

DECEMBER 19, 2021

READINGS Micah 5: 2-5a, Psalm 80, Hebrews 10: 5-10, Luke 1: 39-45

Weekend masses at the St. Regis Mission Church have been increased to a **MAXIMUM OF 100 PERSONS. ALL CURRENT COVID-19 MANDATORY RESTRICTIONS APPLY ESPECIALLY MASKS, SIGN IN AND SOCIAL DISTANCING.**

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

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22, 2021 12:10pm

Offered for: Dennis Joseph White by Sue White and family

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22, 2021 6:00 PM HEALING MASS

Offered for: Anna McDonald by the St. Regis Family

THURSDAY DECEMBER 23, 2021 12:10 PM

Offered for: George Lafrance, Peter and Elizabeth Lafrance by Cecelia Lafrance

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24, 2021 12:10 pm

Offered for: Ida Thomas Birthday Memorial by Christopher Thomas

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24, 2021 4:00 PM

Offered for: Jackie Mitchell by Esther and Joe Jock

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24, 2021 10:00 pm

Offered for: Alex Arquette 5-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis family

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25, 2021 10:00 AM

Offered for: Jerome Seymour 18 year memorial anniversary by St. Regis family

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25, 2021 4:00 PM

Offered for: Abraham Phillips by Dr. Dubuc and staff
Eucharistic Minister/Sacristan: Caroline Peters
Hospitality: Nicky King **Reader:** Connie Thompson

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26, 2021 10:00 AM

Offered for: Agnes Lazore by Hilda King
Eucharistic Minister Bernice Lazore
Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore
Reader: Rosemary Bonaparte

LOVE OFFERINGS UPDATE:

December 11-12, 2021 US \$340.93 CDN \$ 429.00

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the lord.” It is easy to forget how difficult it was for Mary to accept God’s plan. To be found pregnant out of wedlock was not only a source of shame, but against Levitical law. It could mean her death – a painful death by stoning. Still, Our Lady trusted in the Lord whom she loved and gave her *fiat – let it be done*. In today’s Gospel, we see the first fruits of that trust. In the early days of her pregnancy when Mary arrived at her cousin Elizabeth’s home, she must have wondered how Elizabeth would react. Maybe Mary would be able to conceal her pregnancy for a few months... Mary had no reason to believe that she and her child would be met with anything other than condemnation. Yet, the moment she arrived, Elizabeth greeted her with love, already knowing of the pregnancy and congratulating Mary on her faith. Even in times of danger, Mary consistently submitted herself to the will of God. Although she endured suffering throughout her life, she was always provided for by the God of love. We too can put our trust in God, because he cares for us.



THE "O ANTIPHONS" OF ADVENT

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ

as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

DECEMBER 17: O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

DECEMBER 18: O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

DECEMBER 19: O Root of Jesse’s stem, sign of God’s love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

DECEMBER 20: O Key of David, opening the gates of God’s eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

DECEMBER 21: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

DECEMBER 22: O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

DECEMBER 23: O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

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.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

During the Advent season families should spend time together preparing for the approaching celebration of the birth of Christ. An Advent wreath can be a great focal point for family prayers and holiday celebrations. Children love the beauty of the simple traditional ceremony. Lighting candles in an Advent Wreath is a simple way to start a tradition of family worship in the home. Those who participate will cherish the experience all their lives. Each day your family should gather around the Advent wreath, generally before the evening meal. The proper number of candles are then lighted and a prayer is said.



FOURTH WEEK The prayer that follows is to be repeated each day of the fourth week. After the prayer, all four candles are lit.

O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great

might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The four candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals of the fourth week. After the fourth week, the penitential season of Advent is over and the time to rejoice is at hand. The Advent wreath is transformed into a Christmas wreath. Ribbon and candles are replaced with red ribbon and long red or white tapers (to be lighted at breakfast on Christmas morning) and, if desired, other festive decorations can be added.

A THANKFUL CHRISTMAS PRAYER: Lord and Giver of all good things, the magi travelled for miles to bring the Christ child the first Christmas presents. So may we, too, remember with thankful hearts the love that comes with each present we open. We also thank you for the love you have for each of us, and we thank you for the many gifts that you give us, especially the gift of life itself. 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 Akwesasronon 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 families of Kristin Blasiak-Lazore, Timothy J Jock, Steven L. Swamp and Beverly A Thompson (White), O Lord, and grant them eternal rest. May their souls, 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.

ADVENT SCHEDULE OF ST REGIS MISSION CHURCH SERVICES

Dec 15, 2021 (WEDS)	6PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
Dec 24, 2021 (FRI)	12:10 PM Regular Mass Intention 4:00 PM Children and Youth Nativity Mass 10:00 PM Nativity of the Lord
Dec 25, 2021 (SAT)	10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass 4:00 PM Anticipated Sunday Mass
Dec 26, 2021 (SUN)	10:00 AM Regular Sunday Mass
DEC 27-30, 2021	(MON-THURS) NO MASSES
Dec 31, 2021 (FRI)	4:00PM Mass Welcome with Hope New Year 2022, Thanksgiving for the past year 2021
Jan 1, 2022 (SAT)	10:00 AM New Year’s Day Mass 4:00 PM Regular Mass
Jan 2, 2022 (SUN)	10:00AM Epiphany of the Lord

The Rectory Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays: Dec. 27, 28 and 30, 2021. Wednesday Dec 29 the office will be open from 9AM to 1PM.

