

DECEMBER 26, 2021

READINGS 1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28, Psalm 84, 1 John 3.1-2, 21-24, Luke 2:41-52

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 25, 2021 10:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

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

DECEMBER 29-30 NO MASSES

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.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 31, 2021 4:00 PM MASS TO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR

Offered for: Richard Larry King by Norman King and family

SATURDAY JANUARY 1, 2022 10:00 AM NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Offered for: Michael Sunday, Birthday Memorial Mass by the St. Regis Family
Eucharistic Minister/Sacristan: Caroline Peters
Reader: Elizabeth Sunday

SATURDAY JANUARY 1, 2022 4:00 PM

Offered for: Mary E. Seymour Birthday Memorial Mass by Lucy Papineau
Eucharistic Minister/Sacristan: Caroline Peters
Hospitality: Nicky King **Reader:** Norman Tarbell

SUNDAY January 2, 2022 10:00 AM

Offered for: Hubert Rourke 5 year Memorial Anniversary by Binky and boys
Eucharistic Minister Bernice Lazore
Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore
Reader: Irving Papineau

May the love of Christ fill your home and life and cause each day of yours to release countless blessings for you.

Merry Christmas!

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Each of the readings for this Feast of the Holy Family features something atypical to the experience of most families. First, Hanna leaves her long-awaited first-born son at the temple to keep her promise to God. Then, John reflects on adoption as the great mark of belonging to God's family. Finally, Mary and Joseph lose 12-year-old Jesus, on a family trip to the largest city in the area. Jesus radically redefined family for his contemporaries, challenging their understanding of belonging. He continues to challenge us to see the places where we judge our own or others' families. No option renders us outside of God's family. Jesus' wonderfully adolescent question to his shocked parents is a great question for us too. When our own families are struggling, we will always find shelter and love, growth and hope in God. May God help us to love our families well, and may our witness inspire others to do likewise.



MESSAGE FROM BISHOP NOEL FOR THE NEW YEAR 2022

"To spread happiness, I have a grieving heart" is the theme of our 2021-2022 pastoral year. In the context of a virus that never stops changing and transforming, in the face of a pandemic that never stops sowing fear, desolation and enormous economic and social problems, our hope is being undermined and the practice of charity and solidarity is running out of steam. Our temptation is great to solve first the problems that affect our parishes and our Quebec milieu, thus forgetting the enormous parts of humanity that are struggling with poverty, unemployment, migration, violence, the deterioration of health care and services essential to a decent life worthy of the human being.

We cannot forget the difficulties that our Church is going through. That is why Pope Francis has invited all the dioceses of the world to enter into a synodal process, that is to say, into a process of consultation, listening and dialogue in order to walk alongside our brothers and sisters in humanity, to listen to the questions that inhabit and stir their hearts, and to join them on the often arduous paths of life. This synodal journey is also intended to bring about discernment and change in our Church in order to invent new ways of proclaiming the message of Jesus and of building the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of peace, justice, truth and love. Indeed, if we undertake this journey together, it is above all to commit ourselves more fully to a culture of care, thus fighting against the culture of indifference, rejection and confrontation. It is to work towards this common mission of building a better world, based on solidarity, sharing and mutual aid. This can only happen if our heart is a heart that gives, and that gives not only to those who are close to us, but also to those who, everywhere in the world, cry out their misery and their distress. To this end, in his message for the 2022 World Day of Peace, Pope Francis proposes three highly topical contexts for reflection and action: education, work and inter-generational dialogue. May Jesus, our Divine Messiah, who constantly comes to meet us, watch over our world and our Church, over the Bishop of Rome and our parishes, over our families and our sick, over those who live in destitution and misery! May He accompany us and help us to live in a spirit of giving, fraternity and solidarity! May He make us people who are happy to believe and walk together towards horizons of hope! May Mary our Mother sustain us throughout this year 2022! Happy and Holy New Year! + Noël Simard, Bishop of Valleyfield

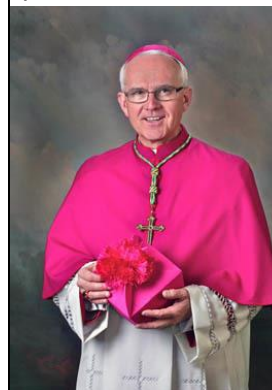
THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Mohawk)

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.



A LETTER FROM BISHOP

LAVALLEY: CHRISTMAS 2021:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ: At our Christmas Vigil Mass, we will hear St. Luke tell us that God was born in a manger because there was no room for Him in the inn. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior this year, it is fitting that we ask ourselves: Is there room for God in my heart? Today, there is so little room in our hearts for many—the unborn, the poor, those suffering from mental illness, the migrant, the victim of unjust discrimination, the elderly, the addict, the lonely, the imprisoned, indigenous peoples, the abused, the terror-stricken refugee. So many women, men, and children are hurting. They are members of our families. They are us!

We enter this Advent Season, preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, grateful for blessings received, but also keenly aware of our Christian duty to be the hands and tender heart of Christ to those who currently warrant scarce attention from us. This Christmas, let us resolve, inspired by our own time spent with Jesus, to see His Face in our sisters and brothers who we too often neglect. We yearn to make room in our hearts and in our lives for the hurting. Their human dignity demands it. Our Christian dignity impels us.

We pray that the beautiful acts of generosity that characterize the Christmas Season will be transformed from seasonal gestures of charity to lifelong acts of justice and mercy. Such personal transformation will give tangible evidence that we are Christ-led, Christ-fed, and Hope-filled. We can do great things in Christ Jesus, the Savior whose birth we celebrate with such joy and gratitude.

Our God's unconditional love and boundless mercy became flesh and bones in the Person of Jesus Christ so that we might extend God's compassion and love. May the Christ Child bring you and your loved ones the Gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope, and the Promise of Peace. A blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year! Faithfully yours in Christ. **Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg**

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 Philip Tarbell and Joseph Caldwell, 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.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE ST REGIS MISSION

- 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



34TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER JEROME PASTORES

On December 31, 1986, Father Jerome Pastores was ordained a priest in the Philippines. We thank God for his holy priesthood and for sending him to Akwesasne to bring from Jesus the graces of the Sacraments and Holy Mass. We pray the Lord to strengthen him as he cares for our parish community. We offer for him the Prayer to Our Blessed Mother for Priests, composed by St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata, *Mary, Mother of Jesus, throw your mantle of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus. Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons, so keep their hearts pure and virginal. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips, so that He is the one they offer to sinners and to all they meet. Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving them and bringing them joy.* Pray for Father Jerome Pastores on the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. **CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS YOU!**

