

## HOLY MASS

**Sunday, December 4, 2016**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**READINGS:** Isaiah 11.1-10 Psalm: 72  
Romans 15.4-9 Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

**Saturday, December 3 - 4:00 pm**

**Offered for:** Catherine Cook – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
Requested by Elizabeth and Norman Tarbell  
**Altar Servers:** Megan, Phillip and Morgan  
**Lectors:** Jenny Dejung and Jamie Bay

**Sunday, December 4 – 10:00 am**  
**Children's Mass**

**Offered for:** Mitchell & Theresa Phillips, and Crystal Phillips –  
Memorial Mass. Requested by the Family  
**Altar Servers:** Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia  
**Lectors:** Children and Youth

**Tuesday, December 6 – 6:00 pm**

**Offered for:** O'Donald Oddie Laffin – Memorial Birthday (Dec.8)  
Requested by Dr. Danielle Dubuc & Staff

**Wednesday, December 7 – 12:10 pm**

**Offered for:** Derek P. Cook – 12 Anniversary  
Requested by his parents, Ron & Millie Cook

**Thursday, December 8 – 9:30 am**

**Mass at Tsiionkwanonhsote Adult Care**

**Offered for:** Wilfred Bova – Memorial Mass  
From the funeral collection

**Friday, December 9 – 12:10 pm**

**Offered for:** Helen Cole – Memorial Mass  
Requested by children, Joanne and Dennis

**Saturday, December 10 - 4:00 pm**

**Offered for:** Kirk Ransom – Memorial Mass  
Requested by Cecil and Nanci Ransom  
**Altar Servers:** Megan, Phillip and Morgan  
**Lectors:** Caroline Peters and Nidia Dejung

**Sunday, December 11 – 10:00 am**

**Offered for:** Simon King Sr. – Memorial Birthday  
Requested by the Family  
**Altar Servers:** Reagan, Analeyna, Rylee and Kenia  
**Lectors:** Nicky King and Bernice Lazore

### Wedding Announcement

Mr. Michael David, son of the late Samuel David and Julia Jacobs, and Ms. Leona Anne Thompson, daughter of the late Phillip Thompson and Mary Benedict, will be married in the St. Regis Church on December 16, 2016 at 5 pm. If there are any impediments to this marriage, please call the Rectory office.

### St. Nicholas – Feast day Dec. 6

St. Nicholas was a Christian bishop who provided for the poor and sick, and is the basis for the popular character of Santa Claus. Born in Patara, a land that is part of present-day Turkey, circa 280, St. Nicholas was a Christian bishop who helped the needy. After his death, the legend of his gift-giving grew. St. Nicholas transformed into the legendary character called Santa Claus, who brings Christmas presents to children around the world. St. Nicholas was born sometime circa 280 in Patara, Lycia, an area that is part of present-day Turkey. He lost both of his parents as a young man and reportedly used his inheritance to help the poor and sick. A devout Christian, he later served as bishop of Myra, a city that is now called Demre. Reputation: There are many legends about St. Nicholas of Myra. Several sources state St. Nicholas is believed to have died on December 6, 343. In America, St. Nicholas went through many transformations and eventually Sinterklaas became Santa Claus. Instead of giving gifts on December 6, he became a part of the Christmas holiday. St. Nicholas had become the Santa Claus we know today.

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast Day Dec. 8.

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the solemn dogma defined by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854. As Our Lady Immaculately Conceived is the patroness of the United States of America, this is a holy day of obligation in the United States. Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*  
"Hail Mary, full of grace". For thousands of centuries, millions of times per day the Virgin Mary is greeted by the faithful with the greeting of the Archangel, that we hear resonating anew in today's Gospel. The sons of the Church learn from the words of the Archangel Gabriel that the fullness of the mystery of God's grace was realized in Holy Mary. St Paul the Apostle teaches us that the Father made all fullness dwell in His Incarnate Son (c.f. Col 1:12-20), which overflows from Christ's head and spills out on His Mystical Body that is the Church. Before descending in Body, Christ's fullness was spread in a unique and unrepeatable way on Mary, predestined from eternity to be the Mother of God.

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On Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 1 pm, everyone is invited to the St. Kateri Center to gather in prayer and solidarity for the water protectors in North Dakota, and for the veterans who will be participating as a human wall. We pray for peace, strength and courage for everyone in North Dakota and for the cause for a rightful solution.

### 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.

### December 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

WHAT WOULD IT feel like to stand before John the Baptist who is admonishing you to confess your sins? It sounds scary, but is there not a longing in us for the healing the wholeness he is offering? John is preparing the way for God's definitive Word who will come into our midst. His call to repentance is a call to stand before Almighty God, the All-Good, and All-Holy, and to recognize ourselves as sinners. Recall Isaiah seeing God in the Temple and exclaiming, "Woe is me... I am a man of unclean lips... among a people of unclean lips!" (Isa 6.5) Or Peter's awareness, after Jesus directs him to the abundant catch of fish: "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Lk 5.8) Seeing ourselves as sinners before God, and confessing during this Advent/Preparation season, is not meant to make us feel bad. Rather, we acknowledge who we are in order to open ourselves to what God wants to do for us. Through gentle mercy and graciousness, God frees us from sin and its consequences, inviting us into the kingdom of heaven announced by John and Jesus. And what is this kingdom of heaven? In today's readings Isaiah describes a kingdom of peace and justice. Then Paul says it is where we find "encouragement... to live in harmony with one another." This is the purpose of repentance.

Fr. Mark Miller, CSsR, Toronto, ON.

**Immaculate Mary, Mother and Queen**, with the help of your grace, we ask you to intercede to the Lord, our prayers for our parishioners and friends who are sick, especially Alex Arquette, Edward Terrance, April Benedict, Isabel Rourke, Laurie Connors, Sheila Ransom, Marie Casey, Sarah Mitchell, Esther Burnham, Florence Cook, Francis Cree, Orlo Ransom, Clyde Cree, and Larry Pyke. 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 the Lord's name, and your name. Amen

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### In Gratitude – NIAWENKO:WA

**To the St. Kateri Circle** for their fundraising efforts with the memorial bulbs to benefit the Church. The amount collected is: \$862.85 CDN and \$592.30 US.  
**To all parishioners** for the memorial donations to the Fallen Leaves during November. The amount collected is: \$1,201.00 CDN and \$814.00 US.  
**To all parishioners** for your donation to the Catholic Charities, namely the Black and Indian Mission. The amount collected is: \$119.40 CDN and \$208.88 US.

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**Eucharist Ministers for Pastoral Care for the Sick** will be installed on Sun., Dec. 11/16 during the 10:00 am Holy Mass. God's blessings to each on their ministry.

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**Tree Lighting Ceremony** on Sat., Dec, 10<sup>th</sup>, outside the Church, at the 4:00 pm Anticipated Mass. The tree was donated by Snye Recreation. Parishioners are invited to display a memorial ornament in honor of their loved ones. The tree will remain until the end of the Christmas season, at which time the ornaments can be removed.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Next Baptism Seminar: Tues., December 13 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 forms are still being accepted for all groups: Confirmation, First Communion and Adult Formation. Please register and attend classes.

**Confirmation** classes for December: 7 and 14 – 6 pm at St. Kateri Center. Dec. 21 will be in Church at 5:30 pm.

**First Communion:** classes for December: 1, 8 and 15 – 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center. AMS school next class is Tuesday, December 6, 13 and 20, immediately following school hours at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (for students attending AMS school).

**Altar Servers training** - first training session is Sat., Dec. 10/16, at 10 am in the Church.

**Funeral Mass Preparation Workshop** – if you are interested in learning how to prepare for a funeral mass, and would have the time to visit with the family, please contact the rectory office to sign up, or contact Father Jerome.

### Parish Ministry Meetings

@ St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Parish Council	(to be announced)
Finance Council	Dec. 19 – 4:30 pm
Maintenance Committee	Dec. 19 – 4:30 pm
Liturgy & Faith Ministry	Dec. 5 – 5:30 pm
Choir/Music Ministry	Dec. 10 – 9:30 am
Altar & Rosary Society	Dec. 4 – 12:30 pm

### Collections for November 27, 2016

\$504.45 US      \$430.56 CDN