

HOLY MASS

Sunday, February 21, 2016 2nd Sunday of Lent

READINGS: Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18 Psalm: 27
Philippeans 3.17-4.1 Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36

Saturday, February 20 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Cecelia Ransom – Memorial Mass
Requested by Dr. Danielle Dubuc & Staff
Altar Servers: Megan Roundpoint and Phillip Roundpoint
Lectors: Liz Sunday and Harold Caldwell

Sunday, February 21 – 10:00 am

Offered for: Clara Jean Lazore King – Memorial Mass
Requested by Dr. Danielle Dubuc & Staff
Altar Servers: Calvin Gibson, Cora Gibson, Cruz Gibson
Lectors: Rosemary Bonaparte and Cheryl Jacobs

*Welcome our newest church community member
as she receives the Sacrament of Baptism:
'Mckenna Rose Farnsworth'
God's blessings to her and her family*

Tuesday, February 23rd to Friday, February 26th, 2016
**NO WEEKDAY MASSES due to Father Jerome
on Retreat.**

Saturday, February 27 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Cody Sunday – Memorial Birthday
Requested by Sunday Family
Altar Servers: Cora Gibson and Cruz Gibson
Lectors: Nidia Dejung and Connie Thompson

Saturday, February 27 – 6:30 pm

Community Mass at Tsiionkwanonhso:te Adult Care
Offered for: Deceased members of Tri-District Elders Lodge
Requested by: Tri-District Elders Lodge Members
Altar Servers: Megan Roundpoint and Philip Roundpoint

Sunday, February 28 – 10:00 am

Offered for: Kirk Ransom – Memorial Mass
Requested by Dr. Danielle Dubuc & Staff
Altar Servers: Calvin Gibson, Cora Gibson & Cruz Gibson
Lectors: Judy Cole and Donna Arbour

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

During our Holy Year of Mercy, a priest will be available to hear confession on Saturday: 3 – 3:45 pm; and Sunday: 9 – 9:45 am.

Father Jerome will be away on retreat Feb. 22 – 26, 2016, therefore, there will not be Masses during that period. For emergencies, please call the Rectory.

MESSAGE FROM HIS GRACE NOËL SIMARD FOR LENT 2016

A DISMAL FACE OR A FACE OF MERCY

Having a dismal face, otherwise known as a face halfway through Lent! This is an expression known by many older Maritimers, which means being sad, without vitality, joyless.

In years past, we may have associated Lent too much with privation, penitence and resistance to temptation. Pope Francis invites us to live this time of Lent, celebrating and experiencing God's mercy. Isn't this the time to show the face of mercy?

We start Lent by receiving the ashes. They are placed on our foreheads or on our heads to remind us that God must be at the core of our thoughts; they also touch our hearts to remind us of our fragility, our need for conversion.

Isn't the challenge of Lent to put our lives back in conformity with the Gospel, to open our hearts to God and to others? Will I make more room for God by rediscovering how much the Lord loves me and by recognizing everything that separates me from Him? Will I give others their place by living fraternally and by sharing?

As a means to do so, the Lord, through His church, offers me His word and prayer, or as Pope Francis would say, the prayerful listening of God's word. He invites me to cross the threshold of the door of Mercy at Ste Cecile's Cathedral as a path of conversion. Our Lord also asks us to fast which removes us from our comfortable habits, making us more available to God and to our brothers and sisters. Additionally, we are offered the sacrament of forgiveness to reconcile us with God, and with those we have offended or who have offended us.

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, may the tenderness, joy and love of God transform our hearts and render us capable to be as merciful as the Father. Let's accomplish these works of mercy through the concrete and daily acts of feeding, dressing, sheltering, visiting our brothers and sisters in need, but also giving advice, forgiving, praying...

Let's take advantage of Lent to contemplate the face of Christ, the merciful face of the Father. Let us be that face of mercy, that face of the love and compassion of God.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be recited in Mohawk on every Friday at 6:30 pm in the Church.

For the English version, it will be recited 30 minutes before each Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

All parishioners are encouraged to participate. God Bless.



The Lord's Prayer

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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy – February 21 – Second Sunday of Lent

Many icons depicting Jesus' transfiguration bear the Greek title *Metamorphosis*, a technical term also for nature's springtime transformation. Fittingly, this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* coincides with the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for only Luke specifies Moses and Elijah speaking about Jesus' "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). Israel's exodus liberated from slavery; Jesus' exodus liberates from sin's living death of selfishness. Pope Francis suggests that Lent's prayer, fasting, and works of charity can transfigure the world, if Christians translate Isaiah's challenge into our daily lived experience of Jesus' life-giving exodus by releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and homeless into your house, clothing the naked, not turning your back on your own. "If you removed from your midst oppression, and malicious speech ... then light shall rise for you in the darkness ... you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails" (Isaiah 58:9, 10, 11).
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Prayer for Healing

Dear Lord of Mercy and Father of Comfort, You are the One I turn to for help in moments of weakness and times of need. I ask you to be with your servant in this illness. Psalm 107:20 says that you send out your Word and heal. So then, please send your healing Word to your servant. In the name of Jesus, drive out all infirmity and sickness from his body. Dear Lord, I ask you to turn this weakness into strength, suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy, and pain into comfort for others. May your servant trust in your goodness and hope in your faithfulness, even in the middle of this suffering. Let him be filled with patience and joy in your presence as he waits for your healing touch. Please restore your servant to full health, dear Father. Remove all fear and doubt from his heart by the power of your Holy Spirit, and may you, Lord, be glorified through his life.

Dear Lord, we pray for our sick community members, especially Allan Gorrow, Laurie Connors, Darren Anthony Cook, Beatrice Cole, Julia David, Sandra Terrance, Leo Delormier, Marjorie Thompson, Margie Lazore, Clyde Cree, Larry Pyke, Sheila Ransom, Francis Cree, Mae Tarbell, Delores Swamp, Clyda Thompson Simmons and all in our nursing homes and hospitals.

Thank you/Niawenko:wa to the Altar and Rosary Society, and St. Kateri Center Trustees for the Turkey Sandwich fundraiser to benefit the Church. And to all the volunteers and donations God Bless you for your time and donation of supplies. The amount raised will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Parish Ministry Meetings

@ St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Parish Council	Feb.24 – 5:00 pm
Finance Council	Mar.16 – 4:30 pm
Liturgy & Faith Ministry	Mar. 2 – 5:00 pm
Music/Choir Ministry	Mar. 12 – 9:30 am
Altar & Rosary Society	Mar. 6 – 1:00 pm
Maintenance Committee	Mar. 16 – 4:30 pm
Fundraising Committee	(to be announced)
Knights of Columbus	Mar. 17 – 7:00 pm
Kateri Circle	(to be announced)

Collections for weekend: Feb. 14, 2016.

\$327.94 US \$305.95 CDN

Ash Wednesday – 5 pm Mass

\$310.92 US \$236.60 CDN

Confirmation class: next class Wed., Mar. 2, 6:00 pm at St. Kateri Center. **First Communion class:** next class is Thurs., Mar. 3, 6 pm at St. Kateri Center. All students should be attending Mass weekly and all classes.

Sacrament of Baptism: Next Baptism Seminar: Tues., March 15th at 5:30 pm at St. Kateri Center. The child(ren) must be pre-registered with a copy of their Birth Certificate.

Thank you/Niawenko:wa to Debbie Thomas, the Confirmation Candidates, Irving Papineau, Cole Phillips, Minerva White, Kathy Herne, and all the volunteers for a very successful Prayer Night on Wednesday. God Bless everyone on their dedication to our Blessed Mother and the Rosary.