

Sunday, December 25, 2016

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

READINGS: Isaiah 52.7-10 Psalm: 98
Hebrews 1.1-6 Gospel: John 1.1-18

Saturday, December 24 - 6:00 pm - Children's Mass

Offered for: George Lafrance – Memorial Mass
Requested by Cecelia Lafrance
Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan
Lectors: Children and Youth

Saturday, December 24 – 12 Midnight Mass

Offered for: Simon King Sr. – Memorial Mass
Requested by his daughter, Nicky King
Lectors: Norma Sunday and Norman Tarbell

Sunday, December 25 – 10:00 am

Offered for: Alberta Linda Jacobs – 7th Anniversary
Requested by husband, Charlie, and the boys
Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia
Lectors: Lisa Tarbell and Erin Cole

Tuesday, December 27 – 6:00 pm

Offered for: Julia Thomas – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Wednesday, December 28 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Anthony TJ Jackson – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Thursday, December 29 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Linda Tessier – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Friday, December 30 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: John Bigtree Jr. – Memorial Mass
Requested by Toni and Vernie Herne

Saturday, December 31 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Lawrence Terrance – 36th Anniversary, and
Phillip Terrance – 48th Anniversary
Requested by Sharon Thompson
AND O'Donald Oddie Laffin – 1st Anniversary
Requested by his mother, Debbie Cree, and his
brother Lawrence Jock and Family
Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Ryle and Kenia

Saturday, December 31 – 6:30 pm Tri-District Elders Lodge

Offered for: James Thompson – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection
Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan

Sunday, January 1 – 10:00 am

Offered for: John & Theresa Peters, Sarah Mitchell, Levi &
Joe Peters, Zachary Adams, Jeffrey Peters and Robert Mitchell
– Memorial Mass
Requested by the brothers & sisters
Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylee and Kenia

Prayer for Christmas Blessing

Lord Jesus,

Bless my family this Christmas.
May we celebrate traditions and customs with delight.
Fill us with gratitude as we give and receive
gifts from one another.
Make us mindful of those who have
little to share this Christmas,
And fill our hearts with generosity and compassion.
Bring us greater awareness of the sacred meaning of this
season as one celebrating your presence in and among us.

In your holy and blessed name, I pray. Amen

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Feast Day December 30.**

The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church" or the "church in miniature." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit. Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, going to confession frequently, and so forth, all done together as a family unit.

In addition to cultivating positive actions, the Church understands that various actions and behaviors are contrary to God's Divine plan for the family. These include abortion, contraception, embryonic stem-cell research, divorce, spousal abuse, child abuse, among other things. Catholic Teaching is that a marriage must be open to children. Anything artificial that prevents this is contrary to divine law, although spacing births for a just reason is permitted (and may be accomplished through "natural family planning"). Also, poverty, lack of health care, rights violations, government intrusion in the life of communities and families, and other justice concerns must be addressed by faithful Christians because of the negative effect these conditions have on the family unit. St. Paul gives us some advice on family life in Colossians 3:12-21:

NOTE: The Rectory Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays, Dec. 26 to Jan. 2/17. The office will re-open January 3, 2017. For emergency pastoral needs, please call the Rectory office at 613-575-2753 and leave a message.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please welcome our newest Church community member, *Braydie Blue Thompson*, on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. Prayers and blessings to his family.

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 25 – NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY IS truly an amazing grace for all humankind. It's a day that has been eagerly awaited by generations of believers and entertained through the many and hopeful oracles of biblical prophets. Today, the promises of God are now fulfilled through the amazing birth of a child in the night of Bethlehem and in the chillness of a manger. First, Mary and Joseph are the only witnesses of such a marvel. But soon, the good news is proclaimed twice to humble shepherds "keeping watch over their flock by night," by "an Angel of the Lord," joined later by "a multitude of the heavenly host." This was only the beginning of the greatest good news ever proclaimed on earth. In Luke's narrative, it's not only the number of heavenly messengers that increases, but also that of the human recipients: "on earth peace among those whom [God] favours." Born in the city of David, this child is not only the Saviour and Messiah awaited by Israel: he is no less, as the Letter to Titus puts it, "the grace of God... bringing salvation to all." Let us rejoice then – both as people who believe in this Saviour and Messiah, and together with all nations on earth whom God favours.

Jean Pierre Prevost, Cheneville, OC.

Rememberance of our sick and departed.

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: Edward Terrance, April Benedict, Isabel Rourke, Laurie Connors, Sheila Ransom, Marie Casey, Sarah Mitchell, Esther Burnham, Florence Cook, Francis Cree, Orlo Ransom, Clyde Cree, Bill Sears 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, **Amen**

Please remember in your prayers, our recent deceased community members, Alex Arquette and Mary Mae Thompson. And also the nephew of Sister Christine, Thomas Taylor. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, and pray for consolation to their families in time of sorrow. Amen.

In Gratitude – NIAWENKO:WA

To the Altar & Rosary Society for decorating the Church and donation of Christmas wreaths.

To the MCA Home Support Program for their donation to the Church Food Pantry.

To the Family of Robert and Delores Herne, in Loving Memory, and for the donation of Christmas flowers.

To Noah Ransom III for the donation of the Christmas Tree in the Church.

To all donations for the continued support and generosity of food to help those in need especially during this special season.

To Valene Gray and her staff for once again graciously volunteering to make and provide our Christmas bread this year. God bless you all.

Sacrament of Baptism: Next Baptism Seminar: Tues., January 10 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 is on Jan. 4 at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center.

First Communion: next class is Jan. 5 at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center. **AMS school** next class is Tuesday, Jan. 10, 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.

Sunday Missals – only a few copies remain for a small donation of \$5.00. Obtain your copy soon.

Parish Ministry Meetings

@ St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Parish Council	Dec. 28 – 5:00 pm
Liturgy & Faith Ministry	Jan. 9 – 5:30 pm
Choir/Music Ministry	Jan. 14 – 9:30 am
Altar & Rosary Society	Jan. 8 – 12:30 pm

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. May God Show mercy, love and hope to you and your family in this special season. Amen.

Collections for December 18, 2016
\$505.43 US \$372.26 CDN