

APRIL 2, 2023

READINGS *Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 22, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 27:11-54*

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

SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2023 4:00 PM

Offered for: Carl Smoke 4-Year Memorial Anniversary By the St. Regis Mission Family
Sacristan: Caroline Peters **Hospitality:** Nicky King **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader** Lucy Papineau

**SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023 10:00 AM
PALM SUNDAY**

Offered for: Eleanor Ransom from funeral collection
Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore
Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Judy Cole

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 5, 2023 10 AM to 6 PM
DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

**HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2023 7:00 PM
EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
Washing of the Feet, Vigil to Midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2023 3:00 PM
THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

*Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross
Communion Service*

**HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2023 7:00 PM
EASTER VIGIL**

Liturgy of the Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offered for: Mike Lazore, Wilson and Cecelia Lazore by sister Charlotte Lazore **Sacristan:** Caroline Peters **Hospitality:** Nicky King **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader:** Nicky King

**SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023 6:30 AM
EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD SUNRISE SERVICE**

Offered for: Mose McDonald Sr, by RJ Dolly McDonald

**SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023 10:00 AM
EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD**

Offered for: Joelene Adams Birthday Anniversary Mass by Roy Adams and family
Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore
Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Rosemary Bonaparte

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

**MARCH 25-26, 2023 CDN \$541.40 USD \$563.10
NIAWEN:KOWA FOR YOUR LOVING GENEROSITY!**

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY



PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY All weeks are holy. But each year at this time the Church names one week "Holy Week" and for good reason – we are invited to meditate on this last week of Jesus' life on earth.

For this occasion, Jesus chose a donkey

and her colt. Apparently, he knew where the donkey lived and that the donkey had a colt. Perhaps Jesus had compassion for the mother donkey who wouldn't want to be separated from her young.

Now in those days and even today, a donkey is quite low on the list of wonderful and admired animals. Jesus must have had a good reason to choose this humble, wise animal so often ridiculed and overlooked. It might be well to spend some time reflecting on the qualities of a donkey: calmness, slowness, willingness to carry heavy burdens, patience, said to never act out of bitterness or spite, to name a few.

The plant world is also honoured in this story. Great crowds of people spread branches on the path of Jesus. And today we, too, hold palms as the Passion narrative is told. Let us take this opportunity to reflect on the goodness and wonder of God's creation of plants and animals, and consider how they model for us graciousness and generosity, qualities that Jesus himself self-embodied. (Living with Christ Sunday Missal)

SUNDAY/PASSION SUNDAY: There is both great joy and terrible sorrow associated with this day, the Sunday that begins Holy Week, the Sunday that portends the crucifixion of Our Lord. It is a time of despair, perplexity and contradiction.



IMPLICATION OF THE PALMS: Palms were symbols of life among the nomadic tribes, who, when crossing the desert, rejoiced at seeing the palm tree as it indicated an oasis with life-giving water was near. Palms have long been a sign of victory, success and glory. Despite Jesus' peaceful manner, when the Jews waved the palms at Him and spread their clothing over which He rode, they were affording Him the honors of a conquering hero and

simultaneously defying the Roman occupiers. On Palm Sunday, we still go out to meet Him, carry the blessed palms, joyfully sing out our hosanna and join in His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. But soon our joy turns to somberness as, clutching our palm, we hear the narrative of Christ's passion. We realize, once again, that His triumph, His true victory, will come through the cross. We know, as Jesus did, how Holy Week will end. We know that joy will turn to sorrow and back to joy. We know that through the horror of His suffering, followed by the glory of His resurrection, good will trump evil and life will trump death. The palms we take home and put in a special place serve to remind us that Palm Sunday is not lost to the ages but that by Christ's victory we, too, can achieve everlasting life. "For us too, they [palms] must be symbols of triumph, indicative of the victory to be won in our battle against the evil in ourselves and against the evil which roams about us. As we receive the blessed palm, let us renew our pledge to conquer with Jesus, but let us not forget that it was on the cross that He conquered"

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.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: PASSION SUNDAY/PALM SUNDAY- April 2. Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem. Blessing of the Palms. Palms will be placed on a table to be picked up on the way out of the Church. **MASSES – SATURDAY, APRIL 2 AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY APRIL 3 AT 10:00 A.M.**

DAY OF CONFESSIONS – APRIL 5th WEDNESDAY The church will be open and a priest available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Regular Confessions 3:00- 3:45pm Saturdays 9:00– 9:45am Sunday

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 6th MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 7:00 P.M. Washing of the feet. VIGIL WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 7th. 3:00 P.M. THE PASSION OF THE LORD. Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross (simply bow your head no kissing of the cross), Communion Service

HOLY SATURDAY- APRIL 8th 7:00 P.M. EASTER VIGIL - Liturgy of the Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, Liturgy of the Eucharist.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9th THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - Masses: 6:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.



ALLELUIA! THE BLESSING OF PALMS: At the beginning of Mass on Palm Sunday, the palms are blessed with this prayer: *Increase the faith of those who place their hope in you, O God, and graciously hear the prayers of those who call on you that we, who today hold high these branches to hail Christ in his triumph, may bear fruit for you by good works accomplished in him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever...AMEN.* After this blessing and the sprinkling of holy water, the palms are now sacramentals, or "little sacraments." Every part of the palm is blessed, including the "strings" or thin threads. They become sacred objects, which are designated for divine worship by dedication or blessing and are to be treated reverently. Palms and olive branches are kept in the home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ, the messianic king, and in his Paschal Victory.

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, Bernadine Herne, Hilda Herne, Vernie and Toni Herne, Brian Jacobs, Rose Jacobs, Christian Jock, Felicia 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 Kevin M. Wheeler 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 have stated as of **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 are still available. Connie Thompson and Lucy Papineau are the First Communion Catechists. **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will be conducted **starting March 30, 2023** on Thursdays at 6pm, and continuing April 6, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023 by catechist Jamie Ross. Anticipated confirmation will be **SUNDAY June 25, 2023.** For more information contact rosealmcdonald@gmail.com

REMINDER: Children are required to attend classes, as well as, weekly Masses at either 4:00 pm on Saturday or 10:00 am on Sundays . **A sign in sheet will be at the entrance of the church which your child is required to sign to confirm their attendance.**

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) are available at the church office and the church entrance for interested persons. The deadline for registration has been extended to **MARCH 31, 2023.** For inquiries please contact Fr. Jerome B. Pastores at the rectory office at 613-575-2753. Weds-Fri 9am to 1pm.

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



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

There will be an **ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY** Meeting Sunday April 2, 2023 after Mass at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center.

