FEBRUARY 25, 2024

READINGS: Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18, Psalm 116, Romans 8:31-35, 37, Mark 9:2-10

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

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024 4:00 PM
Offered for: Elizabeth "Betty" Kelly from the funeral collection **Sacristan:** Caroline Peters, **Hospitality:** Nicky King **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader**: Caroline Peters

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2024 10:00 AM
Offered for: Charles "Charlie" Peters from the funeral collection **Sacristan:** Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister**: Lisa Tarbell, **Reader**: Valerie Garrow

WEDNESDAY FEB.28, 2024 10:00 AM
IAHKIHIHSOTHA ELDER'S LODGE
Offered for: Robert Mitchell from the funeral collection

WEDNESDAY FEB. 28, 2024 6:00 PM
Offered for: Nelson Lazore from the funeral collection

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 29, 2024 12:10 PM
Offered for: Julia David from the funeral collection

FRIDAY MARCH 1, 2024 12:10 PM
Offered for: Theodore Thompson by the St. Regis Mission family

SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024 4:00 PM
Offered for: Nelson Sawatis by the St. Regis Mission family **Sacristan:** Caroline Peters, **Hospitality:** Nicky King **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader**: Lucy Papineau

SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2024 10:00 AM
Offered for: Isabel Francis by the St. Regis Mission family **Sacristan:** Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister**: Lisa Tarbell, **Reader**: Rosemary Bonaparte

COLLECTIONS UPDATE
FEB 17-18, 2024 CDN $760.00, USD $546.95.
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

FEBRUARY 25, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024: **Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom**.

Dear brothers and sisters!

When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (*Ex* 20:2). In the desert, they received the "Ten Words" as a thoroughfare to freedom. We call them "commandments", in order to emphasize the strength of the love by which God shapes his people. *God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind* and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts.

If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to desire to *open our eyes to reality*. Lent is *a season of conversion, a time of freedom*. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.

It is time to act, and in Lent, *to act also means to pause*. To pause *in prayer*, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan *in the presence of a wounded brother or sister*. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers. This is God's dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind.

I invite every Christian community to do just this: to offer its members moments set aside to rethink their lifestyles, times to examine their presence in society and the contribution they make to its betterment. Woe to us if our Christian penance were to resemble the kind of penance that so dismayed Jesus. To us too, he says: "Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting" (*Mt* 6:16). Instead, let others see joyful faces, catch the scent of freedom and experience the love that makes all things new, beginning with the smallest and those nearest to us. This can happen in every one of our Christian communities.

I bless all of you and your Lenten journey.
Pope Francis

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirt, God, for ever 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.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM 2024

PALM SUNDAY	MARCH 24, 2024 10:00 AM
HOLY MONDAY	DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 25, 2024
HOLY TUESDAY	DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 26, 2024
HOLY WEDNESDAY	MAR 27, 2024 3-6:00PM confessions
HOLY THURSDAY	MARCH 28, 2024 7:00 PM Mass
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	MARCH 29, 2024 at 3:00 PM
HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL	MARCH 30, 2024 7:00 PM
EASTER SUNRISE MASS	MARCH 31, 2024 at 6:30AM
EASTER SUNDAY MASS	MARCH 31, 2024 at 10:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Individual Confessions will be available Saturdays 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM and on Sunday mornings from 9:30 AM – 10:00AM. during lent.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND PREPARE FOR 3 SPECIAL FEASTDAYS IN MARCH: MARCH 17 – FEAST OF ST. PATRICK -Christ as a Light, illumine and guide me. MARCH 19 - FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Good St. Joseph, guard our families. MARCH 25 – THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: We adore you, O Christ and we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world! Contemplation of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ enkindles the fire of Love. Come to Church for the communal offering of the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Each week the Stations will be offered 30 minutes prior to Mass on Saturdays at 3:30 PM and Sundays at 9:30 AM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT March 1, 2024 at 4:30 pm at the St. Regis Mission Church, Fr. Jerome will give a seminar on Altar Serving and Sacristan duties. This invitation is for existing lay ministers and aspirants to the Ministry of Altar Serving and Sacristans. For more info contact Fr. Jerome at jernspastor3360@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS – IMPORTANT NOTICE: Anyone requesting Mass Intentions for their loved ones and family members are reminded that requests must be made at least **one to two months in advance** of a desired date or memorial anniversary. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please contact Verda Tarbell for bookings on Wednesday-Friday 9am to 1pm at 613-575-2753.

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 and parishioners. 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, Julia Jacobs, Margaret and Brian Jacobs, Rose Jacobs, Christian Jock, Felicia Jock, Doreen King, Matthew Lamesse, Sean Latulipe, Hattie Jackson Lazore, Loran Lazore, Vanessa Lavare, Dorothy Lazore, Dr. Richard Loder, Sheila 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 our recently deceased, 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

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The St. Regis Mission food pantry is located at the rear of the Rectory. Access is via the rear parking lot ONLY. Hours are Thursday – Friday 9am to 1pm ONLY. Signs are at the Rectory indicating these times and the location. For more information contact Delinda Comins at 613-575-2753.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: For the sacrament of baptism an application is required along with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and an interview with Father Jerome. Baptisms are the **THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH PROMPTLY AT 10:00 AM**. Call 613-575-2753 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION UPDATE: First Communion classes are anticipated to begin **MARCH 20, 2024.** The classes will be conducted Wednesdays at 6:00–7:00pm March 20 and 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 8, 15 with First Communion SUNDAY May 19 , 2024. Sign up forms will be available at the entrance to the church. Connie Thompson and Lucy Papineau are the First Communion Catechists assisted by Verda Tarbell. Confirmation classes will be conducted by Melissa Madar-Tardif. The anticipated start date is April 2023 with confirmation June 2024. Please drop off applications to Verda Tarbell Weds-Friday 9AM - 1:00PM at the Rectory. You may also call the Rectory at 613-575-2753. for more info or contact the Director of Religious Education RJ Dolly McDonald at rosealmamcdonald@gmail.com