

MARCH 31, 2024

READINGS: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43, Psalm 118.; Colossians 3: 1-4 or First Corinthians 5: 6b-8 John 20: 1-9

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

HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2024 7:00 PM

Offered for: Charles Charlie Peters from the funeral collection **Sacristan:** Caroline Peters, **Hospitality:** Nicky King **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader:** Connie Thompson

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024 6:30 AM

Offered for: Mose McDonald Sr. by RJ Dolly and the McDonald family **Sacristan:** RJ Dolly McDonald **Eucharistic Minister:** RJ Dolly McDonald **Reader:** Lucy Papineau

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024 10:00 AM

Offered for: Joellene Adams by the St. Regis Mission Family **Sacristan:** Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Pete Francis

WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2024 10:00 AM

IAHKIHIHSOTHA ELDER'S LODGE

Offered for: Carl Smoke 5-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Mission family.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2024 6:00 PM

Offered for: Catherine Edwards from the funeral collection

THURSDAY APRIL 4, 2024 12:10 PM

Offered for: Sarah Mitchell from the funeral collection,

FRIDAY APRIL 5, 2024 12:10 PM

Offered for: Beulah Terrance from the funeral collection

SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2024 4:00 PM

Offered for: Barbara Van Every, granddaughter of Norman Sr and Margaret Tarbell **Sacristan:** Caroline Peters, **Hospitality:** Nicky King **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader:** Nicky King

SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2024 10:00 AM

Offered for: Margaret Jacobs and Phillip Tarbell by Rosemary Bonaparte **Sacristan:** Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell **Reader:** Rosemary Bonaparte

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

MARCH 23-24, 2024 CDN \$500.15 USD \$574.80. **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 please contact Caroline at caroline.peters@akwesasne.ca

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EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



MESSAGE FROM BISHOP NOËL SIMARD - EASTER 2024

Opening new paths with the Risen Jesus

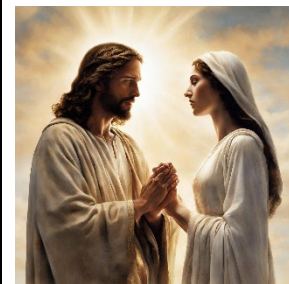
Dear diocesan men and women,

It's Easter, and once again we hear this announcement: Christ is risen, He is truly risen! Easter means passage. As Pope Francis so aptly wrote in his Easter 2023 message: "In Jesus the decisive passage of humanity has been accomplished: from death to life, from sin to grace, from fear to trust, from desolation to communion."

But when we look at the current state of our humanity, we see that there is much to be done to make this passage a reality. Indeed, more than ever, our world is facing socio-political, humanitarian and ecological crises; conflicts and deadly wars afflict millions of people who have to live in terrible conditions or flee their homelands. We could give in to resignation and despair, or abandon the fight for peace, justice, human rights and the establishment of a better world and a reconciled humanity. But with Jesus, who triumphed over hatred, sin and death through His passion, death and resurrection, we know that He is alive, and that He continues to walk with us, to forge new paths of life and love. He is counting on us to open up new paths of peace, solidarity and sharing, to bring hope and comfort to all those populations suffering from hunger, poverty, violence, injustice and rejection.

As the Synod on Synodality invites us, let us walk together in the construction of a living Church on the move, in the building of the Kingdom of God. Let us recognize all the beautiful signs of life and charity accomplished in our communities and in our world; let us be radiant witnesses to the light and life of the Risen Lord. And as Pope Francis writes in his Easter 2023 message, "let us too, rediscover the taste for the road, let us welcome the rhythm of hope, let us taste in advance the beauty of heaven".

A resplendent Easter, filled with the ever-new life and joy of the Risen Lord! + Your Bishop Noël

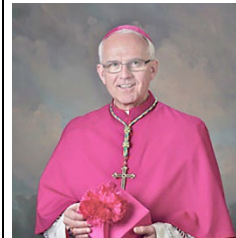


MARY MAGDALENE stood weeping at the tomb where the body of Jesus had been placed. She needed to be there – in fact, she went twice – just as she had needed to stand at the foot of the cross with his mother as he died. Her loss was greater and her sorrow was deeper than any fear that she might be arrested for being his follower. And then, Easter! Mary Magdalene was the first to experience Jesus Christ,

risen from the dead. He commissioned her to be an evangelist to his Apostles – the bearer of good news – so they could share the truth of Jesus Christ, Son of God, with all people to the ends of the earth. That same good news is now entrusted to each one of us, to share with the people in our lives. The Scriptures and prayers of the 50 days of Easter are rich and strong. The Gospels offer the challenges of living each day as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, who came to show us the Way. God's great love for each and every person has no expiry date. God our Creator, our Redeemer and our Sustainer never tires of holding us in life and love. This is the wonder of Easter. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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.



EASTER 2024

"I am the resurrection and the life, the one who believes in me, though he or she die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Yes, the Lord has risen! Satan did all he could to break down the love, courage, and fidelity of our Savior. Evil unleashed its arsenal of hatred, injustice, humiliation, and pain. Evil fought a bloody fight, but the Son of God rose victorious. That means absolutely everything for you and me!

The resurrection is the sacred stamp that validates everything Jesus did and said: His claim to be God's Son; His insistence of authority to forgive sin; His universal call to abandon self centeredness for love of God and neighbor as the path to true happiness and everlasting peace; and His promise to send the Holy Spirit for guidance to His Mystical Body, our Church.

Jesus was not one more person who finished last, one more dreamer whose dreams were squelched by the harsh reality of life on this earth. Jesus Christ has risen! Jesus' victory over evil and lies; over injustice and suffering is total and irreversible. In the face of over twenty centuries filled with a steady stream of saints, no reasonable person can deny it.

Let there be no mistake. Evil still wanders about. However, we remain ever vigilant and grateful for the gifts of the Spirit on our earthly journeys. We share this Good News and express our resurrection joy, even amid today's trials and tribulation. Christ's victory over sin and death causes us to always be hope-filled pilgrims of faith because we are Christ-led and Christ-fed.

Alleluia!! Blessed Easter to you and your loved ones! Alleluia!! Faithfully yours in Christ, Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley Bishop of Ogdensburg

Many thanks to the **MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE COMMUNITY FUND** for funding the Akwesasne Altar and Rosary Society, especially Bernice Lazore and Rosemary Bonaparte, in order to conduct a project to benefit the St. Regis Mission Church. The fund was used for the purchase of a new organ for funeral services at the Mission Church and a memorial monument to honour Akwesasronon residential school survivors and their families. The funds also supported work on Mohawk Hymnal Songbooks which are being produced by Teres Adams with the assistance of Luanne Wright. With this work we are now able to have projections at Sunday Masses of Mohawk hymns in both Mohawk and English. Niawen:kowa

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 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, Chuck Lazoare Dorothy Lazore, Patty Lazore, Dr. Richard Loder, 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 Louise "Katsitsientha" Cook and Sheila Marshall, may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

UPDATE: First Communion classes have started as of March 20, 2023. The classes will be Wednesdays March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, and May 1, 8, 15 with First Communion SUNDAY May 19, 2024. Sign up forms are still available. Connie Thompson and Lucy Papineau are the First Communion Catechists assisted by Verda Tarbell.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will be conducted starting April 2022 on Thursdays at 6pm by catechist Melissa Madar-Tardif. Anticipated confirmation will be SUNDAY June 2024. For more information contact Verda Tarbell Weds-Friday 9am to 1pm at 613-575-2753 or email RJ Dolly McDonald at rosealmcdonald@gmail.com

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Children are required to attend classes, as well as, weekly Masses at either 4:00 pm on Saturday or 10:00 am on Sundays. A sign in sheet will be at the entrance of the church which your child is required to sign to confirm their attendance.



The **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** (RCIA) is the process where an adult person is welcomed into the Catholic Community of Faith through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. RCIA is for: Non-

Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith; those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism or Profession of Faith; those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist. We have six individuals who have been learning about the traditions, the people, the ministries and the actions of our St. Regis Mission community. They have been attending classes with Father Jerome Pastores and Jamie Ross over the past year. Ava, September, Arie, Mason, Kim, and LuAnn will receive their Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation Holy Saturday at the March 30, 2024 Easter Vigil Mass. Please pray for them and welcome them into our faith community.

