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THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Christ the King

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“Are you a King” – Pilate’s question resounds aloud as we celebrate this weekend, the Feast of Christ the King. In the presence of Pilate, Jesus looks anything but a king. He is chained, flogged, and crowned with thorns. They bow to him in mockery calling Him, ‘the king of the Jews’, without their knowing, in a typical Johannine irony, they speak eternal truth. Is Jesus really the king of our life? Our fidelity and allegiance to Him will answer the question for us.

In the Lord’s prayer, we pray to God, “Thy kingdom come”, asking Him to establish His reign over us. A kingdom is fully established only if the subjects obey the will of their king. God sent His Son to this world as our Lord and King. When we accept the Son’s Will and respect Him, then God’s reign starts in our lives. Jesus promises that the kingdom of God is among us, provided we are ready to do God’s Holy Will.

To become the subjects of God’s kingdom, we need to follow the commands of Jesus. There is basically one commandment that He wants us to follow – “love one another as God loves us”. This one commandment is the passport to God’s kingdom. To understand

the depth of this commandment, we need to look at our King and learn from Him.

In this world, Jesus’ throne was the cross – a punishment for capital offences and therefore a sign of shame. His life was an utter failure for those who seek authority, power and prestige. The cross and a failed life for Jesus is a perfect symbol of God’s love to humanity – “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

As an exhibition of this earthly power, the Roman governor for Judea, Pontius Pilate introduces a bruised and humiliated Jesus to the crowd saying, “Ecce Homo”, which means, ‘Here is the Man’ (human being). Again, we see the artistry of Johannine irony which brings out the beauty of the deepest of reality. In its most vulnerable situation ‘a man’ understands perfectly the true nature of humanness with all its limitations and such a man totally recognizes the value of God’s kingdom.

Unless we walk along with our Lord and try to live in the spirit of the Gospel – doing God’s Will in every walk of our lives – we are not yet in the kingdom of God. –

PARISH LITURGIES

— THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING—

Tuesday, November 26

8:30 am + Jack, Helen, Frank Thornton

Wednesday, November 27

8:30 am + Mike Sullivan

Thursday, November 28

8:30 am + Andrew Zuchkan Oliveira

Friday, November 29

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro
9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

— THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT —

Saturday, November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle

4:00 – 4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Mark Pogue, + Paddy Jesson, + Kathleen Thompson, + Ante Uvodic, Int. Ela & Maciej Falgar, + Tony O’Neill, + Souls in Purgatory, Int. Mary Charlene Gabriel

Sunday, December 01

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



BOOK OF LIFE

During the month of November, we invite you to record names of your deceased family members or friends in our **Book of Life**. All of these people are remembered in each day's Mass during the month of November.



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for the Intentions of the Thomas Family

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

We have two exciting upcoming events for our parish community! On Friday, December 6, 2024, our Social Committee will be hosting a **Candlelight Advent Service & Social** at 7:00 pm. This event will begin in the Church with a special candlelight service. To fully light the space by candles and lanterns, contributions of any sort of candles or lanterns from the community are encouraged. After the service, there will be refreshments in the parish centre along with a display of over 200 Nativity Scenes. If you'd like to contribute to the display, reach out to the Social Committee. There is no cost to this event. All are welcome to attend.

On Tuesday, December 31st, 2024, our Social Committee will be hosting a **New Year's Eve Games Night & Celebration** starting at 6:30 pm in the parish centre. It will be a fun, social, and perhaps a little competitive night with games for everyone. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer or treat to share. There will be a special New Year's toast at 9:00 pm, as the countdown will be rolled ahead for an early celebration. A variety of games and possibly a special GAME SHOW will be part of the evening! The cost of this event is free. All are welcome to attend!

We appreciate the support that our wonderful St. Dominic parishioners give to all social committee initiatives, and we look forward to sharing in the FUN and FELLOWSHIP as 2024 comes to an end.

*"The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace."*

ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL

To begin the Advent season, the Diocesan Choir is pleased to announce an Advent Hymn Festival at St. Joseph Parish (260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton) on **Sunday December 01 at 7:00 pm**. Registration is not required and there is no charge. All are welcome!

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all to "Keep Christ in Christmas" are available for purchase for \$20 from Brian O'Connor (416) 575-6431 occonnor.brian.boc@gmail.com or Conor Boyd (905) 469-4157 conmarboyd@gmail.com

CWL NEWS

Wishing you had been to our CWL Christmas Bazaar so you could pick up some Rheo Thompson Christmas chocolate suckers or mint smoothies or chocolate Santa stocking stuffers? Well it's not too late! For the next two weekends, November 23/24 and November 30/December 01, the CWL will be selling these Christmas chocolates in the Narthex. Don't miss the opportunity to pickup some stocking stuffers and help us continue supporting Charities like the Good Shepherd Centre, Shifra Homes, The DeMazenod Door, etc. Your support is greatly appreciated!

PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE

Msgr. Murray Kroetsch and Christina Mines will be hosting preparation sessions for Adult Faith Formation Leaders in anticipation of the Jubilee of Hope beginning on December 24, 2024. This is an important moment in the life of the Church! Four brief session will be offered around the Diocese of Hamilton throughout the month of November to equip pastoral leaders for adult programming initiatives throughout the Jubilee year. All are welcome to participate. For registration and more information contact: hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/09echoes-of-hope-a-retreat-day-for-catechists

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as married couples, priests, consecrated virgins, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

There is much written these days about the positive affects on people, emotionally, mentally and physically, when they learn to develop an attitude of gratitude. This is true for marriage as well. When we learn to see our spouses as those we have a high regard for, we look at our spouses with a different set of eyes. We place greater value in their attributes, those things they bring to the family and to us, and we learn to find moments every day of thankfulness for their gifts and presence in our lives. Life is about choices. Choose gratitude for your spouse (on purpose) and life will be so much happier for both of you. (From: Theresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office 905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

MOUNT MARY OPEN HOUSE

All are welcome to the Annual Come Home for Christmas Festival at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre on Sunday, December 1st, 2024 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. There will be activities for children including cookie decorating, face painting, and ornament making. We will also have refreshments and local vendors selling small items. There is no entry fee, however, we are accepting donations of unused socks, gloves, hats, scarves, and soap for the DeMazenod Door Outreach Centre. For more information please visit www.mountmary.ca We look forward to seeing you there!

“To him belongs glory and power forever and ever.”

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

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| Monday, November 25 | Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz |
| Tuesday, November 26 | Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel |
| Wednesday, November 27 | Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.) |
| Thursday, November 28 | Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C. |
| Friday, November 29 | Rev. Emmanuel Ralte, C.S.C. |
| Saturday, November 30 | Very Rev. David Walter |

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SAINT DOMINIC PARISH CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT 7:15pm Family Mass

Children in **GRADES 4 to high school** are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Family Mass as actors or readers!

With Christmas fast approaching we have limited time to prepare, so your child must attend the following rehearsals:

- Friday November 29th – 4:00 pm to 6:00pm (to assign parts)
- Friday December 6th – 4:00 to 5:30 pm
- Friday December 13th – 4:00 to 6:00 pm
- Friday December 20th – 4:00 to 6:00 pm
- Tuesday December 24th - 6:00 pm sharp we meet at the church hall to get prepared for the 7:15 pm Christmas Eve mass.

St. Dominic Parish Youth Ministry will provide a nut-free snack at these rehearsals and the children are asked to **bring a water bottle** to each rehearsal.

Please confirm your commitment online or contact Mrs. Colleen Gamble at: colleengamble123@gmail.com

SIGN UP ONLINE!



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Parish Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (*Closed from noon to 1:00 pm*).

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