

DECEMBER 17, 2017
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS: Isaiah 61, 1-2a, 10-11 Luke 1
1Thessalonians 5,16-24 **John** 1.6-8, 19-28

Saturday, December 16, 2017 – 4:00 PM
Offered for: Daniel Tarbell 30th Anniversary
 Memorial Mass
Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan
Lectors: Norman Tarbell & Jamie Bay

Sunday, December 17, 2017 10:00 am
Offered for: Emily Bashaw – Memorial
 Birthday Mass
Altar Servers: Cheyenne, Keon and Summer
Lectors: Abram Benedict & RJ (Dolly)
 McDonald

Tuesday December 19, 2017 7:00 pm
Offered for: Ronnie Mitchell Memorial Mass

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 10:00 am
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Offered for: Bernard “Bunny” Arquette 12th
 Year Memorial Anniversary

Thursday, December 21, 2017 12:10 pm
Offered for: Alex Arquette First Year
 Memorial Anniversary Mass

Friday, December 22, 2017 12:10 pm
Offered for: Louis Smoke and Mark Smoke
 Memorial Mass

Friday, December 22, 2017 5:00 pm
Sweetgrass Manor
Offered for: Ida Thomas Memorial Anniversary
 Mass

Saturday, December 23, 2017 – 4:00 PM
Offered for: George Lafrance and his parents
 Peter and Elizabeth Lafrance
 Memorial Mass
Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan
Lectors: Janine & Amanda Rourke

Sunday, December 24, 2017 10:00 am
Offered for: Angus Adams and son Memorial
 Mass
Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee
Lectors: Lisa Tarbell & Bernice Lazore

Sunday, December 24, 2017 6:00 pm
Christmas Eve Children’s Mass
Sunday, December 24, 2017 12:00 Midnight
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

VERY IMPORTANT!
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 24-25, 2017

There are 2 Mass obligations next weekend: one for Sunday and one for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation

For the 4th Sunday of Advent, Masses will be at the usual times: **4:00 PM on Saturday, December 23rd** and **10:00 AM on Sunday, December 24th, 2017**

The Christmas Masses will be on **December 24th at 6:00 PM** (Children’s Mass) and **12 PM (Midnight Mass)** and on Christmas morning **December 25 at 10:00 AM**

COME LORD JESUS! COME TO SAVE US!

Let us as Christians persevere through prayer and practice as we celebrate and share the coming of the lord with everyone that we encounter during this blessed season

GAUDETE SUNDAY: REJOICE! REJOICE

Amidst the purple of the Advent liturgical season of the Church, this Third Sunday puts on the color ROSE, the symbol of joy and hope. Rejoice! The Lord is near.

In the Gospel today we find St. John the Baptist. It was in the wilderness that God's saving presence was proclaimed and there that God's salvation was seen. "Prepare the way of the Lord!" The way is the new message of consolation. The Son of God takes human flesh. Jesus Christ comes to save us from our sinfulness. He will proclaim, "I am THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE!" Follow ME that you may have life.

Are we prepared to accept Jesus into our life? Now is the time to confess our sins, to trust in His mercy, to rejoice in His love.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR!

This is a powerful faith claim - one that all who have been baptized and confirmed can make. The Spirit of the risen Christ is not only upon us, but within us. That anointing has within it a mission that we bring the good news of God's love and mercy, God's glory and splendor, God's compassion and concern to all we meet.

Isaiah the Prophet was spirit-filled. He proclaimed the nearness of God, as well as God's marvelous works - the blind will see, the deaf will hear, the lame will walk, the mute will sing! The Holy Spirit that we received in Baptism and Confirmation continues to be operative. Our Advent challenge is to be open and to respond with courage to what God asks of us.

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 NA IA WEN.

A NOVENA PRAYER TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment when the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary at Midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desire through the merits of Our Savior, Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother Mary.

The Parish **FOOD BANK** continues the callout for donations. Drop off at the Church and/or the Rectory on **TUESDAY- FRIDAY BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON** or before and after Mass on Saturday and Sunday. Please check **expiry dates** before dropping off items. Items needed include canned fruit or juice, canned vegetables, canned soups, canned salmon, tuna or meat, rice, pasta and pasta sauces, cereal and peanut butter. **NIAWEN:KOWA**

DEVOTIONAL CANDLE FOR A LOVED ONE, LIVING OR DECEASED

Light a candle in memory, or for healing and strength. For a donation of **\$10.00** for a large candle or **\$1.00** for a small candle, light the way for a loved one living or deceased. The donation may be forwarded to an usher during the offertory.

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS
 at the St. Regis Mission Church Sacristy/Rectory Chapel
 unless otherwise noted

Parish Council	January 18, 2018	6:00 pm
Finance Council	to be announced	
St. Kateri Circle	Jan 7 -	4:00 pm
Liturgy Ministry	Jan 4 -	5:00 pm
Altar Rosary Society	Jan 7 -	12:30pm
Choir/Music Ministry	Jan 6 -	9:30 am

NIAWEN:KOWA

To the Altar and Rosary Society and St. Kateri Circle for decorating the Church and the donation of Christmas wreaths.

**WE PRAY FOR THE POOR,
 THE SICK, THE PEOPLE IN DARKNESS
 WHO NEED CONSOLATION**

Lord help all who need Your consolation this day, especially those in our nursing homes, hospitals, prisons, or who are alone. May your Spirit be upon Abe Lazore, Clyde Cree, Charlotte Francis, Elizabeth LaFrance, Teddy Thompson, Francis Cree, Felicia and Hubert Jock, Robert Thompson, Larry Pyke, Katherine Johnson, Ruth Smoke, Leonard and Isabel Garrow, Marita Francis, Alexina Auger.

Grant eternal rest unto Orlo Ransom and Lillian Delormier and give consolation to all their loved ones. Amen

**FIRST COMMUNION AND
 CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

The First Communion and Confirmation classes have begun sessions. Registration for both programs is still being accepted. Forms can be picked up at the entrance of the Church at weekend Masses, at the St. Kateri Center, and online at stregischurch.org under the Religious Education tab. More information can be obtained by calling Laura Morris at [518-358-2931](tel:518-358-2931), Monday to Friday, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Children must be pre-registered for Baptism with an application, a copy of their Birth Certificate and an interview with Father Jerome. Registration forms are available for pick up at the Rectory Office **TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9:00 AM TO NOON** or by calling 613-575-2753. Baptisms will be conducted on **the third Sunday of every month.**

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. May God Show mercy, love and hope to you and your family in this special season. Amen.

NOTE: The Rectory Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays, **Dec. 26 and 27th 2017.** The office will re-open **December 28, 2017.** For emergency pastoral needs, please call the Rectory office at 613-575-2753 and leave a message.

COLLECTIONS
DECEMBER 9th AND 10th, 2017

REG. MASS \$ 523.83 US \$367.55 CDN