



# Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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*Sacred Heart ~ 17 Bridge Street ~ Kent*

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
and First Friday  
9 AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

### SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM

SAINT BRIDGET CHURCH

### SUNDAY 8 AM

SAINT BERNARD CHURCH

### SUNDAY 10 AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

PLEASE CONSULT THE BULLETIN  
FOR HOLY DAY MASSES

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass or by appointment.

### PARISH OFFICE

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# SUNDAY OCTOBER 31st, 2021

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 30th**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 31st**

**THE 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Carl Henry Seegers

Requested by his wife Mimi Seegers

8 AM ~ SHARON

Rev. Donald French

10 AM ~ KENT

Mrs. Lorraine Kwok

Requested by Ellen and John Genovese

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 1st ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

Mass is offered for the parishioners of Saint Kateri

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2nd ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**

**ALL SOULS' DAY**

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3rd ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**

**Saint Martin de Porres**

John J. O'Connell III

Requested by his wife

**FIRST FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**

John J. O'Connell III

Requested by his wife

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6th**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7th**

**THE 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Walter Kearns ~ Requested by Karen Tansey

8 AM ~ SHARON

Rev. James Famelli

10 AM ~ KENT

Mrs. Lorraine Kwok

Requested by Ellen and John Genovese



*The Lord is my rock, my fortress,  
and my deliverer. Psalm 18:2*



The Sanctuary Lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. You may have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized for a sick person, a deceased family member or friend, or as a special intention. The weekly donation for this is \$25. Sanctuary Lamps can be memorialized in each of the three churches of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. If you would like to reserve a week in any of our churches, please contact Sandy at the parish office.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR THE  
30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES: \$ 2,368.00.**

**ON LINE GIVING: \$ 925.00.**

**PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH: \$ 1,329.00.**

Thank you for your generosity  
and steadfast commitment to our Parish.  
May God bless you and your families.



## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Parents teach their children to be respectful of others if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves. A lot of this seems like common sense, but we can all use a little reminder that this is all part of kindness to one another in many ways.

## PRAY THE ROSARY



The Rosary prayed to Mary is a powerful prayer as Mary intercedes for each of us. Her Son never denies His mother. The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The practice of dedicating the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary developed toward the end of the last century. Pope Leo XIII (papacy: 1878-1903) strongly promoted the increase of devotion to the Blessed Mother by encouraging the constant use of the Rosary. This Tuesday, the Rosary is prayed at Sacred Heart following the 9 AM Mass. The intention this week is for the souls in Purgatory. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.

According to tradition, St. Gertrude the Great was told by Our Lord that each time she piously recited the following prayer, it would release 1,000 souls (or a vast number) from their suffering in purgatory:

*Eternal Father,  
I offer You the most precious blood  
of thy Divine Son, Jesus,  
in union with the Masses said  
throughout the world today,  
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
for sinners everywhere,  
for sinners in the universal  
Church, for those in my own home,  
and in my family. Amen.*

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## Mass Intentions

Our Mass Intention Book for 2022 is open for those wishing to schedule Mass Intentions for family members, loved ones, or special intentions. The practice of offering Mass for particular intentions is an ancient one, dating back to the early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century give evidence for this practice. When a priest celebrates Mass, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention (living or deceased). By so doing, special graces from the Eucharistic Sacrifice of Our Lord are applied upon that person or intention. Mass offerings are \$20 for a Sunday Mass and \$15 for a weekday Mass.

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, please give Sandy a call at the Parish Office.

# THE 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST FRIDAY



Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the First Friday of the month dates back to the revelations of Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, who lived in the 17th Century. Jesus made the following twelve promises to persons devoted to the Sacred Heart.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life
2. I will establish peace in their families
3. I will console them in their difficulties
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, more especially, at the hour of death
5. I will shower down abundant blessings on all their undertakings
6. Sinner will find in my heart a source and boundless ocean of mercy
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent
8. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection
9. I will bless every place in which the picture of my sacred heart shall be exposed and honored
10. I will give to priests the power to touching the most hardened hearts
11. Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in my heart, and they shall never be effaced there from
12. I will grant the grace of final repentance to all those who shall communicate on the first Friday, nine months consecutively. They shall not die in mortal sin, nor without having received the last sacraments, for my divine heart will become their secure refuge at that last moment.



It is very possible that some of our own nearest and dearest family members and friends are still suffering the excruciating pains of Purgatory and are calling to us for help and relief. There is no hunger, no thirst, no poverty, no need, no pain, no suffering to compare with what the souls in Purgatory endure. How YOU can help these souls: 1. Have Masses offered for them. 2. Make the Stations of the Cross. 3. Recite the Rosary. 4. Offer up all your pain and sufferings for the relief of Souls.

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### ALL SOULS

The Church commemorates all the Faith Departed. The reason for the commemoration of all the Faithful Departed is the doctrine and belief that all who die in venial sin, or have not fully atoned for other past transgressions, are detained in Purgatory, and that the faithful on earth can help them through their temporal punishment and hasten their admission to the joys of heaven by prayers and alms, especially by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The memorial day of the dead comes down to us from the first Christians, and, in the course of centuries,

November 2 was selected for the annual commemoration of all the Faithful Departed in churches of the Latin rite. "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace." Since it is impossible to offer a Mass for the particular intention or intentions of each individual on All Souls' Day or during the month of November, in many dioceses of the United States and other countries there is a custom by which Masses are offered on All Souls' Day for the intentions of all the people.

Throughout the month of November, those who have gone before us blessed with the sign of our faith will be remembered at all Masses. If you would like to include a loved one, family member, or friend, please write the names on the back of the ALL SOULS' ENVELOPE found at the entrance of each worship site. They may be placed in any collection basket.

### TODAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION



Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you

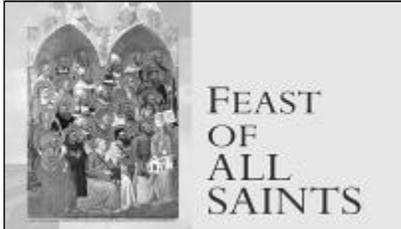
by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in his own way, could genuinely embrace this truth, imagine how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequality, violence, war. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve His vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

Feeling thankful  
and not  
expressing it is  
like wrapping a  
present and not  
giving it.





The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of "all the martyrs." In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders

plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some 28 wagon-loads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The Pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Venerable Bede, the pope intended "that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons" (*On the Calculation of Time*).

But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast, now recognized as a solemnity, in November evolved over time. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, Bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today's feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known.

### **INDULGENCE FOR ALL SOULS**

"An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the first of November to the eighth of November; on other days of the year it is partial."

~ *Enchiridion of Indulgences*

*The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place.*

**OUR SECOND COLLECION NEXT WEEKEND IS  
THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY COLLECTION**

### **READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15



# Faith Formation

CLASSES MEET NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th  
BEGINNING WITH THE 10 AM MASS AT  
SACRED HEART.

# CONFIRMATION

CLASS TAKES PLACE NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th  
BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM IN SACRED HEART  
CHURCH HALL FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.



**DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS TIME  
ENDS NEXT  
WEEKEND...  
FALL BACK  
1 HOUR !**



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## ALL SAINTS WHAT IS THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS?

The "Communion of Saints" is the union of the Faithful on Earth, the Blessed in Heaven, and the Souls in Purgatory with Christ as their Head. The Saints in Heaven are called The Church Triumphant, because they have overcome all the enemies of their salvation, that is, the world, their own evil desires and the devil. The Faithful on Earth are called The Church Militant, because they still have to fight against the enemies of their salvation. The Souls in Purgatory are called The Church Suffering, because, before entering heaven, they have to suffer for a time for venial sins, or because they have not paid the debt of temporal punishment for sins which have already been forgiven.

## DONATE TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We thank everyone who has already contributed to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made your 2021 Appeal gift, please join your fellow parishioners and make a gift today. To date, 107 households representing 41.5% of our parish have donated. For your convenience, donations may be made on our parish website: [saintkaterict.org](http://saintkaterict.org) by clicking the "Donate Now" button at the bottom of the homepage. You may also pick up an Appeal packet found in the vestibule of each church.



"Moses spoke to the people saying, 'Fear the Lord, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you...love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words

which I enjoin on you today."

The directive of Moses and the conversation of Jesus with the scribe become the measure for our discipleship and Christian lives. Our love of God is expressed in countless ways, beginning with our prayer life, our desire to do good and avoid evil. It is expressed in our love of neighbor, especially in the corporal works of mercy, as we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, care for the sick. The judgement scene of Matthew's gospel tells us quite clearly. Did you ever consider that these recipients of our goodness is the person of Jesus hidden in disguise? The love of the Lord is not a 'pick and choose' but a willingness to discover Him in others.

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