

HOLY MASS

Sunday, October 16, 2016 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS: Exodus 17.8-13 Psalm: 121
2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.2 Gospel: Luke 18.1-8

Saturday, October 15 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: John and Anna Jackson, and their children,
Mae, Johnny, JoJo, Bruce and Emil
Requested by Liz and Marilyn

Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan
Lectors: Jamie Bay and Janine Rourke

Sunday, October 16 – 10:00 am Catechetical Sunday

Offered for: Joanne Francis – Memorial Mass
Requested by John and Lori Sobieski
Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylee and Kenia
Lectors: Brian Thomas and Phil Tarbell

Tuesday, October 18 – 6:00 pm

Offered for: Larry Richard King – 28th Anniversary
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, October 19 – 10:00 am Iakhihsohtha Lodge

Offered for: Anne Phillips – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Thursday, October 20 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Mary K. Square – Memorial Mass
Requested by Wilma (Cook) Zumpano & Family

Friday, October 21 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Margaret M. Jacobs – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Saturday, October 22 - 4:00 pm

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Anniversary Mass

Offered for: Wilson & Cecelia Lazore - 75th Memorial
Wedding Anniversary
Requested by their daughter, Cecelia Lazore

Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan
Lectors: Altar & Rosary Society Members

Sunday, October 23 – 10:00 am

Offered for: Danny Joe Adams – Memorial Birthday,
and Billy King – 43rd Anniversary.
Requested by Veronica Adams and Family

Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylee and Kenia
Lectors: Erin Cole and Lisa Tarbell

Collections for October 9, 2016
\$404.12 US \$434.35 CDN

St. Kateri Tekakwitha's 4th Anniversary

Canonization – Oct. 21st. Mass will be Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 at 4:00 pm. Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society.

Known as the “Lily of the Mohawks”, Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 in Ossernenon (today Auriesville, New York) to a Catholic Algonquin mother and a Mohawk Chief. When she was four years old, her parents and brother died of smallpox. Kateri was also affected by the disease, which left her almost blind and badly scarred her face. She was taken in by her aunts and uncle, who was strongly opposed to Christianity.

When she was 10 years old, her village moved to Caughnawaga (today Fonda, New York). In 1667, her village was visited by the Jesuit missionaries Fathers Fremin, Bruyas and Pierron. From them, she received her first knowledge of Christianity. When Kateri turned 18, Father Jacques de Lamberville arrived to take charge of the mission in her village. Despite his misgivings, her uncle allowed her to be baptized as long as she remained in the village. Following her Baptism, Kateri lived a pious and faith-filled life, spending hours in prayer and fashioning crosses out of twigs. She also refused to marry, believing that she was married to God and that no man could take God's place in her heart. Her beliefs were met with ridicule, hostility and threats. Thus, two years after her Baptism, she fled to St. Francis Xavier Mission, a Christian Mohawk village in Kahnawake, Quebec. There, she received her first Communion on Christmas Day 1677. She also made a vow of perpetual virginity on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1679. In Kahnawake, Kateri was known for her faith and holiness. She taught prayers to children, cared for the elderly and the sick, and would often attend mass at sunrise and sunset.

Kateri's health deteriorated in the last years of her life. She died of tuberculosis on April 17, 1680, shortly before her 24th birthday, and was buried at St. Francis Xavier Mission. Her final words were: “Jesus Konoronkwa” (“Jesus, I love you”). Witnesses report that within minutes of her death, the smallpox scars vanished from her face, which then radiated with beauty.

It is believed that since Kateri's death many miracles have been performed through her intercession, with the sick being cured and many prayers being answered. Kateri was declared Venerable by Pope Pius XII on January 3, 1943, and beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980. On December 19, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI signed a decree officially acknowledging another miracle attributed to her intervention. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012, in Rome. She became “the first native North American to be raised to the glory of the altars”.

Today, there are a number of shrines and centres dedicated to Kateri in both the United States and Canada, including the National Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha at the site of her Baptism in Fonda, New York, the Kateri Centre at her burial site at the St. Francis Xavier Mission in Kahnawake, which today is in the Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at her birthplace in Auriesville, New York.

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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy – October 16 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Though Jesus told today's parable more than two thousand years ago, human nature hasn't changed: we recognize both characters instantly. The merciless judge represents the corruption that has short-circuited justice throughout history; the distraught widow, society's perennially powerless, marginalized to what Pope Francis calls the “peripheries” by those who wield power but lack the mercy that could transfigure society with compassion. To confront such reality, Jesus bids us, “pray always without becoming weary” (Luke 18:1). Prayer opens our eyes to see others from Jesus' perspective, and leads us to work for justice by coming to the aid of others with what Pope Francis extols as a higher standard, *mercy*. Thus, when Jesus asks, “Will not God secure the rights of [God's] chosen ones? Will [God] be slow to answer?” (18:7). We respond by making God's liberating work for others our own. “[W]hen the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” (18:8). Yes, we respond – and mercy!

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Saint Kateri, Tekakwitha we ask you to intercede our prayers to the Lord as we pray *for the sick and lonely, for all awaiting surgery, for all in our hospitals and nursing homes*, especially Stella Jacobs Herne, Joe Wood, Francis Cree, Isabel Rourke, Sarah Mitchell, Christie Roundpoint, Esther Burnham, Alex Arquette, Orlo Ransom, Manfred Ransom, Beatrice Cole, Sandra Terrance, Wayne Thomas, Wayne McDonald, Hattie Cree Bashaw, Clyde Cree, Julia David, and Larry Pyke.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

St. Raymond's Church, Raymondville, will host a Healing Mass on Thurs., Oct. 20th at 6:30 pm with Rev. Richard S. Sturtz as main celebrant and homilist. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 5:45 pm, and after Mass. During Mass, there will be the Communal Anointing of the Sick. After Mass there will be an opportunity for private group prayer for those who wish. The Church has easy access. For information call 315-384-4242.

Devotion to the Holy Rosary in honor of our Bless Mother, St. Mary will be recited before the mass on Saturday (3:30) and Sunday (9:30) during October. Everyone is encouraged to pray the rosary daily. As a culmination of the rosary during October, a Day of Rosary will take place at the St. Kateri Center on November 1, together with All Saints Day. We are looking for groups or individuals who would like to lead the rosary on Nov.1for one hour any time between 8 am and 8 pm. Please sign up.

Blessing of Catechists and Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders – Sunday, Oct. 16th, 2016. During the 10 am Mass, a special blessing of volunteers who will share the life of Jesus and spread the good works of our Lord to our children in the upcoming sacramental preparation year.

Sacrament of Baptism: Next Baptism Seminar: Tues., November 8 at 5:30 pm at St. Kateri Center. The child(ren) must be pre-registered with a copy of their Birth Certificate.

Religious Education:

Registration and application forms now available for the upcoming classes for sacramental preparation; First Communion and Confirmation: and RCIA (Adult program for Baptism/First Communion/Confirmation).

Confirmation: begins Nov. 2/16 – 6 pm at St. Kateri Center.

First Communion: begins Nov. 3/16 – 6 pm at both locations: St. Kateri Center and Tri-District Elders Lodge.

Devotional Candles: Large candles and votives are available for a donation of \$10.00 or \$1.00, if you wish to light a candle for a loved one, living or deceased, to honor for healing, or as a memorial.

St. Mary's Annual Turkey Dinner - St. Mary's Parish Hall, Fort Covington – Sun., Oct. 23/16, 11am to 2pm. *Cost:* Adult \$10.00 (\$13.00 Canadian). Under age 12 - \$6.00.

Holiday Helpers will be hosting a Fall Bazaar at the St. Kateri Center on Sun., Oct. 23, 2016. Everyone is invited to stop in and support the local vendors and the Holiday Helpers benefit.

Parish Ministry Meetings

@ St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Parish Council	Oct. 27 – 5:00 pm
Finance Council	Oct. 17 – 4:30 pm
Maintenance Committee	Oct. 17 – 4:30 pm
Liturgy & Faith Ministry	Nov. 7 – 5:00 pm
Choir/Music Ministry	Nov. 12 – 9:30 am
Altar & Rosary Society	Oct. 16 – 12:30 pm