

DECEMBER 3, 2023

READINGS: *Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, Psalm 80, First Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37*

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2, 2023 4:00 PM

Offered for: Catherine Cook 9-year Memorial Anniversary by Elizabeth Tarbell **Sacristan:** Caroline Peters, **Hospitality:** Nicky King **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader:** Lucy Papineau

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 2023 10:00 AM FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Offered for: Edith Rybke by Georgia Bell, **Sacristan:** Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Valerie Garrow

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2023 10:00 AM IAHKIHIHSONTHA

Offered for: Owen Peters from the funeral collection

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2023 6:00 PM

Offered for: Thomas John "TJ" Lazore from the funeral collection

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7, 2023 12:10 PM

Offered for: Margaret McCusker by the St. Regis Mission Family

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 2023 12:10 PM

Offered for: Kristin Blasiak Lazore from the funeral collection

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 2023 4:00 PM

Offered for: Elizabeth Bessie Cole 7-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Mission Family **Sacristan:** Caroline Peters, **Hospitality:** Nicky King **Eucharistic Minister:** Caroline Peters **Reader:** Jamie Ross

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023 10:00 AM SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Offered for: Timmy TJ Jock, 2-Year Memorial Anniversary by the St. Regis Mission Family, **Sacristan:** Mildred White **Hospitality:** Eddy Lazore **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Tarbell, **Reader:** Rosemary Bonaparte

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

NOV 25-26, 2023 CDN \$293.25 USD \$230.85.
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

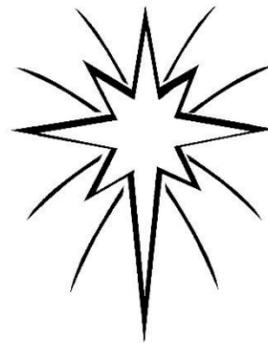
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Now Advent begins, when we wait with eager anticipation to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. With his birth Jesus brings the promise of salvation and peace. It is a glorious moment of great Joy!

The birth of Jesus is also a sign: he is born poor and vulnerable in a stable among the lowliest of animals, His coming is first welcomed by shepherds, outcasts of the community, yet heralded by angels because his birth brings redemption and new life. His birth is a lesson for us: we are to live our lives in humility, trusting in the Lord

Advent prompts us to prepare for Christ's coming by examining how we are living our life in light of the gospel and how well our actions reflect our response to Christ – we must abound in love for one another, especially the most vulnerable of our community.

Advent also calls us to look ahead to Christ's glorious return at the end of time. We must ever be prepared and ready to meet and greet Christ – to stand before him when he comes.



REFLECTION: In our tradition, we recognize our dependence on God's grace to form us into images of love. We believe that only God's help can give us the strength to turn away from negative traits and behaviors. Today's readings call us to humbly recognize that connection as we prepare ourselves for the revelations of our Lord Jesus in our lives and relationships. When we practice the charity that Jesus modeled, God's love is ever more revealed to us.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BLESSING OF FOOD

Make a family resolution to take some time each week, even if it is only 10 minutes, to be together and share together as a family. "When a family prays together, they stay together."

PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

In this advent season of preparation, let us remember that we are part of God our Father's family. Our names are written on Isaiah's family scroll of God. Creating a sacred place of unconditional acceptance and cherishing love reveals God's image most clearly. Jesus modeled perfect love for us. If we practice His ways, our capacity to love will grow!

REMEMBERING THE MISSIONS

Pick a favorite mission or developing world country where starvation and hunger are daily problems, such as Africa, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Yemen, Venezuela or Syria. In thankfulness for your daily meals, make a sacrifice as a prayer to God for families in your chosen country. Examples of sacrifices may include but are not limited to: giving up a favorite dessert, being nice to someone who is not particularly friendly, or giving up free time to help someone in need. Learn about the missions at www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org.



FALLEN LEAVES This is the final week of the Fallen Leaves. We thank everyone for their generous donations on behalf of their deceased loved ones. We did our very best to ensure the names of your loved ones were read during the weekend Masses throughout the month of November. God Bless!

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 I.



First Sunday of Advent

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Last week was the final week of the Liturgical Year. This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical (or church) calendar and begins a four week period of preparation in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. On the First Sunday of Advent, Christians start lighting their Advent wreaths, and praying their Advent daily devotional.

The Advent Wreath is the widely recognized symbol of Advent. The wreath is made of a circle of evergreen branches laid flat to symbolize eternal life. Four candles stand in the circle and each one represents one of the four Sundays of Advent. The circle of the wreath reminds Christians of God, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that Christians have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life.

Advent worship is like a journey through the Christmas story, Christians use the Advent candles to celebrate this period with one lit every Sunday of Advent so that during the last week before Christmas all four candles are lit. The candles symbolize the light of God coming in the world through the birth of His son, Jesus. The four traditional advent themes for the four advent Sundays are:

- **God's people** - *The Candle of Hope. Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. We celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.*
- **The old testament prophets** - *The Candle of Peace. We celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.*
- **John the Baptist** - *The Candle of Love. We celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.*
- **Mary the mother of Jesus** - *The Candle of Joy. We celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.*

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REMINDER: Regular office hours at the Rectory are **WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TO 1PM.** The office phone number is (613)-575-2753. Please check our MISSION FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/stregismission> for daily prayers & announcements or for questions, information, certificates or Mass Intention requests email the StRegisChurchAkwesasne@outlook.com.

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, Kim Lawrence, 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 Salina M. Smoke and Belson Jones, 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
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 St. Regis Mission Church by calling (613)-575-2753 or by emailing him at jernspastor3360@gmail.com



Altar & Rosary Society

NIAWEN:KOWA: The Altar & Rosary Society would like to thank its members, the vendors, and community for the success of their annual craft sale on the weekend of November 25 & 26. The Mohawk auction totaled \$855 that was donated for fuel and operating costs of the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center. There were concessions on each day with a two-day total of \$590! This money will be donated to our food pantry to help supplement community donations. The society also had their own raffle that totaled \$195; this money will be used for maintenance of the church altar and worship spaces. All money totals are Canadian and U.S. combined. Special thanks to Guzzy Lazore, Marla Martin, and Tony Swamp for their help before and after the event. As we enter the new liturgical year, we give thanks for our blessings and look forward to being active participants in this Body of Christ. The winner's list of the Mohawk Auction are: Bernice Lazore, Lisa Tarbell, Shirley Francis, Dawn Lazore, Rose Oakes, Tiffany Cree, Shirley Phillips, Natalie Leaf, Judy Cole, Melody Boots, Dolly McDonald, Caroline Bigtree, Dorothy Costello, Janelle Jackson, Shirley Thompson, Norma Sunday, Janelle Thompson, Missy Herne, Sherry Herne, and Sandy Rourke.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There is a Parish Council meeting scheduled for Friday, December 8, 2023. The meeting will be at the Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Center at 5:30p.m.

