#### **DECEMBER 17. 2023**

**READINGS:** Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11, Luke 1, First Thessalonians 5: 16-24, John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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

### 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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023 10:00 AM IAHKIHIHSOTHA

**Offered for**: Alexander Roundpoint by the St. Regis Mission Family

### <u>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023 6:00 PM</u> Offered for: Bernard Arquette, 18-Year Memorial

Anniversary by Nancy Arquette

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 21, 2023 12:10 PM

Offered for: Lilian, Leo and James Delormier
Memorial Anniversary Mass by the Delormier family

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 22, 2023 12:10 PM Offered for: Ben Martin by the St. Regis Mission Family

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 23, 2023 4:00 PM

Offered for: George Lafrance Birthday Memorial
Anniversary by Cecelia Lafrance Sacristan: Caroline
Peters, Hospitality: Nicky King Eucharistic
Minister: Caroline Peters Reader: Caroline Peters

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 24, 2023 10:00 AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Offered for: Rick Tarbell 5-Year Memorial Anniversary by Verda and Kylee Tarbell Sacristan: Mildred White Hospitality: Eddy Lazore Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Tarbell, Reader: Judy Cole

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 24, 2023 10:00 PM NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Offered for: James and Viriginia Cook by the St. Regis Mission Family Sacristan: Caroline Peters Hospitality: Eddy Lazore Eucharistic Minister: Caroline Peters, Reader: RJ Dolly McDonald

### **COLLECTIONS UPDATE**

DEC 9-10, 2023 CDN \$267.10 USD \$430.75 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

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ADVENT
MEANING AND
SYMBOLISM.: The
word "Advent"
comes from the
Latin word adventus,
which means
"coming." Advent in
the 4th and 5th

century was a time of preparation for the baptism of new Christians. Christians would spend 40 days in prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration that accompanied the baptism of new believers.

Over time, advent was connected to the coming of Christ.

Originally, Christians used this term to reference Christ's second coming, but by the Middle Ages, Advent was connected to Christ's first coming that we celebrate at Christmas. Today, we celebrate Advent over the four weeks leading up to Christmas each year.

Advent season is an invitation to set your mind off the stresses of the year. We can take our focus off of the crazy hustle of the season and the sadness that could accompany the different ways some of us may be choosing to observe the holiday season this year. Even when things feel chaotic we can find peace in Jesus. Advent is a chance to focus our thoughts on the gift God has given us in his son Jesus who stepped down from heaven and took the form of a man so that we might believe.



The tradition for the third Sunday of Advent includes lighting a third pink candle that is a symbol of **joy**. This third Sunday of Advent we read, pray, and reflect on the joy that God's plan gives us (foretold by the prophets and fulfilled by the life and death of Christ),

and we meditate on the promise of Christ's coming glory-filled return.

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called **Gaudete Sunday**. Gaudete is the Latin word for **rejoice**, and this Sunday is the time for us to rejoice because Jesus came and died so that we may live forever with him!

#### A PRAYER FOR JOY IN OUR WORLD

Luke 2:10-11 says, "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Lord, the good news of Jesus' arrival brings such joy to our world! Reach those who are lost and searching with the message of hope that we have through the Messiah. God, allow your message of peace to bring comfort to our anxious world. As we all go about the holiday season, let the message of great joy pierce through all the noise and into people's hearts. Amen.

#### APPRECIATION OF GOD'S BEAUTY OF NATURE

**FAMILY ACTIVITY**: Go out for a winter family walk. Look up at the stars. Imagine the Bethlehem sky filled with angels or the bright star that led the wise men. Think of the patience of the people waiting for the coming of Jesus. Let the Christmas lights on houses remind you that the Baby Jesus we are waiting for is the Light of the world. Finish your family walk with a prayer outside.

### 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 DAY OF OUR LADY OF GUADLUPE

DECEMBER 12: Every year, the feast day of
Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the
Americas, commemorates that she appeared to
a humble native peasant, Juan Diego, in Mexico

in 1531. The memorial commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. Our

Lady appeared four times, twice to aboriginal convert Juan Diego, with whom she left orders to build a church and an imprint of her image on a cloak. This cloak, an object of great veneration, is preserved in the Basilica of our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the major pilgrimage centers of North America. Our Lady of Guadlupe pray for us.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples is celebrated on December 12 every year, on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This day was started by the Canadian Indigenous Council, a part of the Conference of Catholic Bishops, in 2002. The Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council celebrates this day for prayer, solidarity and reconciliation, by issuing an annual message honouring Aboriginal people who were inspired by their Catholic faith. O Great Creator, we give praise and thanks to you for our lives and for our families. Your gift to us of human community is one of your greatest blessings.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER FOR SOLIDARITY: "Lord, as the people on the shores of the Sea of Galilee were not afraid to cry out to you with their needs, so we come to you, Lord ... with whatever pain we bear within us. We bring to you our weariness and our struggles, the wounds of the violence suffered by Indigenous brothers and sisters. In this blessed place, where harmony and peace reign, we present to you the disharmony of our experiences, the terrible effects of colonization, the indelible pain of so many families, grandparents and children. Lord, help us to be healed of our wounds. We know, Lord, that this requires effort, care and concrete actions on our part; but we also know that we cannot do this alone. We rely on you and on the intercession of your mother and your grandmother. Yes, Lord, we entrust ourselves to the intercession of your mother and your grandmother, because mothers and grandmothers help to heal the wounds of our hearts."



PRAYER FOR ADVENT CANDLE
LIGHTING: 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.

#### LET US PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING.

Lord, look with compassion on the sick and suffering, especially those at TSIIONKWANONHTSO:TE and IAHKIHIHSOTHA and all our homebound Akwesasronon Elders during these pandemic times. Lord, if You will, heal: Steve Arguette, 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 Cecilia Mitchell and William Lazore, may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in

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

**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

# 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