

DECEMBER 12, 2021

READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18a, Psalm, Isaiah 12, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18

Weekend masses at the St. Regis Mission Church have been increased to a **MAXIMUM OF 100 PERSONS**. ALL CURRENT COVID-19 MANDATORY RESTRICTIONS APPLY WHICH INCLUDE: **SOCIAL DISTANCING, SIGN IN, WEARING MASKS, COVID SCREENING AND TEMPERATURE CHECKS AS PER MCA-EOC GUIDANCE**. We have increased capacity as of Dec.4, 2021 with the permission of the MCA-EOC. Thank you for your ongoing patience in the interest of the health and safety of our parishioners.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11, 2021 4:00 PM

Offered for: Anna Beaubien 25-Year memorial anniversary by Beverly
Eucharistic Minister/Sacristan: Caroline Peters
Hospitality: Nicky King **Reader:** Nicky King

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12, 2021 10:00 AM

Offered for: Isabel Francis and Dennis Francis by the Francis family
Eucharistic Minister Bernice Lazore
Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore
Reader: Irving Papineau

TUESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2021 NO MASS

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2021 12:10pm

Offered for: Ignatius Ben Martin by Angela P. Martins

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2021 6:00 PM HEALING MASS

Offered for: Andrew Mitchell Three-Year Memorial anniversary by the St. Regis Family

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16, 2021 12:10 PM

Offered for: Gloria Cook (David) Birthday Memorial Mass by the St. Regis family

FRIDAY DECEMBER 17, 2021 12:10 pm

Offered for: Margaret L. Buckshot, 4-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis family

SATURDAY DECEMBER 18, 2021 4:00 PM

Offered for: Louise Bush and Margert Lafrance 25-Year Memorial Anniversary by Leona Lafrance
Eucharistic Minister/Sacristan: Caroline Peters
Hospitality: Nicky King **Reader:** Lucy Papineau

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19, 2021 10:00 AM

Offered for: Elizabeth Lazore, Annie and Louie P. Lazore, Katie and Tom Swamp by Eddie Lazore
Eucharistic Minister Bernice Lazore
Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore
Reader: Jamie Ross

LOVE OFFERINGS UPDATE:

December 4-5, 2021 US \$ 513.00 CDN \$ 444.00

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Preparing the way for Jesus, John the Baptist proclaimed the importance of changing minds and hearts. This conversation had to be more than superficial, it had to be deep, sincere and it had to bear fruit in action. In today's Gospel, three different groups ask John the same question: "What should we do?" To each group, John gives a slightly different answer, showing that conversion is not a once-in-a-lifetime event but is life-long – something affirmed daily through the many small, concrete decisions we make. John's three responses are tailored to the specific situation of the inquirer: the crowd is encouraged to share food and clothing with their neighbours in need; tax collectors are admonished to collect no more from people than the prescribed amount; and soldiers are told to avoid extortion and to be satisfied with their allotted wages. In Advent, we may find ourselves turning to Jesus himself, asking "What should we do? What should we do to welcome you into our hearts, our lives, our communities, our world?" Answering, Jesus sees each one of us and addresses us in the particular circumstances of our lives. Jesus invites us to really see the people around us, and to live and act differently because of whom and what we see.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DECEMBER 12, 2021:

Today's memorial commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico

City. Our Lady appeared four times, twice to aboriginal convert Juan Diego, with whom she left orders to build a church and an imprint of her image on a cloak. This cloak, an object of great veneration, is preserved in the Basilica of our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the major pilgrimage centers of North America. Devotion to our Lady under this title has grown over the centuries and in 1946 Pius XII named her a patron of the Americas.

2021 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:

On **DECEMBER 12, 2021**, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, the reflection by the Council centres on the theme *We are called to Healing, Forgiveness, Reconciliation*. "We, the Body of Christ, are called to live in friendship and harmony with all peoples. We are brothers and sisters of our One Creator God. God gives everything to all of us. God creates and sustains the wonderful diversity of peoples, cultures, races and creeds." Saint John Paul II reminds us that there can be, "No peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness." And he insists: "I shall not tire of repeating this warning to those who, for one reason or another, nourish feelings of hatred, a desire for revenge or the will to destroy." Forgiveness becomes harder the older we get. An elderly missionary priest once reflected about an important choice we all make as we age; "One can be an angry old man or a wise old fool. Choose wisely!" <https://www.cccb.ca/>

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



DISCOVERY AT THE KAMLOOPS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL AND COWESSESS FIRST NATION:

The St. Regis Mission Church is re-opened with restrictions. We continue to be in shock at this very sad time in the history of Canada and the Church. We ask everyone to continue to pray for the souls of the innocent children that they may rest in peace. **UPDATE:** It was decided at a recent Parish Council meeting that we will work with a sub-committee of the council to reach out to the community regarding the removal, or return of, the memorial shoes in front of the church due to the arrival of winter. The Parish Council and sub-committee agreed to move the shoes until a permanent memorial can be created in the future. We are asking representatives of the community to contact us to discuss options for a permanent memorial commemorating the victims of Indian residential schools in the form of a graphic, stone, plaque or picture that can be placed in front of the church. With great respect, we have ensured some elements of the memorial remain at the church, including the flag on the front door. Please contact Bernice Lazore, Jamie Ross or R.J. Dolly McDonald for further information..

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH:

Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall: As the year of Saint Joseph comes to a close we ask for his intercession for our families, our friends, our archdiocese. *Joseph, with Jesus and Mary, you knew hunger, uncertainty, and illness. You turned your heart to God to lift up your needs and those of your family. In faith you accepted the Father's response as events unfolded. Be with me today as I offer my requests to the Father.*



Joseph, let me recognize God's will as I open my hands to accept what God

bestows in loving kindness. With tenderness, God fills creation with life and love. Open my eyes to the wonders that God works without ceasing. Let me learn the true intention behind my request so that I may discover within myself the lowly one that God commends. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: THIRD WEEK: (light two purple candles and 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.**



PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING: Lord, look with compassion on the sick and suffering, especially those at TSIONKWANONHTSO:TE and IAKHIHSOHTHA and all our homebound Akwesasnon Elders during these pandemic times. Lord, if You will, we commend to you: Alexina Auger, Steve Arquette, Peter Back, Lily Benedict, Hazel Bero, Jimmy Bero, Bruce Bombard, Marie Casey, Laurie Conners, Ashley Cook, Jerome Cook, Francis Cree, Julia David, Marita Francis, Leonard and Carol Garrow, Daniel George, Martha George, Bernadine Herne, Vernie and Toni Herne, Brian Jacobs, Christian Jock, Felicia and Hubert Jock, Joyce Kelso, Matthew Lamesse, Elizabeth Lazore, Hattie Jackson Lazore, Loran Lazore, Dr. Richard Loder, Viola Marshall, Mose R. McDonald Jr., Raymond McDonald, Memphis Pyke Mitchell, Norman and Nancy King, Herbie Oakes, Charles Peters, Lucille Peters, Richard Peters, Richard Phillips, Helen Pyke, Sheila Ransom, Michel Sands, Troy Skidders, Greg Snyder, Margaret Snyder, Mariella Stehlin, Marilyn Tarbell, Ashley Thompson and Donald Thompson. *Console the grieving family of Michael "Mike" Thompson, O Lord, and grant him eternal rest. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

HEALING MASSES: Father Jerome will continue to conduct Healing Masses every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in place of the Tuesday evening Masses. The healing Masses are conducted in the spirit of healing, truth and reconciliation. **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. BRING A FRIEND.**

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED: We need volunteers and extra help for the following: hospitality at the door, cleaners for the church, liturgical readers for Saturday and Sunday masses and participants for our Papal Synod.



Thank you to the Pastors of Akwesasne - Ecumenical Circle who met this week as an ongoing effort for unity, prayer and service to the community. Pictured above are L to R front: Fr. Jerome Pastores, Pastor April Bender (Mohawk Assembly of God), Ceclia Followell (NLCC), RJ Dolly McDonald (St. Regis Mission) and Tara Tarbell. L to R back row: Al Bender (Mohawk Assembly of God), Pastor Dwayne Followell (NLCC), Pastor Hattie Taylor (United Methodist Church), Pastor Roy Burns (NLCC), and Pastor Brandon Tarbell.(Church of Christ) .The Pastors of Akwesasne are working hard to collaborate on various initiatives to support the community such as the Sept. 30, 2021 St. Regis Mission Truth and Reconciliation Service and a food distribution on Dec. 13th 10:30 AM-12:30 PM . Niawen:kowa to the Mohawk Assembly of God and SRMT. Make sure to take advantage of the food - 1,500 boxes are available. .

