

MARCH 24, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
READINGS: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15 Psalm 103
1 Corinthians 10,1-6,10-12 Luke 13, 1-9

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2019 4:00 PM
Offered for: Grace Chubb, Birthday Memorial Mass requested by the family
Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan
Lectors: Nicky King and Liz Sunday

SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2019 10:00 AM
Offered for: Alfred Laffin, Memorial Mass, from the funeral collection
Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee
Lectors: Abram Benedict & RJ Dolly McDonald

TUESDAY MARCH 26, 2019 7:00 PM
Offered for: Nancy Phillips, Memorial Mass, from the funeral collection

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27, 2019 12:10 PM
Offered for: Mary Ellen Jackson, Memorial Mass, from the funeral collection

THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2019 12:10 PM
Offered for: Nelson Sawatis, Memorial Mass, from the funeral collection

FRIDAY MARCH 29, 2019 12:10 PM
Offered for: Colton Hart, Memorial Mass, from the Funeral Collection

SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2019 4:00 PM
Offered for: Terry McDonald, Memorial Mass, requested by Dr. Dubuc and Staff
Lectors: Norman Tarbell and Jamie Bay

SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2019 6:30 PM
TRI DISTRICT ELDERS
Offered for: Christie Thompson, Memorial Mass, from the funeral collection

SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2019 10:00 AM
Offered for: Phyllis Terrance, Memorial Mass, from the funeral collection
Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee
Lectors: Lisa Tarbell and Bernice Lazore

2019 COLLECTIONS REPORT
March 16-17, 2019 **CDN \$ 407.60 US \$ 421.24**

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27 Akwesasne KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center 6:00 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 6 MUSIC MINISTRY MEETING 9 AM at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center
SATURDAY, APRIL 6 RISE UP! YOUTH RALLY – GRADES 7-12 at TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL, MASSENA, 9:30 – 5:00 PM Register before March 29, 2019 at www.rcdony.org/youthrally. Cost: \$25. Lunch is included.

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"I AM WHO I AM! Come no closer. Remove the sandals from your feet for the place on which you are standing is holy ground" (Exodus 3)

Our Creator expects reverence from His creatures. As Moses approaches the burning bush on Mount Horeb, God reveals Himself - I AM WHO I AM. So sacred is that name that the Israelites dare not mention YAHWEH. Moses hears the voice, "...the place on which you are standing is holy ground." The ALL HOLY reveals His love: "Moses, Moses, I have heard the cries of my people who are suffering in the land of Egypt, and I have made up my mind that I will lead them out of slavery and into freedom." This is the basis for the Exodus of the Israelites. Moses was commissioned to unify hundreds of thousands so they would be one people, the Chosen People who would reverence God, and hold Mother Earth sacred because God's presence is here.

We are God's People. We are standing on holy ground, not because we are in church, but because God is everywhere. In Him we live and move and breathe. Everywhere is holy ground. God is one with all the people of the world. He loves all that He has created as His very own. He loves all of nature. He loves deeply the people to whom He gives power to love or to refuse love.

This Lent, let us try to take the world, holy ground, seriously. The world is taken seriously when we realize that whoever enters our life or leaves our life, has been created in the image of God, through His Word –the Person the Father has sent into the world to redeem us. When we treat people well, we are touching God and inviting Him into our heart. When we ignore them, we not only lose their friendship, but lose touch with God Himself. Last week we heard the Father's directive: LISTEN TO HIM. Jesus spoke the great Commandment, "Love the Lord your God with your whole heart and mind and soul. Love your neighbor as yourself."

In the Parable of the Fig Tree, Jesus tells us to look at the calamities occurring in the world as a warning to use our time on Mother Earth wisely, lest the greatest disaster, eternal ruin will befall us.

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All-powerful God, I AM WHO I AM! You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace in the home you have given us on Mother Earth. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

From the beginning of Creation God has given us a thirst for ordinary water and a thirst for the water of life. (See John 4:5-41) Let us feast on the gift of clean water each time we use it this week and give thanks for it. As good stewards, we are called to use it responsibly. Make a list of those activities at home that require water. Choose one of these activities and "fast" from using more than is necessary, i.e. in the shower, in the bathroom, in the kitchen. Remember our neighbors in the world who lack access to clean water and pray for them.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Paul warns in the Letter to the Corinthians that we should not presume that the reception of the sacraments automatically guarantees salvation. Conversion is not simply a one-time event. Conversion is a continual summons to align our life with an ever-deepening commitment to the God who spoke to Moses, I AM WHO I AM, the God who became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is most important for ongoing conversion. **GO TO CONFESSION!** Father Jerome will be available in the St. Regis Mission Church to hear confessions on Saturday afternoons from 3:00 to 3:45 PM and on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 9:45 AM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditation on the Passion of Jesus Christ helps us to realize what price Jesus has paid to save us from everlasting death. Come early to St. Regis Church each weekend of Lent to pray the Way of the Cross, --3:30 PM on Saturday and 9:30 AM on Sunday.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD MARCH 25th *The WORD became flesh and came to dwell among us!* We celebrate the Mystery of the Incarnation and hear the Virgin Mary's response to the Angel Gabriel, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to your word." **LET US PRAY OFTEN:** 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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALPHA IN MASSENA

Registration for the Spring 2019 Alpha is now open! Sessions will begin on Monday, **APRIL 8**, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, at St. Mary's Social Hall, 7 Sycamore Street, Massena. For more information, please call St. Peter's Parish office at 315-769-2469 or visit the website at www.massencatholics.com. Alpha is an evangelistic course which seeks to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, show your love for all suffering souls, especially David Francis, Rita Arbour, Barney Rourke, Richard Phillips, Florence Benedict, Virginia Thompson, Joan Cook, Florabelle Anderson, Marjorie Thompson, Hubert and Felicia Jock, Maggie Terrance, Leonard and Isabel Garrow, Marie Casey, Jack Angus, Joyce Kelso, Marcia Barnes, Francis Cree, Louise Jacobs, Beatrice Cole, Cindy Cole, Danielle Cole, Laurie Connors, April Benedict, Camryn Cook, Baby Grayson Caron, Marilyn Tarbell, Larry Pyke, Jimmy Bero, Dickie and Marita Francis, Harriet Jackson Lazore, Philip Francis, Loran Lazore, Michael Herne, Alexina Auger, Abe "Skip" Herne, Beverly Thompson, and all in our nursing homes, hospitals, and rehabilitation centers. **Lord, grant eternal rest unto Sandra Comins Boyer. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen. Grant consolation to Don and Delinda Comins and their family.**

AVAILABLE MATER DEI SCHOLARSHIPS

After Mater Dei College closed, the Sisters of St. Joseph invested funds from the sale of the campus buildings in Ogdensburg, to create a Mater Dei Foundation Trust to further Catholic education. Scholarships are available for students of the Diocese of Ogdensburg enrolling in Catholic schools and colleges. In addition, the Foundation grants scholarships to Native American Catholic students entering their first year of college. For the current year, Mater Dei has awarded scholarships to St. Regis Parish students Quintana Hart, Amanda Rourke, and Sydney Mitchell. The application deadline for students who plan to enter college in Fall 2019 is June 1st. Contact Sister Mary Christine, SSJ at the St. Regis Mission Church if you are interested in applying for a Mater Dei Foundation scholarship.

CHRISM MASS AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Christ-led, Christ-fed, Hope-filled! All the Faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are cordially invited to join Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg for the annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils, and the Consecration of the Sacred Chrism for use in all the churches of the Diocese symbolizing that we are one family in Christ on Thursday, **APRIL 11, 2019** at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 28: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 6:00 – 7:00 PM at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center. Classes for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 27, 2019 and for all children who are preparing for First Holy Communion on May 19, 2019.
SUNDAY, MARCH 31: 10 AM, MASS AT THE ST REGIS MISSION CHURCH. LITURGY OF THE WORD IN THE SACRISTY All candidates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion are expected to be present.
FRIDAY MARCH 29: THE GIFTED DISCIPLE, SESSION I AND APRIL 11, SESSION II. 5 PM -7 PM at the St. Kateri Tekawitha Formation Center. Presentation by Marika Donders, Director of Evangelization of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Register by calling 613-575-2753 during Office Hours 9 AM TO 1PM.