

## HOLY MASS

### Sunday, February 28, 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**READINGS:** Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15 Psalm: 103  
1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12 Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

#### Saturday, February 27 - 4:00 pm

**Offered for:** Cody Sunday – Memorial Birthday  
Requested by Sunday Family  
**Altar Server:** Jenny Dejung  
**Lectors:** Nidia Dejung and Connie Thompson

#### Saturday, February 27 – 6:30 pm

**Community Mass at Tsionkwanonhso: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

#### Tuesday, March 1 – 6:00 pm

**Offered for:** Philomena Bertha Mae Thompson – Memorial  
Mass Requested by children, grandchild and  
great-grandchildren

#### Wednesday, March 2 – 12:10 pm

**Offered for:** Jeanne 'Jenny' Cook – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. (Feb.24)  
From the funeral collection

#### Thursday, March 3 – 12:10 pm

**Offered for:** John Bigtree Jr. – Memorial Mass  
From the funeral collection

#### Friday, March 4 – 12:10 pm

**Offered for:** Angus Adams – Memorial Mass  
From the funeral collection

#### Saturday, March 5 - 4:00 pm

**Offered for:** Bessie Thomas – Memorial Birthday (Mar.7)  
Requested by Dr. Danielle Dubuc & Staff  
**Altar Servers:** Megan Roundpoint and Phillip Roundpoint  
**Lectors:** Jenny Dejung and Norma Sunday

#### Sunday, March 6 – 10:00 am

##### Children's Mass

**Offered for:** Anna Mae Besaw – 1 Anniversary (Feb. 11)  
From the funeral collection  
**Altar Servers:** Calvin Gibson, Cora Gibson, Cruz Gibson  
**Lectors:** Children & Youth

## LENTEN PRAYERS

Do you feel like your soul could use a good spring cleaning? Lenten prayers can help! Each year during the season of Lent, we prepare to celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The 40 day penitential period of prayers, fasting and almsgiving (acts of charity) marks our Lenten journey from Ash Wednesday until Easter.

Lent offers us a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal, just as spring approaches! (The term Lent itself comes from the Old English word for spring.)

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving bring us closer to God by helping us to detach from our selfishness and worldly distractions (such as that TV series we just *have* to watch or our thoughts about keeping up with the Joneses, for example).

Note in regards to keeping up with our neighbors that Jesus reminds us in the Gospel read every Ash Wednesday (Matt 6:1-6, 16-18) to do penitential activities out of love and devotion for *Him* rather than out of a desire to impress others. Lenten prayers can help us better discern His will for us. Almsgiving can help make Christ more present in our lives as we show others His love!

Fasting can help being us closer to our Lord. When we give up meat on Fridays, and other foods or activities during the season, we imitate in some small way His sacrifice for us. After all He gave up His life for our salvation. Can't we at least give up Hershey bars for a few weeks?

Fasting can also help with almsgiving. You can take whatever money you might have otherwise spent on your sacrifices and give it to the poor or to organizations or projects helping them.

Giving up a particular activity can help us make time for Jesus though Lenten prayers or other meditations. Then we can better discern our Spiritual progress and ask God for His help in washing away our iniquities and cleansing us of our sins, to borrow a phrase from one of the psalms.

May we *all* emerge from Lent, as St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, "*transformed in the newness of your mind, that you may discern what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God*" (Rom 12:2).

### 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.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be recited in Mohawk 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.



## 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 – March 6 – Third Sunday of Lent

Pope Francis wants "*Twenty-four Hours for the Lord,*" around-the-clock availability of the sacrament of reconciliation, implemented worldwide this Friday and Saturday. Celebrated with his oft-recommended "tenderness," the sacrament is "a source of true interior peace," says Francis, enabling people "to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). In Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns us against judging others. Focus instead, Jesus says, on deepening – or restoring – our own relationship with God, for during this Lenten Springtime that Master Gardener can use even life's manure (the parable's "fertilizer") to coax fresh fruit from a tree that seems hopelessly barren – *us!* Parishes preparing catechumens may choose John's Gospel, which likewise cautions against judging. Imagine what the Samaritan woman's lifelong neighbors thought of her multiple relationships. But by discovering Jesus, then sharing her good news – and Jesus – with those very neighbors, she whom they had probably judged quite sinful became instead their evangelist and "missionary of mercy." *Peter Scagnelli, Copyright J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

### Prayers for the Sick.

Prayers for the sick are a great way to ask God for His healing and to give you, or your loved ones, comfort and strength to deal with afflictions. As we all know, while our Lord in His Passion opened up for us the gates of Heaven, He did not create Heaven on Earth. We often travel in this life through a "valley of tears," as we say in the prayer **Hail Holy Queen**. Illness is just one of many misfortunes people face in a world steeped in sin. Among our prayers for the sick we offer this one:

**Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**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.

Our Lord said that we would each have our crosses to bear in this life (Matt 10:38). However, he also gave us hope in trusting in Him to help see us through our difficulties. He said, as we read in Matthew's Gospel "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest....For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Matt 11:28-30).

### Parish Ministry Meetings

@ St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Parish Council	(to be announced)
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	Mar. 9 – 5:00 pm
Knights of Columbus	Mar. 17 – 7:00 pm
Kateri Circle	(to be announced)

**Collections for weekend: Feb. 21, 2016.**  
\$597.10 US      \$470.70 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/Niawenکو:wa** to the Altar and Rosary Society, and St. Kateri Center Trustees for the Turkey Sandwich fundraiser, and to all the volunteers and donations. The amount raised \$847.35.

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### Inspirational Lenten Quote

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." -- Pope Francis