

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish  
*Native American Mass  
of Thanksgiving*

NOVEMBER 2012



Christ the King Church  
Saturday  
November 10 4:00pm

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St. Cecilia Church  
Sunday  
November 11 8:30am

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St. Margaret Mary Church  
Sunday  
November 11 11:00am



## PROCESSION

### Opening Song

**Rawenniio Wahrenron**.....Akwasasne Mohawk Choir

### Purification Rite\*\*

Smudging of Altar, Priest, Congregation

***Peace is Flowing Like a River***

*St Kateri Music Ministry*



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading.....1 Kings 17:10-16

Responsorial Psalm.....Psalm 146

*St Kateri Music Ministry*

Second Reading.....Hebrews 9:24-28

***Aleriia, Aleriia, Aleriia, Aleriia***

*Akwasasne Mohawk Choir*

Gospel..... Mark Chp. 12

Homily.....Deacon Ron Boyer

Profession of Faith.....All

Prayer of the Faithful.....Lector

**Lord Hear Our Prayer**

Veterans Blessing.....Celebrant

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Hymn

***In Her Footsteps***.....Akwasasne Mohawk Choir

## COMMUNION RITE

**Lord's Prayer** spoken.....All

**Lord's Prayer** sung.....Akwasasne Mohawk Choir

### Communion Song

**Song of the Body of Christ**.....St Kateri Music Ministry

**Rawenniio, Rawenniio** —O Great Spirit

**O Sewenniio** — Canonization Prayer

*Akwasasne Mohawk Choir*

## CONCLUDING RITE

Town of Irondequoit Proclamation

Canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha

Peter Kelderhouse, Irondequoit Town Council

### Closing Hymn

**Tewanaton ne Kateri**.....Akwasasne Mohawk Choir

## RECESSIONAL




### **\*\*The Purification Rite**

*The Sacred Plant Blessing is a purification rite received by the congregation through the smoke of the sacred plants which are sweet grass, cedar, sage and tobacco. This smoke is fanned by eagle feathers which carries our prayers to the Creator. (Receive the blessing in this manner. Palms up, draw the purifying smoke toward you)*

### **Prayer**

*Creator God, May the smoke of the sacred plants rise up to you, May it spread through the universe and be a sign of our faithfulness. Bless all of us, let the smoke of the sacred plants make us clean and make us worthy to walk in your presence. We ask you Lord, to hear us as we pray.*

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*Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish family extends our sincere gratitude to our guests from St. Regis Circle for coming to celebrate Mass to honor newly sainted Kateri Tekakwitha. Our Native American friends have traveled a long road in time and distance to be with us today. The drive from Quebec, Canada and Hogsburg, NY took 5 hours, but their journey of faith took over 400 years. During those years, the story of Kateri's life and faith in the Lord was told from generation to generation. Today, they and we have been rewarded with the canonization of the first Native American saint, dearly beloved Kateri.*

*We thank God especially for bringing our nations together during this Thanksgiving Season. Our prayer is that the new friendships started at the Tekekwitha Conference in Albany this past summer will deepen and continue to grow in the peace and love inspired by Saint Kateri.*

**GUESTS FROM ST. REGIS CIRCLE**

**Deacon Ron Boyer**

*St. Francis Xavier Church, Kahnawake, Quebec  
(Tomb of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha)*

*Canadian Vice Postulator for the St. Kateri Cause*

**Akwesasne Mohawk Singers**

**Bernice Lazore** — Coordinator

**Carol Ross**

**Salli Ann Adams**

**Mildred White**

**Alma Ransom**

*Spokes-person*

*Thanks to all procession participants, staff, musicians and everyone who worked so tirelessly making this occasion the special joyful event it could only be.*

**Special Thanks**

*Paul Cuff — Videographer for recording all three Native American Masses of Thanksgiving.*