

JANUARY 9, 2022

READINGS Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11, Psalm 104, Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7 Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

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 JANUARY 8, 2022 4:00 PM

Offered for: Lori Martin Lazore Anniversary Mass by the St. Regis Family

Eucharistic Minister/Sacristan: Caroline Peters

Hospitality: Nicky King **Reader:** Norman Tarbell

SUNDAY JANUARY 9, 2022 10:00 AM

Offered for: Alfred B. Laffin by the St. Regis Family

Eucharistic Minister Bernice Lazore

Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore

Reader: Jamie Ross

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12, 2022 12:10 pm

Offered for: Wallace Roundpoint, Memorial Anniversary Mass by the St. Regis Family

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12, 2022 6:00 pm

Offered for: Cecelia Ransom Birthday_Memorial Mass by the St. Regis Family

THURSDAY JANUARY 13, 2022 12:10 pm

Offered for: Alfred Laffin by the St. Regis Family

FRIDAY JANUARY 14, 2022 12:10 PM

Offered for: Lena Day Birthday Memorial Mass by the St. Regis Family

SATURDAY JANUARY 15, 2022 4:00 PM

Offered for: Russell and Reginald Mitchell by the Mitchell Family

Eucharistic Minister/Sacristan: Caroline Peters

Hospitality: Nicky King **Reader:** Connie Thompson

SUNDAY JANUARY 16, 2022 10:00 AM

Offered for: Sarah, Noah, Gordon and Orlo Ransom by Noah Ransom Jr.

Eucharistic Minister Bernice Lazore

Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore

Reader: Rosemary Bonaparte

COLLECTIONS UPDATE:

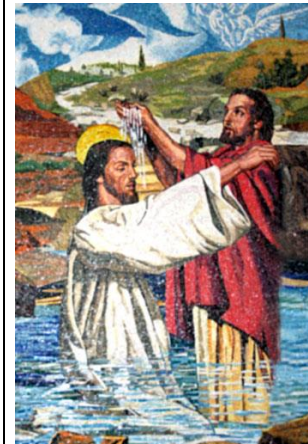
December 24-26, 2021 US \$ 941.55 CDN \$ 915.34
January 1-2, 2022 US \$ 391.30 CDN \$ 244.61

SYNOD Participation and Planning. Pope Francis' "New Way of Being Church" is he wants a church that is participatory based on co-responsibility, shared leadership, servant leadership and empowerment of laity. Ministry Chairs are invited to participate. Dates to be announced. For more information contact Father Jerome at jeromebpastores@hotmail.com

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

COVID-19 shook us and changed the way we lived our daily lives. In many places we could not attend Mass or even enter a church. Sacraments were cancelled or delayed. When we returned months later, we found the holy water stoups were empty. Holy water – this simple life-affirming symbol – was absent. There was a void. Amid such challenges, today's readings rekindle our hope and courage. God the Father sets the earth on its foundations so that it shall never be shaken. Likewise, he comforts and strengthens us, renewing our hope and fortitude through the Holy Spirit, a continuation of our baptism.

Nothing evokes the joyous occasion of our baptism like holy water. Essential for our rebirth, yet profoundly missed when we were deprived of it. The faithful have depended on holy water for centuries as St. Theresa of Avila attested, nothing compares to holy water to put devils to flight and to offer consolation for our soul. We know that, through baptism, Jesus was given strength to resist Satan's temptations in the desert. Like Jesus, we are strengthened for the journey by our baptism. Even if we can't always bless ourselves and our homes with holy water, let us always remember that through baptism we receive fortitude, protection and hope in the Lord.



The **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** concludes the celebration of the Christmas season. "The origin and foundation of Christian baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. 'He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake ... to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water' (St. Gregory Nazianzen, Liturgy of the Hours , I, 634). Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin — original and actual — and begin to live a new life with God." The significance of Jesus' baptism is his overall mission on earth. "Today is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the event that began Jesus' public ministry. It was the start of his career as teacher and healer and redeemer — his true calling in life. In order to respond to this calling, Jesus left his career in carpentry to pursue his true vocation in life: to announce and establish the Kingdom of God on earth, as it is in heaven.

God's blessings of peace, love, and joy be upon you and your families during this New Year of 2022! We have a New Year's resolution suggestion for you. Take a family inventory of how you are staying connected to God. As a family, decide ways to become a more holy family this year. Could you come as family to Church to offer Holy Mass each Sunday? Could you say Grace together at every meal, whether at home or in a restaurant? Could you say the Morning Offering Prayer together each day before heading out to school or work? Happy New Year! God Bless you always.

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



children that they may rest in peace.



Niawen to all the volunteers who helped clean and decorate the Church; the Church Maintenance Team, the Hospitality Team and the Altar and Rosary Society. Niawen to the musicians and the Mohawk Choir; Niawen to the Lectors, Sacristans, Ushers, Greeters and Eucharistic Ministers. Niawen to the Three Feathers Café for the Christmas bread for our congregation. Most of all, niawen:kowa to each and every one of you for coming to Holy Mass. God bless you this New Year 2022!

MONTHLY DEDICATIONS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: It is a traditional Catholic custom to sanctify each month of the year with special devotional practices. The following list is some of the dedication(s) / devotion(s) commonly practiced for each month. Mark your 2022 calendars! (The devotions listed for some months vary and sometimes change over time.)

- **JANUARY**, the Holy Name of Jesus;
- **FEBRUARY**, the Holy Family
- **MARCH**, St. Joseph;
- **APRIL**, the Holy Eucharist;
- **MAY**, the Blessed Virgin Mary;
- **JUNE**, the Sacred Heart of Jesus;
- **JULY**, the Precious Blood of Jesus;
- **AUGUST**, the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
- **SEPTEMBER**, the Sorrowful Mother.
- **OCTOBER**, the Rosary;
- **NOVEMBER**, the souls in the purgatory;
- **DECEMBER**, Immaculate Conception

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING: Lord, look with compassion on the sick and suffering, especially those at TSIIONKWANONHTSO: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, Hilda 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 Patrick Leaf, James Gray and Phil Tarbell, 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.**

A PRAYER FOR HOLDING ON TO GOD

Dear Heavenly Father, Lord, help us feel Your presence right now. We know You are faithful and ask You for comfort through hard times. The kind of comfort only Your Holy Spirit can give. Let Your words through Joshua seal permanently on our hearts today. We know there is hope and healing when we choose to cling tightly to You. Forgive us for being distracted by the things of this world. We can get pulled away from Your loving arms without even realizing it. When we're in danger of turning away, help us turn to Your Word instead. It will be our constant and steadfast lamp to guide our path through hard times. We cling to You, Lord, today and every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ecological Footprint...



Care of Creation
rdony.org/about/rdony/footprint.html

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:

What's on your New Year Resolution list? Is one of them lowering your ecological footprint? Ecological footprint accounting measures the demand on and the supply of nature. It measures the ecological assets that a given

population requires to produce the natural resources it consumes and to absorb its wastes, especially carbon emissions. To check out your "ecological footprint," see Global Footprint Network.

