

**DECEMBER 3, 2017**  
**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**READINGS:** Isaiah 3.16b-17: 64.1,3-8 **Psalm 80**  
**1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Mark 13.33-37**

**Saturday, December 2, 2017 – 4:00 PM**

**Offered for:** Catherine Cook memorial mass  
**Requested by:** daughter Elizabeth Tarbell  
**Altar Servers:** Megan, Phillip and Morgan  
**Lectors:** Janine Rourke & Amanda Rourke

**Sunday, December 3, 2017 10:00 am**

**Offered for:** Alberta Linda Jacobs eighth anniversary memorial mass  
**Requested by:** Charlie Jacobs and boys  
**Altar Servers:** Cheyenne, Keon and Summer  
**Lectors:** Children and Youth Mass

**Tuesday December 5, 2017 7:00 pm**

**Offered for:** Laura Cree, Memorial Mass from the Funeral Collection

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017 12:10 pm**

**Offered for:** Alberta Linda Jacobs Memorial Mass  
**Requested by:** Charlie Jacobs and boys

**Thursday, December 7, 2017 12:10 pm**

**Offered for:** Mae V. Tarbell, Memorial Mass from the Funeral Collection

**Friday, December 8, 2017 12:10 pm**

**Offered for:** Mike Smoke Second Anniversary Memorial Mass  
**Requested By:** Hilda Smoke and family

**Saturday, December 9, 2017 – 4:00 PM**

**Offered for:** Ronald Mitchell Birthday Memorial Mass  
**Requested by:** Dr. Dubuc and Staff  
**Altar Servers:** Megan, Phillip and Morgan  
**Lectors:** Caroline Peters & Jamie Bay

**Sunday, December 10, 2017 10:00 am**

**Offered for:** Simon King Sr. Memorial Birthday Benny Jacobs and Lawrence King  
**Requested by:** Marjorie and family  
**Altar Servers:** Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylie  
**Lectors:** Rosemary Bonaparte and Irving Papineau

Father John Downs will say **Saturday Mass December 2, 2017**. Welcome Father Jack!  
Father Jerome will be returning from Retreat on **Sunday December 3, 2017**.  
Welcome home Father Jerome!

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

On the first Sunday of Advent we as a Church enter a precious period of in-betweenness. It is a time of expectancy and longing, bated breath and watchful waiting. It is a time that calls us to explicitly reflect on the peculiarity of our position: our Lord has already come and we wait for him to come again. We turn to the stories leading up to his birth each year, knowing that we are living in a kind of “already/not yet.” We know our beloved and still we yearn to see his face.

In the Gospel today we are called to be watchful: “You do not know when the time will come”; “Beware, keep alert”; “Keep awake.” These insistent passages call us to be attentive in our every moment. When we are alert, we become attuned to the vibrancy of all that surrounds us; any movement could signal the arrival of the Lord. It’s a delightful kind of anticipation. The 18 century Jesuit writer Jean Pierre de Caussade invites us, in our anticipation, into what he calls “the *sacramentality* of the present moment.” What if every moment were one in which we might meet our God? What might we notice? How might we act? Let us pray for the grace to be receptive to God in every moment.

*Kate McGee, Toronto, ON*

**FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY**

As a human being, you are capable of believing, trusting and loving others. Grace transforms these ways you relate to other persons into the theological (God-Directed) virtues of *faith, hope and charity* – capacities to relate to God and others as one of his dearly loved sons and daughters.

In the state of grace, you have *faith*: you believe in God, committing your total being to him as the personal source of all truth and reality and your own being. You have *hope*: you rest your whole meaning and future on God, whose promise to you of life everlasting with him is being fulfilled in a hidden manner even now through your graced existence. And you have *charity*: you love God as the personal *All* of your life and all persons as sharers in the destiny God desires for all – everlasting communion with himself

**MORNING OFFERING PRAYER**

Almighty God, I thank you for your past blessings. Today I offer myself - whatever I do, say or think – to your loving care.  
Continue to bless me. Lord.

I make this morning offering in union with the divine intentions of Jesus Christ who offers himself daily in the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and in union with Mary, his Virgin Mother and our Mother, who was always the faithful handmaid of the Lord.

**AMEN.**

**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.

**NEW SUNDAY MISSALS**

New Sunday Missals are now available for a donation of \$5.00. The missal readings begin on December 3rd for the 2017-2018 Liturgical Year.

**FOOD BANK**

**FOOD BANK:** 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.  
**NIAWEN:KOWA** for your generosity.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

How “green “will your Christmas be? How can our celebration of Christmas this year reflect Christian simplicity, social justice and care for our common home? The three R’s (reduce, reuse, and recycle) could prove helpful in finding ways to respond to the challenge. Using this as a guide could make a merrier Christmas for everyone on the planet. While there is still time, have this conversation with a friend.

**DEVOTIONAL CANDLE FOR A LOVED ONE, LIVING OR DECEASED**

Light a candle in memory, or for healing and strength. For a donation of \$5.00 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.

**COLLECTIONS**  
**NOVEMBER 25TH AND 25TH , 2017**

**REG. MASS \$483.35 CDN \$ 519.07 US**

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE DECEASED.**

Lord we commend to your loving care all who are suffering, especially wounded veterans, the sick in our nursing homes and hospitals, prisoners, the lonely and depressed and all awaiting major surgery. Grant Your healing graces to Orlo Ransom, Isabel and Leonard Garrow, Felicia and Hubert Jock, Marilyn Tarbell, Clyde Cree, Francis Cree, Eleanor Thompson, Debbie Thomas, Nancy Arquette, Sylvia Bero, Joyce Kelso, Mary Johnson, Marjorie Lazore, Michael Thomas, Nancy Phillips, Marie Casey, Alexina Auger, Sharon Cook, Larry Pyke, and Marita Francis. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health so that, restored to our Christian community, they may joyfully praise Your Name. Amen

***May your Sacred Heart embrace all who have died, especially Joseph Wood. Let perpetual light shine upon him.***

**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.

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

The First Communion and Confirmation classes have begun sessions at the St. Kateri Center and Tri-District Elders Lodge on Cornwall Island, 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](http://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.

The next class dates and times are: First Communion at St. Kateri Center **DEC. 7TH, 2017 AT 6:00 PM** also a Parent Session with Father Jerome; Confirmation at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center - **DEC. 6, 2017 AT 6:00 PM** - also a Parent Session with Father Jerome.

New registrants will receive a full schedule at their first class.