

APRIL 3, 2022

READINGS: Isaiah 43: 16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3: 8-14, John 8: 1-11

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 APRIL 2, 2022 4:00 PM

Offered for: Solomon Cook 8-year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis family

Eucharistic Minister/Sacristan: Caroline Peters

Hospitality: Nicky King **Reader:** Jamie Ross

SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2022 10:00 AM

Offered for: Alexina (McDonald) Auger and Mose McDonald Sr. (26-yr Memorial Anniversary) by the McDonald Family

Eucharistic Minister Bernice Lazore

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

Reader: RJ Dolly McDonald

FR. JEROME WILL BE AWAY ON RETREAT FROM APRIL 4-8, 2022. THERE WILL BE NO MASS INTENTIONS WHILE HE IS AWAY.

SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2022 4:00 PM

Offered for: Carl Tarbell by the Tarbell family

Eucharistic Minister/Sacristan: Caroline Peters

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

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10, 2022 10:00 AM

Offered for: Joelene Adams Birthday Memorial Mass from the funeral collection

Eucharistic Minister Bernice Lazore

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

Reader: Judy Cole

EASTER FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

MARCH 26-27, 2022 US \$ 542.60 CDN \$ 516.50 NIAWEN:KOWA GOD BLESS!



observed on **Sunday, April 10th.** Palm Sunday, which is the Sunday before Easter Sunday and the start of Holy Week is a feast day commemorating Jesus's entry into Jerusalem on a Donkey (symbolizing peace versus a horse which symbolized war).

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

As I reflected on today's Gospel, my first thought was, "Where was the man?" In all the Gospels, this is the only mention of Jesus writing. Maybe he was writing, "Where is the man?" Ignoring the questions of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus bends down and writes a second time. His written words must be very powerful, because the woman's accusers begin to leave one at a time, until they have all left. This Gospel is a wonderful example of the power of the written word. Imitating this action of Jesus, we can make a big difference by our own writing when we see injustice, such as gender discrimination and racism, in our society today. The kindness of Jesus toward this woman is also remarkable. He stays bent down as he looks up at her standing there. From this bent position Jesus, by his questions, encourages her to speak for herself. Jesus then replies with powerful words of forgiveness, respect and love. These words must have filled her with relief, hope and courage. Today, the risen Christ speaks to each of us as well. We are encouraged to begin again, to experience forgiveness and great love. As we reflect on this tender reading, may we share this woman's feelings of joy and peace, knowing we too are greatly loved. (Living with Christ April 2022)

RECONCILIATION: It's not easy to walk in the Lord's footsteps – never was and never will be. The winds of sin can gradually blow us off course, and without even realizing it, we can sail in a direction contrary to our baptismal commitment. Years ago, the notion of a long look at the whole direction of our life (particularly the "why" behind the sins we confess) was far from people's minds – except for people who had been away from the sacraments for a long time and needed to make a "general confession." Everyone else simply dealt with individual fix-its, a clean up before going to Communion. The Church is now returning to the earlier tradition of celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation by centering on baptism and personal conversion. This requires deep reflection and much longer preparation. Lent is the time when we do this. Lent is a time of conversion. It all starts on Ash Wednesday, when the ashes are placed on our foreheads with the words, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." It all ends on Easter Sunday when we reach into the baptismal water and renew our "yes" to the Lord's invitation to "Come, follow me."

GIFT OF FORGIVENESS: Jesus gives forgiveness as a gift to people who don't do anything in particular to earn it, and to some people who don't seem to deserve it. He also forgives here and now – so a person no longer has to live with sin. Jesus was so generous with this gift, and so all inclusive, that the scribes and Pharisees were sometimes scandalized. Forgiveness was a gift Jesus was happy to give. It was the first thing he did for the paralytic. He wanted to do it for many others – if they would only let him. When we think about it, we experience the same thing ourselves when we give the gift of forgiveness. It is a relief, and we feel so much better when we forgive. It's always a joy to give a gift to someone you love. Sometimes we may look upon giving forgiveness as though we were heroic, or fulfilling a difficult duty, or paternalistically handing out something to someone in need. Actually, we are the ones who are very much in need, and we fulfill that need when we forgive. We get more out of forgiveness than the person we forgive. It is the good news of this Gospel, and especially appropriate during Lent. On the Fifth Sunday of Lent we should remember what the Angel Gabriel said to Mary ("Nothing shall be impossible for God") and to make the last days of Lent a time of extraordinary prayer and forgiveness.

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



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death. The first day that commences Holy Week is Palm Sunday, a day where Jesus was celebrated and welcomed when entering the city of Jerusalem.



was also threatened by barbarian invaders. Born in Cartagena of a family that included three other sibling saints, an amazingly learned man, Isidore, was sometimes called "The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages" because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world—beginning with creation! He continued his austerities even as he approached age 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: Creation Care Tips:

Lenten Green Tips for Feasting and Fasting - Feast on fair trade by purchasing fairly-traded chocolates, coffees and teas when planning for Easter baskets or brunches. Fast from giving consumer products as gifts and instead give donations or subscriptions on someone's

HOLY WEEK: Easter is right around the corner! But before we jump into egg hunts, Easter decorations and basket stuffers, there is Holy Week. This religious week takes place from **Sunday, April 10, to Saturday, April 16, 2022**, which is considered some of the most sacred seven days out of the Christian calendar year. It's a time to commemorate and learn about the events leading up to Jesus Christ's

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: Steve Arquette, Peter Back, Lily Benedict, Hazel Bero, Jimmy Bero, Bruce Bombard, Marie Casey, Laurie Conners, Ashley Cook, Jerome Cook, Leona Cook, Francis Cree, Julia David, Marita Francis, Leonard and Carol Garrow, 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, Raymond McDonald, Memphis Pyke Mitchell, Norman and Nancy King, Herbie Oakes, Charles Peters, Lucille Peters, Richard Phillips, Helen Pyke, Sheila Ransom, Michel Sands, Troy Skidders, Greg Snyder, Margaret Snyder, Jimmy Sunday, Marilyn Tarbell, Ashley Thompson and Donald Thompson. **Console the grieving families of victims of COVID, 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.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED. The St. Regis Mission church is in dire need of volunteers to assist with cleaning of the church on Saturday mornings, to serve as liturgical readers, to assist with Easter preparations, and other duties within the church. Please contact Father Jerome if you are interested and available at 613-575-2753 or at jeromepastores@hotmail.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: *We adore you, O Christ and we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world!* Contemplation of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ enkindles the fire of Love. Come to Church for the communal offering of the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Each week the Stations will be offered 30 minutes prior to Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION During Lent, Father Jerome will be available at the St. Regis Mission Church to hear confessions on Saturday afternoons from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM and on Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM. Social distancing and wearing a mask is required.

NIAWEN:KOWA Two weeks ago, Hilda King and family (Lyle and Cindy Lazore, Valene Gray, Louella Lazore, April Benedict and other relatives) donated the amount of \$ 6,491.00 in US and CND Dollars for the ST KATERI TEKAKWITHA HERITAGE FUND towards the completion of the Church Steeple repair. God Bless you and thank you to the King family for your initiative and generosity.

