

HOLY MASS

Sunday, December 13, 2015
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS: Zephaniah 3.14-18a Psalm: 12
Philippians 4,4-7 Gospel: Luke 3.10-18

Saturday, December 12 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Kirk Ransom – Memorial Mass
Requested by Debbie Thomas

Sunday, December 13 – 10:00 am
3rd Sunday of Advent

Offered for: Simon King Sr. – Memorial Birthday
Requested by the Family

Tuesday, December 15 – 6:00 pm

Offered for: Eva Seymour – Memorial Mass
Requested by Jean McDonnell & Nurses

Wednesday, December 16 – 10:00 am
Mass at Iakhihsohtha Lodge

Offered for: Bertha Lazore – 7th Anniversary
Requested by the Family

Wed., Dec. 16 – 5:00 pm in the Church;
Day 1 – Christmas Novena

Offered for: Henry Arquette – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Thursday, December 17 – 5:00 pm
Day 2 – Christmas Novena

Offered for: Richard Herne – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Friday, December 18 – 5:00 pm
Day 3 – Christmas Novena

Offered for: Mike George – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Saturday, December 19 - 4:00 pm
Day 4 – Christmas Novena

Offered for: Daniel Tarbell – Memorial Mass
Requested by his parents, Norman and
Elizabeth Tarbell

Sunday, December 20 – 10:00 am
Day 5 – Christmas Novena

Offered for: Elizabeth Lazore – 20th Anniversary,
Louis & Anna Lazore, Tom & Katie Swamp
Requested by Eddie Lazore

Our Lady of Guadalupe – 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 centres 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

Beautiful Lady of Guadalupe, you appeared to a people oppressed. From these people you chose Juan Diego, a suffering servant. As roses blossomed in rocky soil, out of season, out of place, so did hearts frozen in hatred melt, and so did radiant faith take root.

Virgin Mother of our God, soften our hearts and fill them now. Call us out of our narrowness. Challenge us in our shallowness. Patroness of the unborn, help families to welcome new children. End all abortion and violence. Bring all people into your Son's embrace.

Dear Lady of Guadalupe, as you showed your motherly love to the Aztec Indians, show your love today to the Mohawk Indians especially the sick : John Bigtree, Allan Gorrow, Sheila Ransom, Laurie Connors, Hope King, Sandra Terrance, Eddie Terrance, Leo Delormier, Wayne MacDonald, Marjorie Thompson, Clyde Cree, Francis Cree, Larry Pyke, and Beatrice Cole. Console all who are lonely, depressed, addicted, and sorrowful. AMEN.

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Nine Days Novena

A Christmas novena is usually prayed, starting nine days before Christmas. The following novena was composed by an Italian priest, Rev. Charles Vachetta, C.M., in 1721. Most of the material comes from the Old Testament prophecies and the Psalms referring to the promised Redeemer.

The novena consists of Opening Responsory Prayers, Psalm (Let the Heavens Be Glad), Scripture Reading, Magnificat with Daily Antiphon and Closing Prayer.

Our church here at St. Regis will be celebrating the nine days novena beginning on Dec. 16th in the Church. Families and Confirmation and First Communion students are invited to participate in these very important daily celebrations. The Liturgy of the Word, and the offer of non-perishable food items is a way to be closely involved by family members.



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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy – Dec. 13, 2015 – Third Sunday of Advent

Pope Francis chose to inaugurate the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* last Tuesday because December 8 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of Vatican II. That council, Pope Francis reminds us, inaugurated a new phase in the Church’s history. The Spirit called the Church to tear down the walls that for far too long had made it a fortress, and to proclaim the gospel in a new, more accessible way. Pope Francis quotes Saint John XXIII in declaring the Church’s preference for “the medicine of mercy,” and Blessed Paul VI in proposing the Good Samaritan as our model for discipleship (*Misericordiae Vultus, 4*). Pope Francis adds that God’s mercy is “the beating heart of the Gospel,” and that mercy “must penetrate the heart and mind” of every disciple (*MV, 12*). Three times today’s Gospel asks, “What should I do?” Pope Francis would say: Imitate Jesus, who came not wielding the fiery judgment that John the Baptist had threatened, but instead imparting healing, compassion, forgiveness – mercy! *Peter Scagnelli, Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co., Inc., Papal quotes Copyright 2015. Libreria Editrice Vaticana.*

May God grant eternal rest to Andrew Mitchell, and Helen Tsiherionka Jock and consolation to their loved ones. Amen.

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Dear Heavenly Father, during this season of Advent, we pray that all Christians may experience your infinite mercy. Thank you for never growing weary of forgiving us.

Father, we also lift up every family. May each family, especially those who suffer, find real hope in the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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.

Christmas Offering envelopes for Christmas 2015 are now available for your donation.

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

Collections for weekend of Dec. 6, 2015
\$586.36 US \$358.75 CDN

Parish Ministries Meetings

All meetings are held at Saint Kateri Center

- Parish Council (to be announced)
- Finance Council (to be announced)
- Liturgy Ministry (to be announced)
- Music/Choir Ministry Dec. 12 – 9:30 am
- Altar & Rosary Society Jan 3 – 1:00 pm
- Maintenance Ministry (to be announced)
- Knights of Columbus Dec. 17 – 7:00 pm

Confirmation class: next class is Dec. 16 beginning at 6:00 pm. **First Communion class:** next class is Dec. 17 – both at St. Kateri Center. Beginning Dec. 18th, candidates from both classes should attend the Christmas Novena masses which begins Dec. 16th at 5 pm in the Church.

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

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.