

DECEMBER 24, 2023

READINGS: Second Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Psalm 89, Romans 16: 25-27, Luke 1: 26-38

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

**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 Virginia Cook by the St. Regis Mission Family **Sacristan:** Caroline Peters **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters, **Reader:** RJ Dolly McDonald

**MONDAY DECEMBER 25, 2023 10:00 AM
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

Offered for: Debbie Conners 1-Year Memorial Anniversary by George and family **Sacristan:** Caroline Peters **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters, **Reader:** Bernice Lazore

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, THURSDAY
DECEMBER 28 AND FRIDAY DECEMBER 29, 2023
NO MASSES HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 30, 2023 4:00 PM

Offered for: Charlotte and Lawrence Benedict by her daughter Rose and family **Sacristan:** Caroline Peters, **Hospitality:** Nicky King **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader:** Nicky King

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 31, 2023 10:00 AM
WELCOME WITH HOPE NEW YEAR 2024**

Offered for: Adam Phillips 3-Year Memorial Anniversary from the funeral collection **Sacristan:** Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Delinda Comins

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 31, 2023 4:00 PM
THANKSGIVING FOR THE PAST YEAR**

Offered for: Alex and Agnes Garrow by the St. Regis Mission family **Sacristan:** Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Lucy Papineau

**MONDAY JANUARY 1, 2024 10:00 PM
NEW YEARS DAY MASS**

Offered for: Mary and Mose McDonald Sr. Memorial Mass by RJ Dolly McDonald **Sacristan:** Caroline Peters **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters, **Reader:** Connie Thompson

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

DEC 17-18, 2023 CDN \$409.35 USD \$355.65
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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God's plan is filled with surprises that may be different from our own expectations. In today's Gospel, the Angel Gabriel appears to Mary to announce Jesus' birth. The Annunciation is one of these moments in God's plan and Mary's response is a perfect example of how we should welcome God's surprises.

In our first reading, David expected that God's promise would involve an earthly kingdom, but God instead had in mind an everlasting kingdom. His promise to David would be ultimately fulfilled through a humble soul. That of Mary, who trusted completely in the Lord.

Mary is bewildered when she first hears the Angel's message. Gabriel reveals to her that she will bear a son who will be both Son of God and Son of David, the promised Messiah. When reassured that the Angel is God's messenger, Mary responds in faith, with a generous and open heart. Mary is the model believer whose deep faith and trust in God are an example for us all to imitate.

When Mary heard the Angel speak, she heard God's voice in that of his messenger. As we await the birth of our Lord, we are invited to quiet our hearts and listen, as Mary did for God's voice in our daily lives. Let us walk in her footsteps and be surprised by the ways of God. (Living with Christ.ca)



THE "O ANTIPHONS" OF ADVENT The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23, the last seven days of Advent. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17 O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18 O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19 O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20 O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21 O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22 O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23 O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

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.



**ADVENT WREATH
PRAYER FOR THE
FOURTH WEEK OF
ADVENT**

The fourth Sunday of Advent in 2023 is on December 24th,

Christmas Eve. The theme of Advent's fourth Sunday is the love that God has for mankind to become man and save us from death and sin. The Advent wreath has four candles - one is lit each Sunday of the four weeks of Advent. Each candle represents a new focus and time of reflection. The fourth week of Advent is the candle of love. Also known as the "angel candle," it is in this fourth week of Advent that we reflect on the ultimate gift of love - Jesus Christ. Jesus is our true example of love, and He came to teach us to love God and others.



A PRAYER FOR LOVE: Heavenly Father, the whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four-letter word...LOVE. You sent your gift of pure love

to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in the scratchy hay of a manger in a meager barn in Bethlehem. All of your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby and wrapped in swaddling clothes. This final week of Advent, help us to reflect on the magnitude of love that was made manifest in Jesus.

The greatest gift of all came that first Christmas. It wasn't wrapped in a beautiful package and set under a decorated tree. The greatest gift came wrapped in the flesh of baby Jesus and laid in the rough wood of a manger. Our perfect gift would later be rewrapped in the scars of our sin and nailed to the rugged wood of a cross on Calvary, all because of love.

Father, this final week of Advent, fill our hearts and minds with the significance of that truth. Thank you, Lord, for loving us enough to send Jesus. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen

CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR 2023 "Our hearts are on fire today with love of You, o Lord. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we pray for the strength and courage to share the love that we feel today, tomorrow and each day, with those who need it most, helping to build Your kingdom here on earth. Amen."

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024 FROM THE ST. REGIS MISSION CHURCH.

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 family of Natalie Rose Cole, may her soul 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
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. 23, 2023 (SAT) 4:00PM Anticipated Mass
DEC. 24, 2023 (SUN) 10:00 AM 4th 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 37th 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>

