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## THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING King of Glory

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This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. We acclaim Jesus as the King of the Universe. Our current world culture does not have a real idea of a king. Kings are figures of history and fairytale. Those countries who still have Kings/Queens, keep them as a part of their culture and heritage. The real authority is not vested in kings but in elected officials. With our democratic mindset, we may not be able to fully grasp the deeper concept of an image of kings, their power and demand of total obedience to their rule.

In any stretch of the imagination, Jesus will never fit into any of our concepts of a worldly king. When we think about Jesus as a king, the image that comes to our mind is of a half-naked person holding a reed in the hand, crowned with thorns and stained by blood all over his body. We see Jesus as the most humble and simple human person who ever lived on earth. Then why do we honour him with the title of king?

This week is the last week of our liturgical calendar. For a whole year we listened to Jesus in the Gospels. We journeyed with him from the very beginning of his life; we listened to his parables; we met him when he performed miracles; we prayed with him, stayed with him and knew him quite well. Now at the end of

the year, we realize that He is not just an ordinary person – He is Divine, the Son of the living God. Hence, we give him the greatest honour we could give to any person in the world – the honour of a king. And we vow our obedience to him. This confession of His Kingship is an outcome of our devotion and allegiance to him.

During his lifetime, Jesus never used the title of a king. One time he wholeheartedly accepted the respect bestowed on him by the people when he entered the city of Jerusalem on a donkey (Mt. 21: 1-11). On another occasion when Pilate asked Jesus “are you the King of Jews?”, Jesus agreed with him (Mt. 27: 11). But His Kingdom is of a different kind. In his Kingdom, all are equal. The powerless of this world have power there, the voiceless find their voice, the last will become first and servants become royals.

The banner of this kingdom is love (Song 2: 4), which is symbolized by a cross. Though He was in the form of God, He emptied himself and became a servant obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Because of this great act of self-emptying for the sake of fallen humanity, God restored all His power and glory (Phil 2: 6-11).

Christ the King leads us all to our Glory in Him and will raise us to his eternal kingdom. –

## PARISH LITURGIES

—SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING—

**Tuesday November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria**

8:30 am + Mancini Family

**Wednesday November 26 - St. John Berchmans**

8:30 am Int. Miles Gill

**Thursday November 27 - St. Fergus**

8:30 am + Antoinette Zuchkan

**Friday November 28 - St. Catherine Labouré**

8:30 am **No Morning Mass**  
9:00 – 10:00 am **No Adoration**

—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—

**Saturday November 29 - Bl. Dionysius of the Nativity**

4:00 Reconciliation

5:00 For:

+ Guido Bardaro, + Katherine Thompson, + John Schembri, + John Duggan, + Mary & Domenic Ciaccia, Int. Rafal & Celina Szeredko, Int. Rafal Kapusta, + Annie Burke, Int. Patryk Skicki, + William Hodder, + Giancomina Caputi, + Ante Uvodic

**Sunday November 30**

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



**BOOK OF LIFE**



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.

**SPIRIT OF HOPE COLLECTION**

As part of the Jubilee of Hope, the Church calls upon us to care for the poor and has designated the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday and week in Ordinary Time, "Week of the Poor." In response to this call, the Diocese of Hamilton has graciously forgiven the debts of many poor parishes, enabling them to continue their ministry with greater freedom and joy. Within our parish community, we have many people who need additional help for a decent living. We invite you to place your offering in an envelope marked, "Spirit of Hope Collection," so that we may bring a renewed spirit of hope to our brothers and sisters who are struggling. The "Spirit of Hope Collection" will be on the weekend of November 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**SAVE THE DATE – WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, ALTAR SERVER TRAINING AND PIZZA PARTY**

All youth altar servers – current and new – are requested to attend a Workshop and Pizza Party on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm in the Church. The session will include training and updates on procedures applicable to all Masses and will be followed with a Pizza Party. This is an excellent opportunity for recent First Communicants and /or Confirmandi to join this important ministry.

Youth who currently are not enrolled in this ministry – please complete a yellow registration form available from the Mass sacristan or in the Gathering Centre at the Rebecca Street entrance. Please submit a completed form prior to December 10<sup>th</sup> and leave it in the basket provided.

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



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week  
for Tania & Mario Desa Delgado*

**SAINT DOMINIC CHRISTMAS DAY NATIVITY PLAY**



Children in Grade 4 and up are invited to participate in our parish Christmas Family Mass as actors or readers! With Christmas fast-approaching we have limited time so your child must attend the following rehearsals if they wish to participate. **(High school helpers can get volunteer hours)**

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 to participating in the pageant by emailing Mrs. Colleen Gamble at 905-330-9537 or colleengamble123@gmail.com

Friday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Friday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Friday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Friday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Thursday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> we meet at the church meeting room to get prepared for the 11:00 am Christmas Day Mass	10:00 am sharp

**Thank you Claire & Colleen Gamble.**

**ST. DOMINIC PARISH  
–ADVENT EVENING OF LIGHT–  
MONDAY DECEMBER 08 AT 7:00 PM**

The St. Dominic CWL and Social Committee invite all friends and family to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Hour of Grace on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 pm, followed by a reception. All are welcome to attend.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MARIAN COUNCIL #3881, OAKVILLE

Presents

### ADVENT CHORALS

Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 2 – 6 pm

The Knights of Columbus – Marian Council #3881 invites you to enjoy uplifting performances by choirs from local Catholic parishes in Oakville as we come together in song and spirit.

Location: St. Joseph's Portuguese Parish, 2451 Old Bronte Rd., Oakville

### CWL NEWS

On behalf of the team of CWL Members and volunteers who worked tirelessly to organize our 2025 CWL Christmas Market, we thank YOU, our parishioners for your generosity in contributing to our sweet and savory table, for bidding at our silent auction, visiting our Vendor tables, purchasing poinsettias and supporting our first-ever Christmas photo booth. This was our most successful Christmas Market and will enable the CWL to continue providing bursaries to students at St. Thomas Aquinas HS, supporting Shifra Homes, The Good Shepherd Centre and other worthy charitable causes, as well as enabling us to organize other events and initiatives. We are blessed to have such a wonderful, generous and supportive parish community!

### A WALK WITH JESUS RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

The loss of a child is the most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on November 22nd (lunch is included). Register at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under upcoming events or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, November 24	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Tuesday, November 25	Rev. Jerek John Scherber, L.C.
Wednesday, November 26	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ, p.j.c.
Thursday, November 27	Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.
Friday, November 28	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
Saturday, November 29	Rev. Rijo Jose, C.M.I.

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## RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Three confessors will be available to celebrate this beautiful gift of forgiveness and spiritual healing with our parishioners. Please mark your calendars!

### OAKVILLE PRAYER BREAKFAST

Join us for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oakville Prayer Breakfast 2025 on Wednesday, December 03, 2025 at 6:30 am at the Oakville Conference Centre, 2515 Wyecroft Road, Oakville, L6L 6P8. Our guest speaker is Jeff Neven, CEO of Indwell. The cost is \$40.00. For more information, go to [oakvilleprayerbreakfast.com](http://oakvilleprayerbreakfast.com)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MARIAN COUNCIL 3881 CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE 2025



The Knights of Columbus Marian Council 3881 will be having a Christmas Dinner & Dance on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> at Saint Dominic Parish Centre. Doors open at 6:16 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$35. Chil-

dren 12 and under are \$15. There will be a 50/50 Draw, Cash Bar, Live Band and DJ. This event is catered by Big Bones BBQ. Festive attire is encouraged. To purchase your tickets, please use this QR code. For more information, please contact Rod at 905-691-4700.



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