

**DECEMBER 5, 2021**

**READINGS:** Baruch 5:1-9, Psalm 126, Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11, Luke 3:4-6

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 4, 2021 4:00 PM**

**Offered for:** Simon and Marjorie King, Simon King Jr by Doreen King

**Eucharistic Minister/Sacristan:** Caroline Peters  
**Hospitality:** Nicky King **Reader:** Connie Thompson

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 6, 2021 10:00 AM**

**Offered for:** Florence Thomas Birthday Memorial Mass by Dwayne and Margaret Thomas Jock

**Eucharistic Minister** Bernice Lazore  
**Sacristan:** Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore  
**Reader:** Judy Cole

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 7, 2021 NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2021 12:10pm**

**Offered for:** Orlo Ransom 4-year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis family

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2021 6:00 PM HEALING MASS**

**Offered for:** James Cook by Donna Richards McCure

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 9, 2021 10:00 AM TSIONKWANONHTSO:TE**

**Offered for:** Abe Caldwell by the St. Regis Family

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 9, 2021 12:10 PM**

**Offered for:** Laura McDonald by the St. Regis family

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 10, 2021 12:10 pm**

**Offered for:** Elizabeth Bessie Cole, 5-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Family

**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

**LOVE OFFERINGS UPDATE:**

November 27-28, 2021 US \$ 477.22 CDN \$ 376.75

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

When we first begin our life's journey, the pathway is simple and clear. Ordinarily our parents simply point us in a direction – and off we go. As we grow up, though, the journey becomes more complicated. Eventually we want to choose our own path.

After that is usually the time we arrive at an important crossroads, where we face a dizzying number of choices. We could follow the pathway of power, or the pathway of success, or the most popular one, the one with flashing lights, colourful streamers and a golden roadway, the pathway of possessions. Many people like that one.

So we chose one and continue walking. But the way of power often passes through the valley of loneliness, the way of success often leads to the labyrinth of exhaustion, and the way of possessions leads to the mountain of heavy burdens. Later, maybe years later, we start to wonder if we made the right choice.

If we're lucky, one day we encounter John. "Repent!" he says, "Stop, You're going the wrong way!" "Choose again and walk the Way of the Lord. There the valley of Loneliness is levelled, the labyrinth of Exhaustion is straightened, the mountain of Burdens made low, Turn and go the Lord's Way, where you will find your yoke is easy and your burden light."



**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 renewed opportunity for family prayer together. One practice is the gathering of the family around a homemade Advent Wreath for prayer. 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."

**PRAYERS FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**FIRST WEEK: (light one purple candle)** All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. ~AMEN.

**SECOND WEEK: (light two purple candles)** God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ~AMEN.

**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.

**FOURTH Week: (light three purple candles and one 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.

**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.



**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 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the belief in the sinless lifespan and Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary,

*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**

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara in modern day Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas

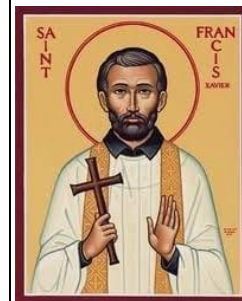
very soon became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his dedication to protect children, and his concern for sailors and ships. Nicholas died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and within a century of his death he was celebrated as a saint. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th. In 1823, a popular poem called "A Visit from St. Nicholas", which we now know as "The Night Before Christmas", first described St. Nicholas as bringing toys and sweets to children on Christmas Eve. The legend of Santa Claus was born.

**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, 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 Danial Laffin, Mary Lazore and Julia (Mitchell) Beers, 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.**

**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.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY:** There will be an Altar Rosary Society meeting Sunday Dec. 5th, 2021, at 12:30pm at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center. All COVID protocols apply.



December 3rd, marks the feast day of **St. Francis Xavier, SJ**, one of the first Jesuits, who is considered by some to be the greatest missionary since the time of the Apostles. Xavier was born in Navarre, Spain, on April 7, 1506. He completed a staggering amount of missionary work over his lifetime earning him the titles "Apostle of the

Indies" and "Apostle of Japan." He was canonized with St. Ignatius in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV and named the patron saint of all foreign missions by Pope Pius X. He became ill and died on Dec. 3, 1552. His body is still enshrined at Goa in the Basilica of Bom Jesus. In 1614, by the order of Superior General of the Society of Jesus Claudio Acquaviva, his right arm was severed at the elbow and taken to Rome, where an altar was made to display it in the Church of the Gesu. He lends his name to many schools, parishes and Jesuit communities worldwide, including Xavier High School in New York City and Xavier University in Cincinnati.

