

**DECEMBER 10, 2023**

**READINGS:** Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11, Psalm 85, Second Peter 3: 8-14, Mark 1: 1-8

**ALL COVID-19 and FLU RESTRICTIONS APPLY - MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE OPTIONAL BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 2023 4:00 PM**

**Offered for:** Elizabeth Bessie Cole 7-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Mission Family

**Sacristan:** Caroline Peters, **Hospitality:** Nicky King  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader:** Jamie Ross

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023 10:00 AM**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Offered for:** Timmy TJ Jock, 2-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Mission Family,

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

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2023 10:00 AM**

**IAHKIHIHSOTHA**

**Offered for:** Mose R. McDonald Jr. by the St. Regis Mission Family

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2023 6:00 PM**

**Offered for:** Evan Adams by the St. Regis Mission Family

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 14, 2023 10:00 AM**

**TSIIONKWANONHTSO:TE**

**Offered for:** Alexina Auger by the St. Regis Mission Family

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 14, 2023 12:10 PM**

**Offered for:** Dennis Francis Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Mission Family

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 15, 2023 12:10 PM**

**Offered for:** Beatrice Bero by the Bero family

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 16, 2023 4:00 PM**

**Offered for:** Daniel Tarbell 35-Year Memorial Anniversary by Elizabeth and Family **Sacristan:** Caroline Peters, **Hospitality:** Nicky King **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader:** Miia Oakes

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2023 10:00 AM**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Offered for:** Phillip and Beatrice Francis by Debbie, Ray and Josh **Sacristan:** Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Bernice Lazore

**COLLECTIONS UPDATE**

DEC 2-3, 2023 CDN \$324.00 USD \$522.55  
**NIAWEN:KOWA GOD BLESS!**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The Liturgy Schedule is provided by the Ministry Chair, Caroline Peters. If there are questions or someone cannot attend the Mass that they are scheduled for they should contact Caroline ASAP. She can be reached by calling her at 613-575-2341 or by emailing her at [caroline.peters@akwesasne.ca](mailto:caroline.peters@akwesasne.ca)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



The second Sunday of the advent season is on December 10, 2023. The day is called the SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT. The second candle is lit on this day along with the first candle. It is the Bethlehem candle, reminding us that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

The second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming. It's a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and to ponder what the future (promised to us through prophecies) will bring.

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we faithfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

**FAMILY PRAYER DURING ADVENT**

God's presence within the family is assurance of a bond of Love and Unity. Advent begins a new liturgical year with a renewed opportunity for family prayer together. One practice is the gathering of the family around a homemade Advent Wreath for prayer. An Advent Wreath of evergreens, with four candles (three purple and one pink), symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life promised to us through Christ. Each candle is symbolic-- **HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE**. As a new candle is lit each week, the family prays for the coming of Jesus, the "Light of the World."

**PRAYERS FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**FIRST WEEK:** (light one purple candle) All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. ~AMEN.

**SECOND WEEK:** (light two purple candles) God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ~AMEN.

**THIRD WEEK:** (light two purple candles and one pink candle) Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ~AMEN.

**FOURTH WEEK:** (light three purple candles and one pink candle) Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ~AMEN.

**A COMPASSIONATE HEART:** *Christmas can be a lonely time for shut-ins. Invite an elderly friend to a family meal. Invite this friend to share their remembrances of Christmas, the family rituals and traditions. Share your own family traditions with this friend.*

**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.



**DECEMBER 8 - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

From the first moment of her conception in the womb of St. Anne, Mary was exempt from original sin. Chosen by God to become the Mother of the Redeemer, Mary was all-holy, full of grace, obedient to God's Will. By Pontifical designation and decree. The

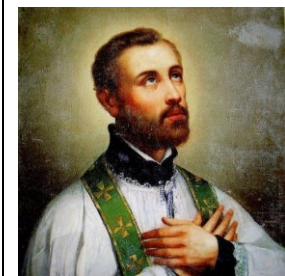
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the belief in the sinless lifespan and Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.* O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!



**FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS – DECEMBER 6**

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara in modern day Turkey. His wealthy parents raised him to be a devout Christian. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas very soon became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his dedication to protect children, and his concern for sailors and

ships. Nicholas died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and within a century of his death he was celebrated as a saint. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th. In 1823, the story of "The Night Before Christmas", first described St. Nicholas as bringing toys and sweets to children on Christmas Eve. The legend of Santa Claus was then born.



**DECEMBER 3rd** marks the feast day of **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, SJ**, one of the first Jesuits, who is considered by some to be the greatest missionary since the time of the Apostles. Xavier was born in Navarre, Spain, on April 7, 1506. He was canonized with St. Ignatius in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV and named the patron saint of all foreign missions by Pope Pius X. He

became ill and died on Dec. 3, 1552. He lends his name to many schools, parishes and Jesuit communities worldwide.

**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, 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, Sr. Mary Christine Taylor, Marilyn Tarbell, Ashley Thompson, Donald Thompson, Tim Thompson, and Gary White. **O Lord, Console the grieving families of James Dewey Jacobs, Cecilia Mitchell and William Lazore, 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 [rosealmamcdonald@gmail.com](mailto:rosealmamcdonald@gmail.com)  
**2023-2024 LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS ARE FOR SALE** at the entrance of the church. They are available for a donation of \$5.00.

**TO ARRANGE FOR A PASTORAL VISIT CONTACT FR. JEROME B. PASTORES** at the Sr. Regis Mission Church by calling (613)-575-2753 or by emailing him at [jernspastor3360@gmail.com](mailto:jernspastor3360@gmail.com)

**ST. REGIS MISSION CHURCH  
DECEMBER 2023 – JANUARY 2024**

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**FOUR SUNDAYS OF ADVENT: DEC 3, 2023; DEC 10, 2023; DEC 17, 2023; AND DEC. 24, 2023**

**DEC. 13, 2023 (WEDS) 7PM** Advent Reconciliation Service  
**DEC. 23, 2023 (SAT) 4:00PM** Anticipated Mass  
**DEC. 24, 2023 (SUN) 10:00 AM** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass  
**DEC 24, 2023 (SUN) 10:00 PM** Nativity of the Lord  
**DEC. 25, 2023 (MON) 10:00 AM** Christmas Day Mass  
**DEC. 26-29, 2023 NO MASSES**  
**DEC. 30, 2023 (SAT) 4:00 PM** Anticipated Mass and Fr. Jerome's 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his priesthood  
**DEC. 31, 2023 (SUN) 10:00 AM** Welcome with Hope New Year 2024  
**DEC 31, 2023 (SUN) 4:00 PM** Thanksgiving for the past yr.  
**JAN. 1, 2024 (MON) 10:00 AM** New Year's Day Mass

**NOTE:** The Rectory Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays: **Dec. 26 - Dec 29, 2023**. For emergency pastoral needs, please call the Rectory office at 613-575-2753 and leave a message or *private message* us on the St. Regis Mission Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stregismission>

