

HOLY MASS

Sunday, December 11, 2016

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

READINGS: Genesis 3.9-15, 20 Psalm: 98
Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12 Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

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
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

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

Tuesday, December 13 – 6:00 pm

Offered for: William M. Herne – 50th Anniversary,
and his wife Charlotte Herne
Requested by the Herne Grandchildren

Wednesday, December 14 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Marie Mitchell Smith – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Thursday, December 15 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Reginald Mitchell – Memorial Mass
Requested by Toni & Vernie Herne

Friday, December 16 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Bertha Lazore – 8th Anniversary
Requested Elaine Lazore and Family

Saturday, December 17 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Daniel Tarbell – 29th Anniversary
Requested by Elizabeth and Norman Tarbell
Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan
Lectors: Liz Sunday and Harold Caldwell

Sunday, December 18 – 10:00 am

Offered for: Margaret Lafrance and Louise Bush –
20th Anniversary Requested by the Family.
Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylee and Kenia
Lectors: Brian Thomas and Irving Papineau

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.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Dec. 8

A feast dedicated to Mary's conception first appeared in the 7th century and by the 12th century it was firmly established in England. In the 13th century, great thinkers such as St. Bernard and St. Thomas Aquinas debated whether Mary could have been born without original sin if, as St. Paul says, all persons are born in sin (Romans 5.12). By the 19th century, the theological debated was resolved and in 1854 Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith. In 1846, the Catholic Church of the United States declared this to be it patronal feast.

Prayer to Our Lady Immaculate

Most holy Virgin, who was pleasing to the Lord and became His Mother, immaculate in body and spirit, in faith and in love, look kindly on the wretched who implore thy powerful patronage. The wicked serpent, against whom was hurled the first curse, continues fiercely to attack and ensnare the unhappy children of Eve. Do thou, then, O Blessed Mother, our queen and advocate, who from the first instant of thy conception didst crush the head of the enemy, receive the prayers which, united with thee in our single heart, we implore thee to present at the throne of God, that we may never fall into the snares which are laid out for us, and may all arrive at the port of salvation; and, in so many dangers, may the Church and Christian society sing once again the hymn of deliverance and of victory and of peace. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Feast Day Dec. 12

Today's memorial commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. Our Lady appeared four times, twice to aboriginal convert Juan Diego, with whom she left orders to build a church and an imprint of her image on a cloak. This cloak, an object of great veneration, is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the major pilgrimage centers of North America. Devotion to our Lady under this title has grown over the centuries and in 1946 Pius XII named her a patron of the Americas.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Mystical Rose,
make intercession for holy Church,
protect the sovereign Pontiff,
help all those who invoke you in their necessities,
and since you are the ever Virgin Mary
and Mother of the true God,
obtain for us from your most holy Son
the grace of keeping our faith,
of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life
of burning charity, and the precious gift
of final perseverance. 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.

December 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

“TIS THE SEASON for runaway anticipation. Expending seemingly unlimited time and energy on preparing for the big day, it's easy to lose sight of what Christmas is all about. Then, when it's come and gone, we are left to wonder what all the bustling, buying and baking were for. What a letdown! That empty, disquieting feeling must have plagued John the Baptist as he languished in Herod's prison awaiting his execution. The Baptist sent word by the disciples to Jesus, asking him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” John the Baptist had been sent to prepare the way for Jesus, the Saviour. John anticipated the coming of a messiah and he was confident that Jesus was that messiah. So, why the lingering doubts? Jesus didn't really fit with John's preconceived notion of a messiah who would come breathing fire and brimstone and take the unsuspecting and unrepentant world by storm. Jesus sent a return message: “The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.” Certainly not fire and brimstone – rather a genuine Christmas story of love and salvation. It's time that we too shifted our focus from unrealistic expectation to embrace the promise of Jesus as the true meaning of Christmas.
Frank Campbell, Enfield, NS.

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

In Gratitude – NIAWENKO:WA

To Mary Francis and her family for the generous donations to the Food Pantry.

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.

Christmas Triduum Masse

‘Triduum’ (Three) Masses for the special intentions over the Christmas holidays will be offered. We all know that Christmas can be, at one and the same time, so lovely, and so difficult, and prayer can help us cope with the difficult moments, and celebrate the lovely times. Everyone is welcomed to join and pray as we prepare for the coming of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ. Please bring a non-perishable food item for out Food Pantry, to help those in need. Thank you.

Wed., Dec. 21, at 5:30 pm – sponsor: Confirmation Students and family.

Thurs., Dec. 22, at 5:30 pm.

Fri., Dec.23 at 5.30 pm.

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. The deadline to register is Dec. 31/16.

Confirmation: next class at St. Kateri Center is Dec. 14 at 6 pm. On Dec. 21, your class will be in Church at 5:30 pm.

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

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	Dec. 28 – 5:00 pm
Finance Council	Dec. 19 – 4:30 pm
Maintenance Committee	Dec. 19 – 4:30 pm
Liturgy & Faith Ministry	Jan. 2 – 5:30 pm
Choir/Music Ministry	Jan. 14 – 9:30 am
Altar & Rosary Society	Jan. 8 – 12:30 pm

Collections for December 4, 2016

\$551.98 US \$352.40 CDN