

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And it is an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.



In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. "All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together." It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now, we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers, to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking Him. They tauntingly urge Him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end His suffering with a great show of power. "if you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness that the full breadth of His greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as His followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings.

ST. JULIA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



*Tuesday, December 10, 2019
12:30 pm
Johnny Rocco's
271 Merritt St, St. Catharines
Please contact
Karen Wright at 905-688-1724
to reserve your spot*

CONFIRMATION 2019

We congratulate our students encountering Christ in the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Bergie this weekend.

*Luz Aguilera Ballesteros
Peyton Appelman
Benjamin Bartley
Ava Eastland
Daniella Ferrelli
Yvonne Gentile
Matteo Iuni
John Kamendy*

*Ava Limoncelli
Benjamin Mazzolino
Tia Miele
Owen Millar
Gabriella Pingue
Austin Ragozins
Emmerson Schmahl
Braedy Turner*

PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

MON, NOV 25	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Louise Booker † RCIA
TUES, NOV 26	8:30 am School Day	Andras Nadj † St. Peter Classroom Visit
WED, NOV 27	8:30 am School Day 7:00 pm	Jean Miller † Advent Reconciliation with Denis Morris Brock University Holy Hour
THURS, NOV 28	8:30 am	No Mass
FRI, NOV 29	8:30 am	Marg Doodeman †
SAT, NOV 30	5:00 pm	George Adams †
SUN, DEC 1	9:00 am 11:00 am	Mary Darte † Mass for the People RCIA Rite of Acceptance

OFFERING FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Offertory:

197 Envelopes.....	\$4,477.00
Loose	415.25
Total Offertory.....	\$4,892.25

Special Collections:

Development and Peace.....	\$50.00
Total to Date.....	\$280.00

Deo Gratias.....	\$2,015.00
Total to Date.....	\$2,035.00

Cathedral Restoration.....	\$100.00
Total to Date.....	\$26,031.50

*Thank you for your continued
generosity and support of our Parish*

DID YOU KNOW.....

...that the Feast of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925? The 1920's saw a rise in secularism, in which people increasingly lived their lives as if God did not exist. Dictatorships flourished and many people were taken in by these earthly leaders. Many Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt the authority and existence of Christ and to question the power of the Church to continue Christ's authority. Pope Pius XI felt that a feast celebrating the kingship of Christ over all humanity would be especially appropriate at this time when respect for Christ and for the Church was declining rapidly. Let us continue to pray for the Church, the mystical body of Christ, who truly is our Lord and King!

CATHEDRAL APPEAL UPDATE

Did you know that the main window of our Cathedral reflects the gospel account of the crucifixion? Mary, the Mother of our Lord, stands at the left of the cross in a prayerful position, while at the foot of the cross kneels Mary of Magdala. Never been to our Cathedral? Consider joining us for our Diocesan Anniversary Celebration on Monday, November 25 at 5:30 p.m. to see this and the wonderful progress that has been made in our Cathedral restoration project. Visit us on the web at www.saintcd.com/appeal and consider making a donation today as we, a diocesan family, work towards achieving our goal of \$1.2 million.

Congratulations

We welcome the following children into our Catholic family through the Sacrament of Baptism

Dierdre Irine Gallagher-Zawadzki
Christian John Cappellazzo Redfearn
Marina Rose Saric
Isabella Badillo-Cavasin
Theodore Mason Cavasin

We also congratulate Doug & Ruth McLean who celebrated their 65th anniversary and Charles & Maria McGann who celebrated their 60th anniversary this past year. Both couples will be attending the Diocesan Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Bergie this week.

We wish them God's blessings.

ST. ALFRED 'S ST. ALFREDO PASTA DINNER

returns on Wednesday Nov. 27th, 2019 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Enjoy penne pasta, meatballs, salad and roll for \$11 adults, \$7 kids 10 and under. Eat in or take-out. Tickets at the door. Why cook? NOTE: Next Pasta Dinner Jan. 22nd!!

ST. JULIA FACEBOOK PAGE

Visit our newly launched Facebook page! Sign into your Facebook page and search St. Julia Roman Catholic Church; "like" this page and you will see posts and receive notifications about our church community including Mass readings and upcoming events.



ONGOING FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS

We welcome you to join our RCIA session this week for *"Places in a Catholic Church"* at 7:00 pm, Monday, November 25th in our Parish Hall.



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

Once again we will be collecting for St. Mary Church for the Christmas Food drive. Collections will be on December 1, 8 & 15. We appreciate your generosity in helping our friends.



CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

December 7 and 8 (after all Masses)
Donations are greatly appreciated



- ◆ Please bring wrapped baked goods downstairs before Mass
- ◆ Donations for raffle prizes are also welcomed; please leave at the office the week of December 2—6

ALTAR SERVER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

All new and current altar servers are invited to attend an altar server refresher to tune-up our altar serving on **Saturday, December 14th, 2019 @ 10:30 am** in the Church followed by a pizza Christmas Lunch in our Parish Hall to thank you for your service to our parish.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING

Ministry sign up sheets for Christmas and New Years Masses will be available in the vestry starting next weekend. Please stop by and add your name to the list. Thank you for your dedication to these important ministries.

Liturgical Ministries

Nov 30 - Dec 2, 2019

	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Crowley G. Pawlowski P. Paone	L. Gilmore M. Hancock L. Kwarta	S. Pyper M. Dugo F. Mascia
Readers	N. Johnson K. Timmins	N. Carbonara B. Hancock	A.M. Stockwell D. Smolders

Counters: T. Marciniac, B. Marciniac, M. Tacinelli (Dec. 2)