

DECEMBER 31, 2023

READINGS: Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3, Psalm 105, Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19, Luke 2: 22-40

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

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 AM

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:** RJ Dolly McDonald

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 10:00 AM

IAHKIHIH SOTHA

Offered for: Hubert Rourke 7-year memorial anniversary by the Rourke Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 6:00 PM

Offered for: Peter LaFrance 39-year Memorial Anniversary and Ralph Leaf 13-Year Memorial Anniversary by Cecelia LaFrance

THURSDAY JANUARY 4, 2024

Offered for: Larry Richard King Memorial Mass by the King family

FRIDAY JANUARY 5, 2024

Offered for: Eleanor A. Ransom 1-Year Memorial Anniversary by Connie and Jerry Thompson

SATURDAY JANUARY 6, 2023 4:00 PM

Offered for: Reginald Mitchell Memorial Birthday Mass by the Kateri Circle **Sacristan:** Caroline Peters, **Hospitality:** Nicky King **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader:** Connie Thompson

SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2024 10:00 AM

Offered for: Michael Lazore 1-Year Memorial Anniversary by Vivian Smoke **Sacristan:** Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Carole Ross

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

DEC 23-24, 2023 CDN TBD USD TBD

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH –



Whoever honors their father atones for sins. . .when they pray, they will be heard. Whoever respects their mother is like one who lays up treasure. (Sirach: 3) As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with

compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."Col.3)

On this feast of the Holy Family, we recall that Jesus, Son of God, assumed human flesh and was born into a real family. Mary and Joseph experienced the trials and joys of any other family. When Jesus was lost for three days in Jerusalem, they suffered real anxiety and complained, "Why have you treated us like this?" Although the learned rabbis who listened to Jesus in the Temple, were astounded at the twelve-year old's wisdom, Mary and Joseph were astonished that he should cause them the grief of separation. His disappearance must have been totally out of character for Him. Jesus's answer, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" left Mary pondering the mystery in her heart.

We see in this slice of life of the Holy Family many of the emotions, expectations, and actions any ordinary family might experience. We see love and accountability. We see pain and uncertainty. We see parents confront the real mystery that accompanies the raising of a child of distinct and unique personality whose life is truly in God's hands. Jesus knows this part of our lives, because He lived it Himself. He engaged in the give-and-take of the community created by a family. His own formation and maturity took place within a family. "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in favor with God and human beings."(Luke2:52)

It is good for us to ponder this Feast of the Holy Family because it can strengthen us in our resolve to live our family life well, even with all its challenges - a mission from God that is within reach of every one of us if we live in His grace. Family life teaches us how to love - the lesson that accompanies us into eternity. Only the God Who is Love can unite the members of our family. The family that prays together stays together. Come together as family each weekend to offer Holy Mass, the greatest act of love.

A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR YOUR FAMILY

Father Jerome will bless each family with holy water in the congregation on December 30th and 31st in honor of the feast of the Holy Family. May your family grow in unity, peace and love!

A BLESSING OF THE PAST YEAR OF 2023

O God, the beginning and the end of all things, Who are always the same and Whose years fail not, we now at the close of another year, kneel in adoration before You, and offer You our deepest thanks for the fatherly care with which You have watched over us during the past year, for the many times You have protected us from evils of soul and body, and for the numberless blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which You have showered upon us. May it please You to accept the homage of our grateful hearts which we offer You, in union with the infinite thanksgiving of Your Divine Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. AMEN.

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.

ST. REGIS MISSION DEC 2023 – JAN 2024 MASS SCHEDULE:
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

HOW LONG DOES THE CHRISTMAS SEASON LAST IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? Christmastide is the name given to the Christmas season in the liturgical calendar. It begins on Christmas Eve and ends on the Sunday celebrating the Baptism of the Lord. This usually gives us a Christmas season of around 20 days. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the *second Sunday in January*, after the feast of the Epiphany. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



POPE FRANCIS' LIST OF NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS:

A few years ago, a list was compiled from Pope Francis' most popular teachings and quotations to form his most popular New Years' resolutions. They are:

- Don't gossip** ("never speak poorly of others").
- Finish your meals** ("we should all remember that throwing food away is like stealing from the tables of the poor and the hungry").
- Make time for others** ("if the pope can find time to be kind to others, if he can take a moment to make someone feel appreciated, then so can we").
- Choose the "more humble" purchase** ("cars are necessary, but take a humble one. Think of how many children die of hunger and dedicate the savings to them").
- Meet the poor 'in the flesh** ("commitment to the poor must be person to person *in the flesh*").
- Stop judging others** ("Let us not forget that hatred, envy, and pride defile our lives").
- Befriend those who disagree** ("become a culture of encounter.... dialogue ... give something good and receive something good in return").
- Make commitments, such as marriage** ("don't be afraid to say forever – marriage is not out of fashion").
- Make it a habit to "ask the Lord,"** ("speak, Lord, for I am listening – you can ask the Lord – what do you want me to do?")
- Be happy** ("the true Christian exudes joy... this joy should translate to love of neighbor").

NEW YEAR'S DAY IS THE FIRST BLANK PAGE OF A 365 PAGE 2024 BOOK. **What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God.**

LET US PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING.

Lord, look with compassion on the sick and suffering, especially those at TSIIONKWANONHTSO:TE and IAHKIHIH SOTHA 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 victims of COVID, may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

RCIA CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT AND REMINDER: Fr. Jerome will be instructing RCIA classes every week starting in January at 5:30 pm at the Rectory. Dates will be announced in the next bulletin.

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

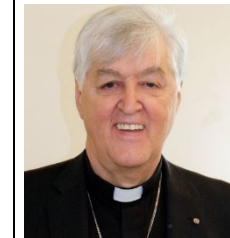


37TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER JEROME PASTORES

On December 31, 1986, Father Jerome Pastores was ordained a priest in the Philippines. We thank God for his holy priesthood and for sending him to us Akwesasronon to bring from Jesus the graces of the Sacraments, and Holy Mass. We pray to the Lord to strengthen him as he cares for our parish community. Pray for Father Jerome Pastores on the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS YOU FATHER JEROME!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2023 BISHOP NOEL SIMARD



May Emmanuel, God among us, show us His face of tenderness and goodness, so that we may be His joyful and luminous reflection!

May He enlighten our eyes so that each day of the New Year we can recognize His face in all those who are

disfigured by misery, violence and rejection, or who are constantly on the move in search of a haven of happiness!

May our hearts and ears hear, every day, the clamor of the earth and the poor, and may our hands continue to build the Kingdom of God, which is built on justice, peace and the frailty of love.

Merry Christmas! May 2024 be a happy and holy Year
Noel Simard Bishop of Valleyfield

