

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

READINGS Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18, Psalm 103, First Corinthians 3: 16-23, Matthew 5: 38-48

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

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2023 4:00 PM

Offered for: Beatrice Francis by the St. Regis Family
Sacristan: Caroline Peters **Hospitality:** Nicky King
Eucharistic Minister: Caroline Peters **Reader:** Nicky King

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2023 10:00 AM

Offered for: Robert R. Thompson 5-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Family
Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore
Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Tarbell, **Reader** Judy Cole

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2023 7:30 AM
ASH WEDNESDAY DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

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ASH WEDNESDAY TSIONKWANONHTSO:TE
DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2023 12:10PM
ASH WEDNESDAY**

Offered for: Sarah Mitchell from the funeral collection

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2023 7:00 PM
ASH WEDNESDAY**

Offered for: Dan George 1-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Family

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2023 12:10 PM

Offered for: Michael King 25-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Family

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2023 12:10 PM

Offered for: Ben Martin by the St. Regis Family

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2023 4:00 PM

Offered for: Philomena Bertha Thompson 11-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Family
Sacristan: Caroline Peters **Hospitality:** Nicky King
Eucharistic Minister: Caroline Peters **Reader:** Lucy Papineau

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2023 6:00 PM
Tri-District Elders Lodge**

Offered for: Wallace Roundpoint by the St. Regis Family

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2023 10:00 AM

Offered for: Jerry Lazore by the St. Regis Family
Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore
Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Tarbell, **Reader** Jamie Ross

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

**FEB 11-12, 2023 CDN \$ 381.10 USD \$ 570.55
NIAWEN:KOWA GOD BLESS!**

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023.

The word Lent is derived from the AngloSaxon words lencten, meaning "Spring," and lenctentid, which literally means "Springtide". Lent is a special period of 40 days of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery – the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This holy season is meant to renew our faith, to increase our generosity in spiritual and corporal works of mercy. It is a time when we try to perform extra spiritual works, like attending daily Mass, making the Stations of the Cross, offering a weekly holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament, or taking time for personal prayer and spiritual reading. We repent of sin, make a good confession and receive sacramental absolution. A good Lent prepares us to celebrate joyfully the mysteries of our salvation at Easter.

ASHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY: The gesture of receiving ashes on the forehead in the form of a cross is acknowledgment of our unworthiness to be in the presence of the All Holy God. In the tradition of Israel, this humble posture reminds us that we are nobody (like ashes) and we need conversion to become somebody (in Christ). Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

PREPARATION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY The holy season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. The ashes that are blessed on Ash Wednesday are prepared by burning the old branches of blessed palm that were distributed last year on Palm Sunday. If you have palms that we could use for ashes, please bring them to Church with you and place them in the specially marked box at the entrance. **The deadline is FEBRUARY 19, 2022.**

NIAWEN:KOWA



WHAT IS LENT? FEBRUARY 22-

APRIL 6, 2023 Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we

seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446). In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

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.



THE IMPORTANCE OF A FUNERAL MASS:

It is tradition in the Church that a Christian funeral is celebrated for a baptized person before the remains are taken to a place of committal. The funeral Mass "holds first place" in the Catholic Church. Like any other Mass, a funeral Mass is the celebration of the saving mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. It is celebrated before the body or the cremated remains of the deceased are taken to a place of rest.

The celebration is full of symbolism of the Christian faith. It begins at the back of the church where the body in a coffin is received. The closed coffin is sprinkled with holy water and covered with a pall symbolizing the day of baptism when the deceased "was welcomed into the Church giving new life in Christ and clothed with a garment of salvation." The celebration continues in the church where the coffin is placed at the front next to the Easter Candle that symbolizes the Risen Lord in His glory. Then the Mass continues as usual.

A eulogy can be given before or after the funeral Mass. The homily reflects the faithful life and the witness of the deceased because a faithful life serves to continue to build the community of the person. The concluding part of a funeral Mass is the Rite of Final Commendation. The presider leads the congregation in prayer to express their farewell, affection and respect to the deceased. There is a sprinkling of holy water on the casket symbolizing Baptism and eternal life followed by incensing which "rise to God, who has called the baptized to share in His glory." After the prayer of commendation, the body or the cremated remains of the deceased are taken to his/her place of rest. All the symbols used in the celebration of a funeral Mass are reminders of the Christian faith journey to God.

A funeral Mass is an important part of the life of a Roman Catholic because at a funeral Mass we celebrate the Eucharist as we ask God to "grant that strengthened by this sacrament, our brother/sister may come to the eternal table of Christ." When the earthly pilgrimage of a member comes to an end, a funeral Mass before burial becomes the final act that a caring community can offer for the deceased.

Our Scriptures tell us whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord who has promised us eternal life through His death and resurrection. At the Mass, as we commend the one who has died to God, we also pray that the hope of the Resurrection that sustained the baptized-on Earth may be fulfilled in Christ in the heavenly Jerusalem.

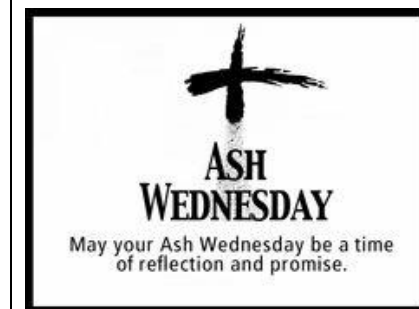
LET US PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING.

Lord, look with compassion on the sick and suffering, especially those at TSIONKWANONHTSO: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, Laurie Conners, Ashley Cook, Jerome Cook, Leona Cook, Julia David, 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, 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 family of Harry Kanerhtiio Thompson may his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

UPDATE: First Communion classes are anticipated beginning **March 22, 2023**. The classes will be Wednesdays March 22 and 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 17 with First Communion **SUNDAY May 21st, 2023**. Sign up forms will be available at the entrance to the church. Connie Thompson and Lucy Papineau are the First Communion Catechists and RJ Dolly McDonald Faith Formation. Confirmation classes will be conducted by Jamie Ross. Anticipated confirmation will be June 2023.

Part III Lector Training is being planned. The training will take place February 24, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the St. Regis Mission Church. For more information email rosealmcdonald@gmail.com



MASSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023 To begin the holy season of Lent, Father Jerome will offer three services on ASH WEDNESDAY. Ashes will be blessed and distributed immediately after the reading of the Gospel

during each of the following services: **7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM.** The Eucharistic Ministers will participate in the 7:30 AM service at the Church in order to receive blessed ashes to carry to the sick and elderly who are homebound!

(USCCB) HOW TO LIVE LENT THIS YEAR Here are three tips to deepen your relationship with God during the 40 days of Lent. 1) Participate in the sacraments. 2) Help those in need around you. 3) Sacrifice something that's hard for you.

