

Sunday, March 19, 2017
3rd Sunday of Lent

READINGS: Exodus 17.3-7 Romans 5.1-2, 5-8
 Psalm: 95 Gospel: John 4.5-42

Saturday, March 18 - 4:00 pm
3:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Offered for: Joseph Benedict – Memorial Mass
 Requested by Dr. Danielle Dubuc & Staff
 Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan
 Lectors: Liz Sunday and Harold Caldwell

Sunday, March 19 – 10:00 am
9:30 am Stations of the Cross

Offered for: Lila Caldwell – 2nd Anniversary and
 Memorial Birthday
 Requested by the Family
 Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia
 Lectors: Phil Tarbell and Irving Papineau

Tuesday, March 21 – 6:00 pm

Offered for: Irene McDonald – Anniversary and
 Memorial Birthday
 Requested by husband, Wayne McDonald

Wednesday, March 22 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Allan Gorrow – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

Thursday, March 23 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Reginald Mitchell – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

Friday, March 24 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Priscilla 'Bulla' Herne – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

Saturday, March 25 - 4:00 pm

3:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

Offered for: Anne Phillips – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection
 Altar Servers: Cheyenne, Keon and Summer
 Lectors: Norma Sunday and Norman Tarbell

Saturday, March 25 – 6:30 pm

Tri-District Elders Lodge

Offered for: James Thompson – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection
 Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan

Sunday, March 26 – 10:00 am

9:30 am = Stations of the Cross

Offered for: Mary Mae Thompson – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection
 Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia
 Lectors: Lori Thompson and Abram Benedict

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH - MARCH 20

St. Joseph, chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary ever-Virgin, and the head of the Holy Family, pray for all men who seek to follow in your footsteps. Help them to serve as you served, with no thought of placing themselves first. Help them to love as you loved, in perfect imitation of God the Father.

Through your intercession, defend all fathers against the trials and temptations that come their way, that strengthened in the virtues of prudence, fortitude, temperance, and justice, they may more deeply know and love your foster-son, Jesus Christ, who is with them to guide them at all times. Amen.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION - MARCH 25

On the Second Sunday of Lent we meditated on the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain, praying with His apostles, Peter, James, and John, "LORD IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE!"

On this feast of the Annunciation, God sent the Angel Gabriel to ask the Virgin Mary to become the Mother of the Savior. We thank her for her humble "FIAT!" "Let it be done unto me according to Your Word."

We praise you, Mary, virgin-mother, who bore in your womb, knowing all that would come to pass, the Light of God become flesh. One flash of light frightened the Apostles, but you, Mary, virgin-mother, held the burning flame of Godhead in all its fullness.

A bright cloud enfolded the Apostles, but you, holy Mother of God, were overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, by the power of the Most High God.

Christ our God, grant that with Peter, James, and John, we may gaze upon your grandeur. Lead us onward from the earthly mountain to your spiritual home, far above the heavens.

Mary our Mother, help us on our earthly journey to that mountain by a sincere surrender to God's Will, "Be it done unto me according to your Word. Amen.

GO TO CONFESSION! EXPERIENCE THE LOVING MERCY OF GOD OUR FATHER!

The Sacrament of Penance, one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church, is a special gift from God. It is the **SACRAMENT OF CONVERSION**, because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin. It is the **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of the sacrament. It is the **SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS**, since by the sacramental absolution, God grants the penitent "pardon and peace." It is the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles. He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call, "Go, first be reconciled to your brother." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1423)

God's loving mercy flows over a contrite heart when the priest prays the words of absolution used in the Latin Rite:

God the Father of mercies, through the death and the resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins, through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (CCC # 1449)

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.

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GIVEN THAT I try to drink eight glasses of water a day, I cannot truly relate to the thirst expressed in two of today's readings. Literally, I don't know the desert and I don't go to the well for water. Yet today's gospel is one of my favourites. I hear the back and forth of the conversation between the woman and Jesus. And I laugh as I picture them splashing water, living water gushing up to eternal life! A line in the first reading that does resonate with my experience is the complaining of the Israelites in the desert. When I do not see God's hand concretely and explicitly visible in my life, I cry out as if it is God's fault. When my bucket is empty, I cry! Lent can be a tough season of prayer, fasting and giving alms. The challenges only make sense as a path to Easter. My thirst must lead me to others and to Jesus. When I thirst, will others share from their bucket? When I meet others who thirst, will I share from mine? Only then will Paul's image in the Letter to the Romans make sense – "God's love has been poured into our hearts."

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WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING

God of Love and Mercy, comfort all who are sick and suffering. Calm their anxieties, strengthen their faith, increase their trust and confidence in Your caring goodness. Grant them courage to face all difficulties, knowing that with Your help, miracles happen and lives are restored.

Heal those who suffer in our nursing homes, hospitals, addiction centers, and prisons and grant strength to their compassionate caregivers.

We pray especially today for Cecilia Lazore, Sarah Mitchell, Maurice Faucher, Hubert Jock, Hilda Smoke, Orlo Ransom, Nancy Phillips, Louise Jock, Mary Ella Jackson, Marie Casey, Isabel Rourke, Larry and Paulette Pyke, Clyde Cree, April Benedict, Margaret Snyder, Barbara White, Esther Burnham, Millie Thompson, George Towsley, and John Taylor.

We pray also for the family of Francis Cree as they suffer the loss of their new-born, Taylor Catherine Primeau. Grant consolation to all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Lord, bless each of us also, with health of mind and body. Give us grateful hearts, filled with hope and peace. Amen.

Chrism Mass

The Mass of Chrism is primarily a ritual Mass at which the holy Chrism is consecrated and the oil of the sick and the oil of the catechumens are blessed. Mass schedules being offered are:

Thursday, April 6/17, 11:00 am at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, New York.

Tuesday, April 11/17, 7:30 pm at Saint Cecile's Cathedra-Basilica in Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, Quebec.

Religious Education:

Confirmation: next class is on March 22nd at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center. The presentation by Darren Bonaparte will take place. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

First Communion: next class is Apr. 6 at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center. **AMS school** next class is Tuesday, March 21, immediately following school hours at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (for students attending AMS school).

Baptism Seminar: next schedule is April 11/17 at 5:30 pm at St. Kateri Center. Please pre-register with a copy of child's Birth Certificate.

Altar Servers: the Church continues the recruitment for more and if you are interested and will attend training sessions, please submit your name to Father Jerome, or call the Rectory Office at 613-575-2753.

CALLED TO SERVE for Adults.

Our Church is seeking volunteers to commit as Altar Servers during Funeral Masses. Father Jerome will provide training. If you are interested please provide your name and phone number to Father Jerome or leave in the Rectory office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated in this ministry.

The Stations of the Cross will be recited in Mohawk every Friday at 6:30 pm, in the Church.

Parish Ministry Meetings

@ St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Parish Council	April 26 – 5:30 pm
Finance Council	(to be announced)
Liturgy & Faith Ministry	April 5 – 7:30 pm
Choir/Music Ministry	Mar. 25 – 9:30 am
Altar & Rosary Society	April 2 – 1:00 pm (In the Sacristy)

COLLECTIONS:	CDN	US
Mar. 11 & 12/17:	\$365.68	\$497.86