

DECEMBER 25, 2022

READINGS *Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-6, John 1:1-18*

For weekend masses at the St. Regis Mission Church
ALL COVID-19 and FLU MANDATORY RESTRICTIONS APPLY ESPECIALLY MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 2022 4:00 PM
CHILDREN & YOUTH NATIVITY MASS**

Offered for: Jimmy Day by Chris Francis
Sacristan: RJ Dolly McDonald **Hospitality:** Nicky King
Eucharistic Minister: RJ Dolly McDonald, **Reader:** Nicky King

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 2022 10:00 PM
NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Offered for: Ida Thomas Memorial Birthday by the St. Regis Family
Sacristan: Caroline Peters, **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore
Eucharistic Minister: Caroline Peters **Reader:** Jamie Ross

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 25, 2022 10:00 AM
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

Offered for: Nelson Sawatis Memorial Birthday Mass by Sherry and girls and his sister Anna
Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore
Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Judy Cole

**DECEMBER 26-28, 2022 NO MASSES
THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR
THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 30, 2022 4:00 PM
MASS TO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR**

Offered for: Richard Larry King by Norman King and family

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 31, 2022 4:00 PM
WELCOME WITH HOPE NEW YEAR 2023**

Offered for: Priscilla Martin, Memorial Birthday by Victor Martin
Sacristan: Caroline Peters **Hospitality:** Nicky King
Eucharistic Minister: Caroline Peters **Reader:** Lucy Papineau

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 31, 2022 6:00 PM
TRI-DISTRICT ELDERS**

Offered for: Marjorie Thompson and Julia Roundpoint, Joyce Gaspe and deceased members of the Tri-District Elders by the St. Regis Family

**SUNDAY January 1, 2023 10:00 AM
NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**

Offered for: Mary E. Seymour by Lucy Papineau
Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore
Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Rosemary Bonaparte

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

**DEC 17-18, 2022 CDN \$345.00 USD \$394.50.
NIAWEN:KOWA GOD BLESS!**

DECEMBER 25, 2022

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

May the love of Christ fill your home and life and cause each day of yours to release countless blessings for you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



**MESSAGE FROM THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA-
CORNWALL CHRISTMAS 2022**

Dear faithful of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall,

The season of Christmas is once again upon us. How we decide to welcome it and celebrate it is of utter importance. Many in our world today live under the many pressures of society, of work and family

obligations and, of course, of personal challenges. The "busyness" of our lives can easily overwhelm us and steer us off course. So, in what space will you be when Christmas arrives?

Obviously, we remain attentive to upcoming events if they mean something for us. If they are of little importance, or if they are likely not going to change anything in my life, chances are I will let them pass by without notice. We therefore need to ask ourselves if celebrating Christmas really matters or not. Another question relates to the understanding we have of Christmas. What is Christmas really all about? In order to cut through all the glitter and traditions around Christmas, it is essential to seek understanding by going back to the source.

Holy Scriptures, during the Christmas liturgies, relate to us the day Jesus was born in Bethlehem. His birth is presented to us as a gift from God to humanity. Let us hear once again the message of the angel: "good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). The celebration of the nativity of the Saviour is therefore an invitation for us to welcome in our personal lives a divine gift that has life-changing consequences.

Opening our hearts to Jesus the Christ is allowing ourselves to enter into the Light where healing Love and lasting Peace reign. It is about dying to earthly things and choosing Eternal Life. It is giving ourselves a chance to experience profound Joy and Hope. It is our way of answering God's call and giving the best of ourselves in accomplishing his will.

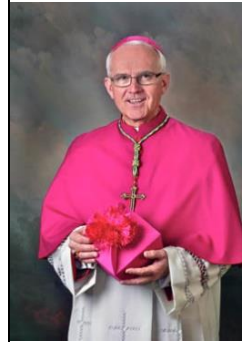
This gift, received in faith, transforms human lives. This is why it has such a huge impact. This is why Christmas takes on meaning and is truly celebrated. In welcoming the Gift, we become the Gift to others around us. The more we share the Gift of Christ, the more our world resembles the Kingdom of God.

It is therefore my prayer that you may all celebrate Christmas this year with great expectation.

Christmas blessings to you all!
✠ Marcel Damphousse
Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall

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:WE - E THO E THO NI A WEN.



**A LETTER FROM BISHOP LAVALLEY:
CHRISTMAS 2022:**

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord...and this will be a sign for you..." (Luke 2:10-12)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ: What is this sign that the angel in St. Luke's Gospel proclaims? God is born among us. What a wondrous sign of God's love for you and me! St. John of the Cross once wrote to a friend: "Think nothing else but that God ordains all, and where there is no love, put love, and you will draw out love."

When God the Father didn't find love in the human race, He put love in the human race through the Incarnation of His Son. Then, He found Love, in His Son Jesus and in all who had become a part of His Body. Each of us is called to go and do likewise. When we don't find love in a situation, we can put love there and then we'll find it! We can make a difference.

A current example can be found in the tens of thousands of Polish families opening their living rooms to Ukrainians fleeing their homeland. Polish monasteries, convents, rectories and homes are among some of the places where Ukrainian refugees are encountering the living Lord in their neighbors.

We must embrace the same kind of faith in the overriding providence of God in all the events of our lives—even in a world that, at times, seems so loveless, so Godless. The angel insists: Do not be afraid, I've got some great news to share with you. God has been born among us and, through His Spirit, He remains ever present.

Fear can be a crippling emotion that often raises our defenses and restricts our outreach to others. However, such a divine intervention as God's birth on earth, prepares you and me to open ourselves to the gift of God's presence. When we accept such an invitation in humility and with patience, we can grow in holiness. Fear subsides because we know we are in the presence of Jesus.

The Christmas story is our love story. It's the story of our encounter with the living God and sharing the fruits of that encounter with others. It's no wonder that this is a season of great hope, joy and peace. 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

LET US PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING.

Lord, look with compassion on the sick and suffering, especially those at TSIIONKWANONHTSO:TE and IAHKIHHSOTHA and all our homebound Akwesasronon Elders during these pandemic times. Lord, if You will, heal: Steve Arquette, Dave Back, Peter Back, Hazel Bero, Marie Casey, Debbie Connors, Laurie Connors, Ashley Cook, Jerome Cook, Leona Cook, Julia David, Marita Francis, William Francis, Carol Garrow, Martha George, Dave Hall, Bennette Herne Grant, Bernadine Herne, Hilda Herne, Vernie and Toni Herne, Brian Jacobs, Rose Jacobs, Christian Jock, Felicia and Hubert Jock, Joyce Kelso, Doreen King, Matthew Lamesse, Hattie Jackson Lazore, Loran Lazore, Mike & Vanessa Lavare, Dr. Richard Loder, Viola Marshall, Jim "McDuck" McDonald, Raymond McDonald, Memphis Pyke Mitchell, Norman and Nancy King, Herbie Oakes, Charles Peters, Lucille Peters, Richard Phillips, Helen Pyke, Sheila Ransom, Brenna Roundpoint, Greg Snyder, Margaret Snyder, Angie Sunday, Jimmy Sunday, Marilyn Tarbell, Ashley Thompson, Donald Thompson, Tim Thompson, Allan White and Gary White. **Lord, Console the grieving family of Walter John Oakes, may his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

SACRAMENTS OF THE SICK: To arrange for a pastoral visit **CONTACT FR. JEROME B. PASTORES** at the Sr. Regis Mission Rectory by calling (613)-575-2753 or by emailing him at jeromebpastores@hotmail.com

VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED: We need volunteers and extra help especially during this Christmas season for the following: hospitality at the door, cleaners for the church, and liturgical readers for Saturday, Sunday and special feast day masses.

NOTE: The Rectory Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays: Dec. 26 - Dec 28, 2021. For emergency pastoral needs, please call the Rectory office at 613-575-2753 and leave a message or *private message* us on the St. Regis Mission Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stregismission> The Rectory office will re-open Dec 29, 2022 9 am to 1pm.



36TH 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. Pray for Father Jerome Pastores on the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. **CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS YOU FATHER JEROME!**

