her dignity. Saint John Chrysostom praised Joseph for choosing mercy over judgment.

Saint Joseph teaches us an important lesson for today: stand by those who are accused. Supporting someone does not mean covering up mistakes or approving wrongdoing. It means offering a second chance and helping them choose what is right. Joseph did not deny the truth, nor did he rush to condemn. He trusted God to bring clarity.

As Christians, we are called to hate the sin but love the sinner. Saint Augustine reminds us that Christian love is never blind and Christian truth is never cruel. Jesus shows us this path when He says, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and do not sin again" (John 8:11).

As we prepare for the birth of Jesus, may Saint Joseph inspire us to stand for truth with mercy, protect human dignity, and trust God's work in every heart. **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 24th** ,2025

7: 00pm.here at Kateri. Fellowship and refreshments at a shared table after mass maybe surprises. All are welcomed

Christmas Day Mass Dec 25.2025 at 10:30 am at St Anne’s Parish, 126 Mission Rd., Fort William First Nations

New Years Day Mass Thursday

Jan 1st,2026 at 12: 30 pm

Beginning Jan 5,2026, the Monday mass will begin at 12:10 pm.
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What does the 4th Sunday in Advent represent?

The fourth candle of Advent represents Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the “Angel’s Candle,” the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the color purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

This Week in Our Parish 2025

Monday Dec. 22 Holy Hour at 11:00 am before Mass along with the Rosary for murdered and missing Indigenous people.

Monday Mass Dec 22,2025 12:00pm

Sunday: Dec 28 ,2025 12:30 pm

Last Sunday’s Collection: \$296.25



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)