

DECEMBER 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS: Jeremiah 22.14-16 Psalm 25
1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2 Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1, 2018 4:00 PM

Offered for: Lillian Delormier and sons, Memorial Mass, requested by the family

Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan

Lectors: Caroline Peters and Nicky King

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 2, 10:00 AM
CHILDREN AND FAMILY MASS**

Offered for: Alfred Laffin, Memorial Mass, from the funeral collection

Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee

Lectors: Children and Youth

TUESDAY DECEMBER 4, 2018 7:00 PM

Offered for: Mike Thomas, Memorial Mass, from the funeral collection

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2018 12:10 PM

Offered for: Daphne Cree, Memorial Mass, from the funeral collection

THURSDAY DECEMBER 6, 2018 12:10 PM

Offered for: Thelbert Bigtree, Memorial Mass, from the funeral collection

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7, 2018 12:10 PM

Offered for: Jacqueline Mitchell, Memorial Mass, from the Funeral Collection

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8, 2018 4:00 PM

Offered for: Catherine Cook, Memorial Mass, requested by the family

Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan

Lectors: Norman Tarbell and Connie Thompson

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9, 10:00 AM

Offered for: Mike Smoke, Memorial Birthday Anniversary, requested by Hilda Smoke

Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee

Lectors: Rosemary Bonaparte and Phil Tarbell

COLLECTIONS

NOV 24-25: Reg. Mass \$ 382.70 CDN \$ 364.75 US

NIAWEN:KOWA for the Christmas Tree provided to our Church courtesy of the Snye Recreation who paid for the cost of the very beautiful tree that will grace our Mission Church during the Advent Season and for Christmas and the New Year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes are available at the entrance to the church for donations for Christmas flowers for the church.

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“Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” There is only one way to be alert and ready for the days that are to come: **Prayer.** Jesus tells us that prayer will give us strength to escape all calamities and to stand without fear before the Son of Man. To pray is to be aware of God’s Presence within us and around us. To pray is to lift our minds and hearts to God. Advent is a time to grow in the realization of Emmanuel, God within us. God’s eternal Presence sustains all creation. God sent His only-begotten Son to save us from our sins that we may enjoy His Presence for eternity. We wait in joyful expectation for His Coming!

FAMILY PRAYER DURING ADVENT

God’s presence within the family is assurance of a bond of Love and Unity. Advent begins a new liturgical year with a new opportunity for family prayer together. One practice is the gathering of the family around the evening dinner table on which has been placed a homemade Advent Wreath. An Advent Wreath of evergreens, with four candles (three purple and one pink), symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life promised to us through Christ. Each candle is symbolic-- HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE. As a new candle is lit each week, the family prays for the coming of Jesus, the “Light of the World.”

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT (Light one purple candle) Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. May the Lord find us watching and waiting in joy when He comes. We pray in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT (Light two purple candles) Father in heaven, set our hearts ablaze to follow in the steps of John the Baptist. May we bring light and love to all we meet, that the darkness of sin and fear may be overcome. We pray in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT (Light 2 purple candles and the one pink candle.) Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT (Light 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle.) Father, all-powerful God, your Eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of Your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for His coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP TERENCE PRENDERGAST, SJ TO FATHER JEROME PASTORES: It gave me great joy to be with you a few weeks ago for the celebration of the 6th anniversary of the canonization of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. I want to thank you personally and ask that you relay my appreciation to your parish community especially the Ladies Association and Knights of Columbus who helped in organizing such a successful event. I want to express my gratitude for the quality of the liturgy, the excellent meal and the gifts which I will cherish as precious mementos of this moment together. I wish you much peace and grace in our service to God’s people and a blessed Advent season to you and your parishioners.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in Mohawk)

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.
NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN’K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: THURSDAYS, 6-7 PM -St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: THURSDAYS, 6 – 7 pm

SUNDAYS: 10 AM MASS IN CHURCH: CHILDREN - Liturgy of the Word (Sacristy)

DECEMBER 8 - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

From the first moment of her conception in the womb of St. Anne, Mary was exempt from original sin. Chosen by God to become the Mother of the Redeemer, Mary was all-holy, full of grace, obedient to God’s Will. By Pontifical designation and decree, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary is the patronal feast of Argentina, Brazil, Korea, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Philippines, Spain, the United States and Uruguay. Let us celebrate with joy!

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS – DECEMBER 6th

Since his death on December 6, 343 A.D., St. Nicholas of Myra, Asia Minor, has been revered for his miracles, work for the poor, protection of children and of sailors. This saintly bishop has been revered all over Europe, but especially in Holland. On the night before his feast day, Dutch children put out their shoes and always find them filled with gifts on December 6. The Dutch immigrants brought their devotion to St. Nicholas (Sint Nikolaas or Sinterklaas) to America in the 1700’s.

St. Nicholas went through many transformations in America and **Sinterklaas** became Santa Claus. Instead of giving gifts on the feast of December 6, the Americans in 1820 placed him in the Christmas holidays, as a result of Clement Clarke Moore’s poem, “An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas”. The cartoonist Thomas Nast added to the legend by drawing him wearing a red suit with white fur trim. Once a kind, charitable bishop of Myra in 343, St. Nicholas has become the forerunner of the modern Santa Claus.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER – DECEMBER 3rd

Saint **Francis Xavier**, S.J. (April 7, 1506-December 3, 1552), native of Navarre, was one of the first seven members of the Society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatius Loyola. In 1541 he was sent to the Portuguese colony of Goa, India. Before he died at the age of 46, Francis Xavier had established the first Christian churches in India, the Malay Archipelago, Borneo, and Japan. He died on Shangchuan Island, looking toward China which he longed to convert to Christianity. The body of this saint never became corrupt at death. It was first in a glass casket in Goa. The right arm relic was severed from the body and brought in a glass reliquary to the Jesuit Church of the Gesu in Rome for veneration. Last year, that right arm relic of St. Francis Xavier, which had baptized over 30,000 souls, was brought to Canada on a pilgrimage to major cities, including Cornwall. During the Novena of Grace, there were miracles of conversion as St. Francis Xavier still seeks to bring souls to Jesus. St. Francis Xavier is patron of missionaries. His motto was: **I CHOOSE THAT WHICH GOD WILLS!** No wonder Jesus used him to save so many souls!

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lord, as we await Your Coming during this holy season of Advent, grant peace and healing to all who suffer alone, or in nursing homes, hospitals, prisons, and rehabilitation centers. Be present to Darlene Sunday, Marjorie Thompson, Isabelle McDonald, Teddy Thompson, Louise Jacobs, Beatrice Cole, Nancy Phillips, Joanne Jackson, Mary Ellen Jackson, Laurie Connors, Alexina Auger, Marjorie Lazore, Michael Herne, Marita Francis, Harriet Jackson Lazore, Abby David, Dan George, Joyce Kelso, Marcia Barnes, Jack Angus, Paul and Wilma Angus, Betty Sunday, Raymond Sunday, Carl Smoke, Loran Lazore, Baby Grayson Caron, Hubert Jock, Philip Francis, Andrew Mitchell, Marilyn Tarbell, Marie Casey, Leonard and Isabel Garrow, Louis Garrow, Rosalie Peters, Dolores Smoke, Phyllis Terrance, Francis Cree, Clyde Cree, Larry and Paulette Pyke, Mary Towsley, and Sister Aquinas, S.S.J. **ETERNAL REST grant unto Jacqueline Mitchell, Cameron Jacobs, and Colby Jacobs, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

THE TRAVELING FAMILY ROSARY

NIAWEN: KOWA to Norman and Elizabeth Tarbell for offering the family rosary the past week for the sick, for families, for the special intentions of our St. Regis Parish. The family of Dorothy Lazore will have the Traveling Family Rosary for the coming week. If your family has not yet selected a week to pray for our families and all our sick and departed ones, please sign up on the calendar on the table at the entrance of the church.

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

God Our Father, in this season of Advent, we pray that all Christians who are involved in the service and spread of faith may find, in their dialogue with today’s culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.