

**OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**READINGS** Ezekiel 18: 25-28, Psalm 25, Philippians 2: 1-1, Matthew 21: 28-32  
For weekend masses at the St. Regis Mission Church  
**ALL COVID-19 and FLU RESTRICTIONS APPLY - MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE OPTIONAL BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 4:00 PM**  
**THANK YOU FATHER ANDREW AMYOT**

**Offered for:** Ben and Betty Kelly by the Kateri Circle  
**Sacristan:** Caroline Peters, **Hospitality:** Nicky King  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader:** Jamie Ross

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023 10:00 AM**  
**THANK YOU FATHER ANDREW AMYOT**

**Offered for:** Larry Arquette from the funeral collection  
**Sacristan:** Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Valerie Garrow

**WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY OCTOBER 4-6, 2023**  
NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 7, 2023 4:00 PM**  
**WELCOME HOME FR. JEROME**

**Offered for:** Hilda Herne by Jeffra Montroy  
**Sacristan:** Caroline Peters, **Hospitality:** Nicky King  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader:** Connie Thompson

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 8, 2023 10:00 AM**  
**WELCOME HOME FR. JEROME**

**Offered for:** Debbie Conners from the funeral Collection  
**Sacristan:** Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Rosemary Bonaparte

#### **COLLECTIONS UPDATE**

**SEPT 23-24, 2023** CDN \$401.05 USD \$373.40.  
**NIAWEN:KOWA GOD BLESS!**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The Liturgy Ministry schedule above is provided by the Ministry Chair, Caroline Peters. It indicates the weekend schedule of sacristans, hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors. If there are questions or someone cannot attend the Mass that they are scheduled for they should contact Caroline ASAP so arrangements can be made for an alternate or replacement. She can be reached by calling 613-575-2341 or emailing her at [caroline.peters@akwesasne.ca](mailto:caroline.peters@akwesasne.ca)

**REMINDER:** Regular office hours at the Rectory are **WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY 9:00AM TO 1:00 PM.** The office phone number is (613)-575-2753. Please check our **St. Regis Mission FACEBOOK** page for daily announcements, prayers and notices at <https://www.facebook.com/stregismission>.



#### **26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS 2023:**

The past year has been an exceptional one, marked by achievements in many areas. The Holy Father's visit last July and his heartfelt apologies marked a significant milestone in the journey to reconciliation, inspiring us to make new forays in our individual and collective pastoral engagements with Indigenous Peoples.

We know that reconciliation, if it is to be tangible, must have concrete *local* expression. For this, the role of individual dioceses and eparchies, each according to its means and ability, is indispensable. Thanks to their generosity, for example, the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, which is only two years old, now stands at over \$11 million and is well on track to exceed its five-year target of \$30 million.

Despite such progress, the legacy of the Residential Schools remains a source of real and prolonged intergenerational trauma for many. Appreciating that former students of the Residential Schools, as well as their children and grandchildren, wish to understand better the history of the schools in order to heal, and acknowledging that some of the records in certain diocesan archives could help this purpose, the Permanent Council approved Guidelines this year to help dioceses develop their own policies on the disclosure of information pertaining to Indigenous-related records in diocesan archives.

No one can deny that the roots of intergenerational trauma in history are complex and go beyond the unique story of Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Having heard Indigenous Peoples express these concerns, and after consulting the CCCB and USCCB, the Dicastery for Culture and Education and the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development issued a statement on the 'Doctrine of Discovery.' Within it, the two Dicasteries stated unequivocally that "respect for the facts of history demands an acknowledgment of the human weakness and failings of Christ's disciples in every generation. Many Christians have committed evil acts against Indigenous Peoples, for which recent Popes have asked forgiveness on numerous occasions" ... "In no uncertain terms, the Church's magisterium upholds the respect due to every human being. The Catholic Church therefore repudiates those concepts that fail to recognize the inherent human rights of indigenous peoples, including what has become known as the legal and political 'doctrine of discovery.'" The 'Doctrine of Discovery' and its legacy will, in due course, be the subject of an academic symposium, which we hope will cast greater light on it and on the concepts of human dignity and love of neighbour, rooted in the teachings of Christ, which are antithetical to the repression of Indigenous rights.

In taking stock of the past and looking toward the future, it is easy to become overwhelmed by the magnitude of the expectations tied to reconciliation. On such occasions, the one word that keeps coming to mind (and which is a touchstone of the Church for Pope Francis), is simply "accompaniment." By this, I refer to the ministry of listening and consolation which plays a crucial role in making concrete the compassionate solicitude of Christ and the Church to Indigenous Peoples. To those who wish to walk with us, what we can offer, above all, as Christians and as shepherds of Christ's flock, is empathy, compassion, and prayer so that the important journey toward healing and reconciliation may culminate in true freedom and lasting hope, not only for those who are affected today, but for younger Indigenous generations, as well

#### **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.



#### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

This federal statutory holiday was created through legislative amendments made by Parliament.

There were 140 federally run residential schools in Canada that operated between 1867 and 1996. Survivors advocated for recognition and reparations and demanded accountability for the intergenerational impacts of harm caused. Their efforts culminated in:

- the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement
- apologies by the government
- the establishment of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)
- the creation of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission ran from 2008 to 2015 and provided those directly or indirectly affected by the legacy of the residential schools policy with an opportunity to share their stories and experiences. The Commission released its final report detailing **94 CALLS TO ACTION**. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a direct response to Call to Action 80, **which called for a federal statutory day of commemoration.**

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation has become the permanent archive for the statements, documents and other materials the Commission gathered. Its library and collections, as well as its National Student Memorial Register, are the foundation for ongoing learning and research.

This National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, explores the rich and diverse cultures, voices, experiences and stories of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples which includes Indigenous peoples, cultures, languages, history, reconciliation, funding for culture, history and sport, and funding to support families, survivors, and communities to locate and memorialize children of residential schools across Canada.

#### **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, Ashley Cook, Jerome Cook, Leona Cook, William Francis, Carol Garrow, Martha George, Dave Hall, Bernadine Herne, Vernie and Toni Herne, Brian Jacobs, Rose Jacobs, Christian Jock, Felicia Jock, Doreen King, Matthew Lamesse, Kim Lawrence, Hattie Jackson Lazore, Loran Lazore, Vanessa Lavare, Dorothy Lazore, 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, Earl Spinner, Angie Sunday, Jimmy Sunday, Marilyn Tarbell, Ashley Thompson, Donald Thompson, Tim Thompson, and Gary White. **O Lord, Console the grieving families of Lynda Brown and Owen Peters, may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE:** To submit announcements for the St. Regis Mission Bulletin the deadline is **MONDAYS AT NOON**. To make a submission email [rosealmcdonald@gmail.com](mailto:rosealmcdonald@gmail.com)  
**NIAWEN:KOWA** to our visiting priest Fr. Andrew Amyot. God Bless!

**FURNACE FUND DRIVE:** Our fall project is the replacement of our furnace that is no longer working. The cost for replacing the furnace will be \$32,000. We are seeking donations to get this work completed before the winter heating season begins. We are short by \$21,000. Please contact Fr. Jerome B. Pastores at 613-575-2753 if you can be of assistance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. God Bless!

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2023:** "We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

**THE POPE'S PRAYER FOR 2023** Lord, we ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.

- That we would know the love of Christ. ...
- That we would love God's word. ...
- That we would desire Christ above all else. ...
- That God would show us the idols of our heart. ...
- That we would be quick to repent. ...
- That we would think less about ourselves. ...
- That we would have gospel joy. ...
- That we would love like Christ.
- That we would number our days.
- That God's will would be done.

