

**HOLY MASS**

**Sunday, December 6, 2015**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

READINGS: Baruch 5.1-9 Psalm: 126  
Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11 Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

Offered for: **Saturday, December 5 - 4:00 pm**  
Catherine Cook – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
From the funeral collection

Offered for: **Sunday, December 6 – 10:00 am**  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
Alberta Linda Jacobs – 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Requested by Charlie and the boys

Offered for: **Tuesday, December 8**  
No Mass

Offered for: **Wednesday, December 9 – 12:10 pm**  
Mike Smoke – Memorial Mass  
From the funeral collection

Offered for: **Thursday, December 10 – 9:30 am**  
Mass at Tsiionkwanonhso:te  
Ruth Cook – 1<sup>st</sup> Memorial Birthday  
From the funeral collection

Offered for: **Friday, December 11 – 12:10 pm**  
Angus Adams – Memorial Mass  
From the funeral collection

Offered for: **Saturday, December 12 - 4:00 pm**  
Kirk Ransom – Memorial Mass  
Requested by Debbie Thomas

Offered for: **Sunday, December 13 – 10:00 am**  
Simon King Sr. – Memorial Birthday  
Requested by the Family

**Baptism Seminar:** the next scheduled seminar will be Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center.

A pre-registration form is required to be completed by the parent(s), and provide a copy of the child's Birth Certificate. The seminar must be attended by the parent(s) and God-parent(s). Family members are welcome to attend, especially Totas/Grandparents.

**Collections for weekend of Nov. 29, 2015**  
\$681.22 US \$477.92 CDN

**Fallen Leaves Collection**  
\$877.40 US \$1,793.60 CDN

**Parish Ministries Meetings**

**All meetings are held at Saint Kateri Center**

- Parish Council (to be announced)
- Finance Council Dec. 9 – 4:30 pm
- Liturgy Ministry (to be announced)
- Music/Choir Ministry Dec. 12 – 9:30 am
- Altar & Rosary Society Dec. 6– 1:00 pm
- Maintenance Ministry Dec. 9 – 4:30 pm
- Knights of Columbus Dec. 17 – 7:00 pm

**HOLY YEAR OF MERCY:**  
**DECEMBER 8, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20, 2016**  
"It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of Forgiveness and Reconciliation." Pope Francis)

**CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**

- To Feed the Hungry
- To Give Drink to the Thirsty
- To Clothe the Naked
- To Shelter the Homeless
- To Care for the Sick
- To Visit the Imprisoned
- To Bury the Dead

**SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY**

- To Convert Sinners
- To Instruct the Ignorant
- To Advise the Doubtful
- To Comfort the Sorrowful
- To Bear Wrongs Patiently
- To Forgive Injuries
- To Pray for the Living and Dead

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A TIME TO HEAL, TO HELP, TO FORGIVE!

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

Pope Francis has called the universal Church to celebrate a Jubilee Year of Mercy. This celebration will begin on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015 with the opening of the Doors of Mercy and will end on November 20, 2016. This is a year in which we are called to "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."(Lk 6:36). In order to be merciful, we must first open our hearts to a personal encounter with the God of Mercy in Jesus Christ. Only if we ourselves experience the great mercy of the Father will we be able to be merciful like the Father. When we make a good confession of our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, being genuinely sorry for them, resolving to try not to commit them again, and doing an act of penance for them, we will truly experience God's Mercy.

We share that Mercy with others by the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. In that way, we may all come to enjoy the love of God, whose heart is always on the side of the miserable, the sinners, the poor, and the suffering.



**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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

PROPHETS OF OLD like Isaiah and John the Baptist remain meaningful and powerful voices for our time. Together with Jesus, they stood up and cried out in all possible ways to challenge any type of oppression or injustice as well as the unfaithfulness of their people. Yet they were also exceptional agents of change, tireless preachers of conversion and bearers of good news. Who would deny that there are paths that need to be made straight and ways to be made smooth everywhere in today's world? Humankind is dying for hope and reconciliation, which seem so elusive, while political powers and leaders fall short of solutions to straighten what goes wrong on this planet and between nations. We badly need the courage, hope and sense of justice displayed by the prophets. They keep telling us about the ways of the Lord, ways that lead humankind towards peace and lasting joy. May we all open up our hearts to the voices of these prophets, so that we straighten our own ways and become true agents of change in the world. May we too become genuine voices evermore dedicated to the good news brought about by Jesus, voices grounded in love, compassion, justice and joy.

*Jean-Pierre Prevost, Cheneville, QC*

**DECEMBER 8 SOLEMNITY OF THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PATRONAL FEAST OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX officially declared the Immaculate Conception a dogma of the Church. As the Holy Father wrote in the Apostolic Constitution "Ineffabilis Deus", "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful."

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee! Let us pray fervently,

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Pray especially for all who suffer today, those in hospitals and nursing homes, those undergoing dialysis and cancer treatments. Pray for Father Belgarde, S.J., Allan Gorrow, John Bigtree, Laurie Connors, Sandra Terrance, Leo Delormier, Sheila Ransom, Debbie Bero, Marjorie Thompson, Eddie Terrance, Francis Cree, Clyde Cree, and Andrew Thompson.

Pray for our parishioners and relatives who have died, especially Antoine Delormier, Joseph Jacobs and Andrew Mitchell; that they may enjoy eternal rest in Heaven. Amen.

**Confirmation class:** next class is Dec. 9 beginning at 6:00 pm. **First Communion class:** next class is Dec. 10 – both at St. Kateri Center. Registration of adults is also being accepted and classes/seminars will begin shortly.

**Children's Liturgy** – All children are encouraged to participate during the Sunday Mass.

**Food Bank** – Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity of food and baby items. It is still much needed especially during the Christmas season. God bless each and everyone.

**2015-2016 Sunday Missals** are now available to purchase for a donation of \$5.00. They are available at the entrance of the Church, at the rectory and at St. Kateri Center.

**Message from the Parish**

Our church here at St. Regis will be celebrating the nine days novena beginning on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Families are invited to participate in these very important daily celebrations by sponsoring a mass in honour of their loved one. The Liturgy of the Word, and the offertory is a way to be closely involved by family members. A sign up sheet reflecting each day of the Novena is available for families to participate.