

MARCH 26, 2023

READINGS Ezekiel 37:12-14, Psalm 130
Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45
For weekend masses at the St. Regis Mission Church **ALL COVID-19 and FLU MANDATORY RESTRICTIONS APPLY ESPECIALLY MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING.**

SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2023 4:00 PM

Offered for: Jackie Mitchell Memorial Birthday Anniversary by Joe and Esther Jock
Sacristan: Caroline Peters **Hospitality:** Nicky King **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Stations of the Cross:** Connie Thompson, **Reader** Patty Francis

SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2023 10:00 AM

Offered for: Florence Benedict 4-Year Memorial Anniversary by the the St. Regis Mission Family
Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell, **Stations of the Cross:** Carole Ross, **Reader:** Valerie Garrow

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29, 2023 12:10 PM

Offered for: Gordon Ransom 2-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Mission Family

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29, 2023 6:00 PM

Offered for: Raymond Sunday 1-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Mission Family

THURSDAY MARCH 30, 2023 12:10 PM

Offered for: Terry McDonald 5-Year Memorial Anniversary by Janet Tatro

FRIDAY MARCH 31, 2023 12:10 PM

Offered for: Ben Martin by the St. Regis Mission Family

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 **Stations of the Cross:** Nicky King, **Reader** Lucy Papineau

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

Offered for: Eleanor Ransom from the funeral collection
Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell, **Stations of the Cross:** Rosemary Bonaparte, **Reader:** Judy Cole

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

**MARCH 18-19, 2023 CDN \$445.05 USD \$324.40
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MARCH 25 – THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD The Annunciation of the Lord refers to the time when the angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of the savior. Mary was the first to hear and believe that God would do what he promised the world. The angel said to her, **'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.** And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He

will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. She responded to the life-changing news by simply replying with trust in God's providence: **"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."** As we reflect upon the Solemnity of the Annunciation, may we, like Mary, always say yes to God's plans for us. The Annunciation marks the actual incarnation of **Jesus Christ** - the moment that Jesus was conceived and that the Son of God became the son of the Virgin.

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."**

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFESSION: Not only does the Sacrament of Penance free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned." Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28)

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.

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: Holy Week is the most sacred week in the liturgical year in Christianity. Holy Week occurs the week after Lazarus Saturday and starts on the evening of Palm Sunday. Holy Week comprises of Palm Sunday – entrance into Jerusalem; Holy Wednesday – into the darkness; Maundy Thursday - the Last Supper commemorating Jesus' washing of His disciples' feet; Good Friday – Jesus' agony on the cross; Holy Saturday – visiting the tomb of Jesus. **Holy week is April 2 - 8, 2023.**



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. 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.



SAINT ISIDORE OF SEVILLE APRIL 4: Born in Cartagena 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.

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 Hubert Jock, Walter Benedict, Robert Cook Jr and Edith Rybke may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

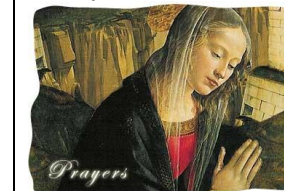
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION UPDATE:

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS LEADERS for SATURDAYS , March 25 Connie Thompson, April 1 Nicky King, and **SUNDAYS:** March 26 Carole Ross, April 2 Rosemary Bonaparte. .



ACT OF CONTRITION: Oh my God, I am very sorry for all my sins, because they displease You, who are all good and deserving of my love, with Your help, I will sin no more. Amen.

