

HOLY MASS

Sunday, December 20, 2015
4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS: Micah 5.2-5a Psalm: 80
Hebrews 10.5-10 Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

Offered for: **Saturday, December 19 - 4:00 pm**
Daniel Tarbell – Memorial Mass
Requested by his parents, Norman and Elizabeth Tarbell

Offered for: **Sunday, December 20 – 10:00 am**
4th Sunday of Advent
Elizabeth Lazore – 20th Anniversary,
Louis & Anna Lazore, Tom & Katie Swamp
Requested by Eddie Lazore

Offered for: **Monday, December 21 – 5:00 pm**
Day 6 – Christmas Novena
Antoine Delormier – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Offered for: **Tuesday, December 22 – 5:00 pm**
Day 7 – Christmas Novena
Elizabeth 'Betty' Papineau – Memorial Mass
Requested by the Family

Offered for: **Wednesday, December 23 – 5:00 pm**
Day 8 – Christmas Novena
Theodore 'Teddy' Mitchell – Memorial
Birthday
Requested by Dr. Danielle Dubuc & Staff.

Offered for: **Thursday, December 24 – 6:00 pm**
Day 9 – Christmas Novena Children's Mass
George Lafrance – Memorial Birthday
Requested by Cecelia Lafrance.

Offered for: **Thursday, December 24 – 12 midnight**
Anticipated Christmas Mass
Daniel McDonald – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Offered for: **Friday, December 25 10:00 am**
MERRY CHRISTMAS
Stanley Lazore – 40th Anniversary.
Requested by the children.

Offered for: **Saturday, December 26 - 4:00 pm**
Anna 'Kawennison' Thompson – 5th Anniv.,
and Ronnie Wood – Memorial Mass.
Requested by Inez Seymour.

Offered for: **Sunday, December 27 – 10:00 am**
Beatrice Francis – Memorial Mass
Requested by Nolan & Erin

A Year of Mercy

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What is Mercy?

We tend to define mercy as compassion or sympathy, but mercy has a much deeper meaning. It is more than just a feeling toward someone. Being merciful is entering into the misery of another. It is to feel the other's pain; it is to see through the other's eyes, to root yourself in the other's heart and thoughts. We can be merciful because God is Mercy.

"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he had made. (Psalm 144 (145) 8 and 9)

The more we understand how God himself has been merciful to us, the more we will become merciful.

There are many examples of God's mercy in the Old Testament: the conversion of the people of Nineveh, the experience of Noah's ark, Exodus, Job... and in the New Testament, Jesus continuously spreads His mercy to those around him. The early Christians followed his example. Entire generations have since walked in their steps and even today the Church's social doctrine encourages us to show mercy to our brothers and sisters of all races.

Why a Year of Mercy?

Because Pope Francis wants to mark the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. This Council was a turning point in the life the Church. The Council Fathers realized that it was necessary to speak to the world at that time of God in a more understandable way. The protective walls that stifled the Church were brought down. Dialogue with our Christian brothers was opened. Interfaith relationships were begun. The time had come to proclaim the Good News in a new way. The Church sought to be a visible sign of the Father's love in the world. The Church, once again, became conscious that she must lead men and women to the source of Mercy of which she is both the recipient and the giver.

Our contemporary world needs to hear that each and every person is loved by the Father despite any failings and that no sin, no matter how serious, will deprive one of that love. +

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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. 20, 2015 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

In proclaiming the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis proclaimed his desire that this Holy Year be "steeped in mercy," as we disciples "go out to every man and woman," bringing the "balm of mercy" to "believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!" (*Misericordia Vultus*, 5). In her visitation of Elizabeth, Mary beautifully presents just such an image. Despite the perils of her pregnancy, not to mention her preoccupations as a young unwed mother, Mary instantly, unselfishly, "goes out" of herself, hastening far and over dangerous terrain, to "bring the balm of God's tender mercy" in assistance rendered to her older relative. Since baptism and the Eucharist have made us, in a way, bearers of the living Christ within as Mary was, such selfless "going out" of ourselves to be of loving service to others in mercy should especially mark our Christmas season this Jubilee Year. *Peter Scagnelli, Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co., Inc., Papal quotes Copyright 2015. Libreria Editrice Vaticana.*

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.

During the Christmas season and in the coming of the New Year, please remember in your prayers, and share compassion to those who are homebound, in the hospital, live alone, and ill. Remember especially the sick: John Bigtree, Allan Gorrow, Sheila Ransom, Laurie Conners, Hope King, Sandra Terrance, Eddie Terrance, Leo Delormier, Wayne McDonald, Marjorie Thompson, Clyde Cree, Francis Cree, Larry Pyke and Beatrice Cole. Console all who are lonely, depressed, addicted, and sorrowful. Amen.

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

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.

Collections for weekend of Dec. 13, 2015
\$561.73 US \$415.75 CDN

Parish Ministries Meetings

On behalf of the administration and Father Jerome, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. May God show mercy and love to you and your family.

Confirmation class: next class is January 6, 2016 beginning at 6:00 pm. **First Communion class:** next class is January 7, 2016 – both at St. Kateri Center. All students are strongly recommended to participate in the ongoing Novena Masses in our Church.

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

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

Baptism Seminar: the next seminar will be publicized in the upcoming bulletin.

The Altar & Rosary Society members will be coordinating the Christmas decorating in the church on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, beginning at 10 am. Members are also invited to a Christmas dinner on Dec. 23rd, at 6 pm at Rocket Ronnie's. Please contact Bernice Lazore or Carole Ross. Volunteers are welcome to help with the decorating project.