

JANUARY 1, 2023

READINGS Numbers 6: 22-27, Psalm 67, Galatians 4: 4-7, Luke 2: 16-21.

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

**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

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4, 2023 12:10 PM

Offered for: James Bero from the funeral collection

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4, 2023 6:00 PM

Offered for: Josephine Peters Lazore from the funeral collection

THURSDAY JANUARY 5, 2023 12:10 PM

Offered for: Reginald Mitchell Memorial Birthday Anniversary by the St. Regis family

FRIDAY JANUARY 6, 2023 12:10 PM

Offered for: Anne King Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis family

SATURDAY JANUARY 7, 2023 4:00 PM

Offered for: Mary King, Memorial Birthday by the St. Regis family

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

**SUNDAY JANUARY 8, 2023 10:00 AM
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Offered for: Benny Roundpoint, 27-year Memorial Anniversary, by the Francis family

Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Delinda Comins

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

**DEC 24-25, 2022 CDN \$ TBD USD \$ TBD
NIAWEN:KOWA GOD BLESS!**

JANUARY 1, 2023

MARY. THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Today we celebrate the Motherhood of Mary, an aspect of the life of Our Lady that many of us can relate to. In today's Gospel, shepherds visit Mary, Joseph, and Jesus and reveal to them that Jesus is the Messiah. Mary ponders this. She has known from the beginning who Jesus is, but now he is a newborn, her own child lying serenely beside her. It could have hit home that she doesn't really know what "Messiah" means for him and for their family. She could have been afraid. She could have been worried. She could have immediately started to plan for eventualities. We all might have done these things. Yet, Mary ponders with her heart rather than her mind.

She is able to treasure the shepherds' words. She recognizes that God's plan is a beautiful gift. As she has always done, she looks to the future with peace and confidence, despite not knowing all that it holds. She can do this because she trusts God and gives him his rightful place – as the one in control of the future.

Contemplating the future can be scary. God has a plan for each of us, but he unfolds it little by little. None of us know the full picture or implications. Let us pray to have Mary's trust, peace and confidence as we contemplate the year ahead. (*Living With Christ*)

20 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IDEAS FOR 2023

1. Read Your Bible 20 Minutes a Day, Every Day
2. Go to Church Every Week Without Fail
3. Set Aside 15 Minutes Each Day to Pray
4. Join a Bible Study
5. Try Fasting
6. Ask a Friend to Church
7. Begin Volunteering
8. Start Tithing
9. Read a few Christian Books Each Month
10. Memorize Scripture
11. Forgive Past Grudges
12. Break an Addiction
13. Find a Mentor or Accountability Partner
14. Be a More Loving/Involved parent, Father/Mother or Friend
15. Be Content with What You Have
16. Keep the Sabbath
17. Refuse to Gossip
18. Listen to Christian Music
19. Stop Complaining
20. Do Random Acts of Kindness

A BLESSING OF THE PAST YEAR OF 2022 *O God, the beginning and the end of all things, Who are always the same and Whose years fail not, we now at the close of another year, kneel in adoration before You, and offer You our deepest thanks for the fatherly care with which You have watched over us during the past year, for the many times You have protected us from evils of soul and body, and for the numberless blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which You have showered upon us. May it please You to accept the homage of our grateful hearts which we offer You, in union with the infinite thanksgiving of Your Divine Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. AMEN*

PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JANUARY 2023: FOR EDUCATORS

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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.

2023 NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM BISHOP NOËL SIMARD



"Missionary disciple, to create happiness, I have hands that build the Kingdom".

This is the theme of our 2022-2023 pastoral year. In the context of a pandemic that continues to spread desolation and whose harmful economic and social effects are redoubled by the wars in the world, especially those in Ukraine, Yemen, Syria, Sudan

and many other countries, in the face of inflation that causes much suffering, especially for the poor, our hope is being undermined and the implementation of efforts for justice and peace is in danger of losing momentum. However, the campaigns of mutual aid and solidarity during Advent have revealed to us, once again, the capacity for goodness and generosity that remains in the human heart.

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 take up the challenge of a particular synod, that of entering into a process of consultation, listening and dialogue in order to walk alongside our brothers and sisters in humanity, to be attentive to the questions that inhabit and stir their hearts, and to join them on the often difficult paths of life. This synodal journey also seeks to awaken in our Church this concern to come out of its confines and reach out to those who are seeking meaning and happiness in their lives. We are all invited to invent new ways to proclaim the liberating message of Jesus and to build his Kingdom of justice and peace. In 2023, let us be true peacemakers, which means living in peace with God in order to make peace with ourselves, with others and with nature. It also means committing ourselves to repairing injustices in our environment and in the world, building with our hands and our hearts relationships of friendship, solidarity, mutual respect and concrete and active love.

May the Emmanuel watch over our world and our Church, over Pope Francis, over our diocese and our Christian communities, over our families and our society; may He pay special attention to the sick and to those who live in precariousness, destitution and misery! May He accompany us and help us to put our hands to work and to join hands in our march together towards a better world and horizons of hope! May Mary our Mother sustain us throughout this year 2023! Happy and holy year!

+ Noel, Bishop, Diocese of Valleyfield

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. **O Lord, Console the grieving families of the victims of COVID, may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JEROME PASTORES

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we move into the New Year of 2023, let us learn from the lessons of this past year. One lesson that stands before us at Christmas is that of forgiveness. To seek and to extend forgiveness is what Our Lord has invited each of us to live. If this lesson is learned well and practiced, we will realize the Peace, Joy, and Love that is the spirit of the Christmas Season.

Niawen:kowa to those who humbled themselves to seek forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Coming of Christ. I am especially grateful to all who came to Christmas Mass to adore Jesus on this holy anniversary of His birth.

Niawen:kowa to everyone who made this Christmas Season so special for our St. Regis Mission Parish family – especially the Parish Council, Parish Staff; the Altar and Rosary Society, Maintenance Ministry, Liturgy Ministry, Mohawk Choir; catechists, lectors, ushers, and the Hospitality Ministry who helped at our Masses and to everyone who donated food for the Mission Food Pantry.

Most importantly, niawen:kowa to all of you who gave me gifts and sent me personal notes of prayer and blessings during this blessed Christmas Season. Your support is very meaningful for me and serves to encourage me to move forward in my faith and in spreading the Good News of God's Love here in the beautiful community of Akwesasne. May He bless you and your families each day!

Rev. Jerome B. Pastores, Pastor

