

APRIL 16, 2023

READINGS Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 118, First Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

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

SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2023 4:00 PM

Offered for: Danial Bero 8-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Mission Family

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

SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023 10:00 AM

Offered for: David Francis 4-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Mission Family

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19, 2023 6:00 PM

FATHER JEROME ON SPIRITUAL RETREAT

THURSDAY APRIL 20, 2023 10:00 AM

FATHER JEROME ON SPIRITUAL RETREAT

FRIDAY APRIL 21, 2023 12:10 PM

FATHER JEROME ON SPIRITUAL RETREAT

SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023 4:00 PM

Offered for: Elizabeth (Betty) Kelly from the funeral collection

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

SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2023 10:00 AM

Offered for: Ian Seymour 12-Year Memorial Anniversary and Julia Roundpoint 1 -Year Memorial Anniversary by the Roundpoint Family

Sacristan: Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Jamie Ross

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

APRIL 8-9, 2023 CDN \$1,029.36 USD \$979.01. NIAWEN:KOWA FOR YOUR LOVING GENEROSITY

GRATITUDE

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

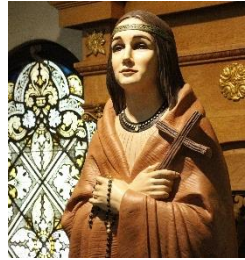
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY occurs on the Sunday after Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified." Jesus promised a profound and immense grace to those who would celebrate this feast of His Divine Mercy. **This grace is the forgiveness of all sins** and the removal of all punishment due to sin. This is essentially like the grace of baptism.

On this day, all sins would be forgiven for those who go to sacramental

confessions. The Feast of Divine Mercy was recorded in the diary of St. Faustina granting the biggest promise of Grace from the Devotion of Divine Mercy. On this day, all who receive communion may obtain total forgiveness of all sins, meaning that the person would go directly to heaven without suffering in purgatory. Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer: *You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You.*



DEATH OF ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA It was Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17, 1680. Kateri knew she was going to die. For over six months, fever assailed her; acute pains gnawed at her head and stomach; for days on end, depressing spells of weakness kept her bedridden. Each morning her friends, obliged to work in the fields, left her alone in her lodge with a plate of sagamite and a goblet of water.

Then through the long day, solitude enveloped her..

How did this twenty-four year old Mohawk girl react? Great joy marked her during these last months. She rejoiced that she was giving God what He asked of her. Her smiling face which showed the peace of her mind impressed Father Cholenec who brought her Holy Communion on the Tuesday of Holy Week. She delighted in her God with an abundance of joy!

Again on Wednesday about ten o'clock, the dying girl asked for the Sacraments which she received with great devotion. She encouraged her friend, Marie Therese Tegaiguanta who was at her bedside never to abandon mortification and promised to love her in heaven. Then she spoke no longer. To the end, Kateri's hearing was good. If an act of love of God was suggested, her face brightened up. Her last words admirably sum up her entire life "JESUS! MARY! I LOVE YOU!"

At the time of her death, Kateri's features still retained the pockmarks of her childhood. Scarcely a quarter of an hour had elapsed when Father Cholenec who had been praying beside her, cried out in amazement. Kateri's countenance had become very beautiful. A small ray of the glory of which her soul had taken possession, was reflected in her chaste body." (Description by Father Henri Bechard, S.J., Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Kateri's Canonization)

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.



FEAST OF ST. KATERI

TEKAKWITHA (APRIL 17)

The first North American Indigenous woman to be canonized, Kateri is often called the Lily of the Mohawks. Kateri was born in

1656 on the southern bank of the Mohawk River at Osserneon (Auriesville, NY). Her mother was a Christian Algonquin from TroisRivieres, Quebec and her father was a non-Christian Mohawk Chief. When she was four years old, a smallpox epidemic killed her parents and her brother, and left her with seriously impaired eyesight and a disfigured face. Inspired by Jesuit missionaries from an early age, Tekakwitha was baptized on Easter Sunday 1676 and assumed the name Kateri, likely in honour of St. Catherine of Siena. The following year, due to persecution in her community, Kateri escaped to Kahnawake on the St. Lawrence River opposite Tiohtiake (Montreal). She had a strong devotion to the Eucharist and a deep concern for others. She died on April 17, 1680. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.

NIAWEN:KOWA FOR ALL WHO HELPED DURING HOLY WEEK.

It takes many faithful to make Holy Week a success. Thank you, Father Jerome! A big thank you also to our Adult Altar Servers: Lisa Tarbell, Verda Tarbell, J. Hemlock, RJ Dolly McDonald and Caroline Peters; Joe Lazore and William Sunday for assisting with the blessing of the fire on Holy Saturday; to Hospitality for preparing the barrel for the blessing of the Holy Water, all the Liturgical Ministry readers and lectors (Connie, Bernice, Dorothy, Delinda and Patricia); the Altar and Rosary Society for the Easter flowers – Jamie Ross (arranging and purchasing); the Mohawk choir and to Teres Adams as our Music Ministry Chair; Cole Philips for singing the Exultet during Easter Vigil; and to RJ Dolly McDonald - Religious Education for the Easter Eggs. There were many others who volunteered in many ways to make our Easter Celebration a huge success which also includes the sacristans, greeters, church cleaners, ushers, counters, pastoral care visitors, the food pantry, maintenance and many others, especially during the power outage resulting in no electricity, heat or phones. GOD BLESS!

NIAWEN:KOWA also to the parishioners and community members who donated food and money to our food pantry. We were able to deliver food baskets to fifteen (15) Akwesasronon families this Easter. Please continue to be generous with your donations within your means. Your prayers and generosity are making a positive difference in the lives of the hungry in our community. Sken:nen

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 Connors, Ashley Cook, Jerome Cook, Leona Cook, 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, and Gary White. **O Lord, Console the grieving family of Richard Cook, may his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE: First Communion classes have started effective **March 22, 2023**. The classes are Wednesdays April 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. For more information contact Lucy Papineau at lucy.papineau@sympatico.ca or Director of Religious Education RJ Dolly McDonald at rosealmcdonald@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES started **March 30, 2023** and are Thursdays at 6pm, April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023 with catechist Jamie Ross. Confirmation will be **SATURDAY JUNE 24TH, 2023 AT 11AM BY BISHOP TERRY LAVALLEY**. Sign up forms are still available. For more information contact **Jamie Ross** at mohawkdaily@gmail.com or Director of Religious Education RJ Dolly McDonald at 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 entrance for interested persons. Classes will commence on **APRIL 13, 2023**. For inquiries please contact Fr. Jerome Pastores at the rectory office at 613-575-2753. Weds-Fri 9am to 1pm or jeromebpastores@hotmail.com.

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 church maintenance, and other duties within the church. Please contact Father Jerome if you are interested at 613-575-2753 or jeromebpastores@hotmail.com

