

**HOLY MASS**

**Third Sunday of Advent December 15<sup>th</sup> 2013**  
JESUS BEGAN TO SPEAK TO THE CROWDS.  
**READINGS:** Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10 James 5.7-10  
**Psalm 146 Gospel:** Matthew 11.2-11

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm**  
**Offered For:** Jackie Konkoski Francis  
 Requested by the grandchildren

**Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00am**  
**Offered For:** Lawrence and Carmen Francis  
 Requested by the children

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm**  
**Offered For:** Randall Jacobs 2nd Anniversary  
 Requested by Rosalie and daughters

**Wednesday, lakhihsote December 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am**  
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**Offered For:** Sarah Mitchell  
 By the family

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> -12:10pm**  
**Offered For:** 1<sup>st</sup> memorial birthday Noel Morahan  
 Requested by S.Francis

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - 12:10pm**  
**Offered For:** Joseph, Carl, Cody Sunday & Louie Lafrance  
 Requested by Betty Sunday

**Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup> – 4pm**  
**Offered For:** Arthur David Cook memorial birthday  
 Requested by the family

**Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> -- 10:00am**  
**Offered for:** Elizabeth "Betty" Papineau 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary  
 Requested by the family

**NOTE** - For all Altar Servers or Readers please find your own replacements if you're unable to attend your scheduled Mass.

**\* Note \* the deadline for all ministries to submit announcements are on Fridays for the next week's bulletin.**

**BAPTISM SEMINAR.** You MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED. Please call or visit the Pastor's Residence to obtain an application. Please do not wait to bring your application in on your scheduled seminar date. To insure your registration, please submit completed application form and birth certificate of person to be baptized one month before the scheduled seminar. Thank you for your cooperation.

**PARISH MEETINGS**

<b>Finance Council</b>	January 4 <sup>th</sup> – 9:00am The Pastor's Residence
<b>Parish Council</b>	December 29 <sup>th</sup> 1pm.
<b>St. Regis Mission Kateri Circle</b>	First Monday Every Month At Kateri Hall at 6:30 pm
<b>Akwasne Kateri Prayer Circle</b>	First Friday every month. 5:00 pm Meeting (Potluck)
<b>Faith Formation Ministry</b>	will be announced
<b>Communications Ministry</b>	January 8, 2014
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	Will be announced
<b>Liturgical Ministry</b>	Will be announced
<b>Family Life Ministry</b>	will be announced
<b>LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: \$874.60 CA \$707.05 US</b>	
No fundraisers for the church will be honored without the approval of the Finance Council. All fundraising events must include official logo of the Saint Regis Mission Church and clearly indicated on all correspondence (tickets, newspaper ads, etc...)	

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**HONORING YOUR LOVED ONE**

Our memorial candles burn 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as a constant prayer vigil for your loved one. Therefore, you are invited to light a Memorial Candle to honor loved ones who are deceased. Also for the sick, troubled families or persons, for healing and recognition, new births, birthdays or achievements. Please stop in at the Pastor's residence to reserve one of these memorial candles.

**Candle offerings:** 1 day votive - \$1.00  
 3 day candle \$5.00  
 5 day candle \$8.00  
 7 day candle \$10.00

**Healing Offering Sanctuary Candle**  
 Ted Mitchell by Mitch and Liz Sunday

**Sanctuary Candle in Memoriam**  
 In memory of Art Bova by daughter Lori Bova.  
 In memory of David Tarbell by Steven Tarbell  
 In memory of Noel Morahan by S Francis

To all the Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Readers and Volunteers, your valued contribution is much appreciated.  
 A Big thank you to all our Volunteer Church Cleaners.  
 Team #5 Millie Cook's Team  
 Next week: Team #6 Lisa Tarbell's Team  
**More teams are welcome and appreciated!**

**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 re ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ni on 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.

**THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION**

**JESUS BEGAN TO SPEAK TO THE CROWDS.** Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall" ponders the reality of barriers and borders. History is full of barriers: The Great Wall of China; the wall in Israel; and the Iron Curtain of Europe, now broken down. I write this reflection from El Paso, Texas, where a metal wall separates its citizens from the neighboring city of Juarez, Mexico. We are really one community, split in two by a barrier that is both physical and psychological. The Gospel addresses barriers in a subtle way. Behind prison walls, John the Baptist searches for the living Christ. Physically, he is walled in a confined place, but his heart is free. The Baptist is free because his questions make him so. No question can be chained. The Prophet sends his disciples to Jesus with the question: "Are you the one?" Jesus' answer points to those who are free from the physical barriers of blindness, disease and death itself. Jesus, the Good News incarnate, is the source of all freedom. Robert Frost writes: "Before I built a wall I'd ask to know/What I was walling in or walling out". During this time of Advent, let us become more conscious of the false barriers enclosing our minds and hearts and keeping us from being truly free. The Eucharist is a reminder that all are invited to the table, where there are no walls or borders. *Rev. Robert Dueweke*

**PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK & ELDERLY**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**GAUDETE SUNDAY REJOICE!**

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!" (Phil. 4:4-5)  
 "Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come and He will save us." (Isaiah 35:4)  
 Once more we await the Lord's coming. Isaiah tells us that there will be a blossoming forth in what was once a desert wasteland and that sorrow will end, replaced by everlasting joy. The letter of James reminds us that we must be patient and vigilant in awaiting this Joy, like the farmer awaiting the rain. In the Gospel, Jesus commands, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the Gospel proclaimed to them".  
 It is faith that enables us to see Jesus now in our midst, being born in us anew in this Advent-Christmas season. It is a patient faith that trusts that He will bring healing to sorrowing souls. It is a courageous faith that will invite the lost sheep back to the fold. We do not wait for Joy to happen. We make Joy Happen this Advent.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ  
 Rest your weary ones.  
 Bless your dying ones.  
 Soothe your suffering ones.  
 Pity your afflicted ones.  
 Shield your joyous ones.  
 And all for your Loves's sake. Amen

We remember in prayers all who are suffering at this time, especially Carl Smoke, Manfred Ransom, Gordon Caldwell, Sandra Terrance, Wally Jacobs, Ted Mitchell, Theresa Mitchell, Cassidy Oakes, Josephine Peters, and Rita Arbour.

**FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

We pray that our beloved; Mary Grant, may now enjoy eternal rest in Heaven.  
 When there is a Funeral Mass for the day, the regular Noon Mass is moved to the following day together with the Mass Intention of the day.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**REMEMBER THE FOOD BANK**

**Our church is about Sharing and Caring for Others**  
 Please give what you can.

Community Breakfast K of C Sunday Dec.15 10:00am-2:00pm at the Kateri Hall. Pancakes, eggs, toast, sausage, bacon coffee and juice will be served adults \$6 children \$3. Please stop in after Mass.

**Christmas Novena**  
 Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December will be the first day of the Nine day Christmas Novena. There will be a Mass every evening at 5:30pm until the 24<sup>th</sup> of December Christmas Eve except Saturday and Sunday. Please come and join us to make your Christmas even more blessed and meaningful. It's not just about shopping for everyone, remember it doesn't cost anything to pray for your loved ones. This year we have families and the church organizations sponsoring the Masses.

<u>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm</u>	Caroline Peters Family
<u>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm</u>	Confirmation Class Irving Papineau
<u>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm</u>	Akwasne Healing Circle C. Ross
<u>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm</u>	K of C Norman Tarbell
<u>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm</u>	Finance Council
<u>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 4pm Mass</u>	Connie Thompson
<u>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am Mass</u>	Matthew Rourke
<u>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30pm</u>	Laura Morris and family
<u>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm</u>	Holy communion Class Joanne Reyome

**Children's Liturgy Program - Schedule**

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 - team #7 Mellissa Conners and helper  
 Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 – team #8 Becky Papineau

Children's Liturgy during Sunday Holy Mass is held in the Sacristy. All children are invited to participate. Thank you to all the teachers for your dedication. If you are interested in volunteering to teach, please call the Kateri Hall at 518-358-2931