

## SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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### Christ the King

When celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, it should not be our version of a playground brag – “Oh yeah? Well, my Jesus is King of the Universe!” Today’s Gospel reminds us that there is no such structure in this world for anyone to reign over.

Much of sacred scripture was written during persecution, so we could expect occasional claims that Jesus ruled over the persecutors. But political power is also not the point. Somehow in the depths of the universe there is a divine structure. Jesus is king because the universe is in harmony with his life, teaching and sacrifice.

In St. Peter’s Square, the central obelisk, which is topped by a cross, is surrounded by eight stones, each depicting a wind from a different direction. Beyond that, moving out from the cross of Christ, is a line along which are depicted constellations, the signs of the Zodiac. This functions as a solar calendar but, more importantly, it reminds us that the cross is the centre of the world and all that is. This is the everlasting dominion of which Daniel speaks.

Today, therefore, we give thanks that Jesus has been revealed to us, that we need not fight a futile battle against the universe. Jesus is King. Let us rejoice. (*Reflection by Glenn Byer, from Living with Christ.*)

### **St. Edward’s Special Event Fridays in November 1 - 3 p.m.**

“Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life”  
Led by St. Rose Marrin, C.S.J.

Please join us this Friday November 27<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3 p.m. in the Parish Hall for the last session.

### Christmas Angel Tree

Once again parishioners are welcome to participate in the Angel Tree project benefitting needy children around St. Paul’s Basilica in downtown Toronto, as well as less fortunate children within our own parish area.

The Angel Tree will be decorated with Christmas tags that have the name, age and gender of a child on each tag. Please take one or more tags and purchase an appropriate gift for the child. Return the *unwrapped* gifts to the church and place them under the tree.

The tree will be available Nov. 28/29, Dec. 5/6, Dec. 12/13 and *the gifts will be delivered to St. Paul’s after the 11 a.m. Mass - December 13.*

Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile project!



## **Mass Intentions**

### Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

4:30 p.m. + Rosina Vacca

### Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

8:00 a.m. + Sylwester Oleszkiewicz

9:30 a.m. + Msgr. Joseph Sach

11:00 a.m. + Vincenzo Saracino

### Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

8:30 a.m. + George Greive

### Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

8:30 a.m. + Chris Leaver

### Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

8:30 a.m. + Paddy Skerry

### Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

8:30 a.m. For the Protection of Unborn Children

### Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

8:30 a.m. + Vincenzo & Giuseppina Ruggerio

### **St. Michael’s Cathedral Open House Meet the Cathedral Restoration Artists Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**St. Michael’s Cathedral  
65 Bond St., Toronto**

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, and Father Michael Busch, rector of St. Michael’s Cathedral, invite the entire community to experience the beauty, architecture and unique historical journey of St. Michael’s Cathedral. Extensive restoration has taken place over the last several years with the cathedral closed since June 2015 for major work. Two days of open houses during the Advent season will provide visitors with a preview of these efforts. From sculptors to brick layers and stone masons, restoration artists will showcase their expertise inside the church, with diverse exhibits highlighting the incredible efforts to restore the mother church of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Open houses will take place on December 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with a prayer service each day at 12 p.m. Fr. Pat plans to offer parishioners bus transportation for Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>; more details to follow.

### **New Sunday Missals**

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The new St. Joseph Missals will be available after each Mass, for persons wishing to obtain their own copy. Each Missal costs \$5.00.

Dear Parishioners:

As announced two weeks ago, St. Edward's Parish is joining with all other parishes in launching the Family of Faith Campaign, initiated by Cardinal Collins; the campaign will address critical priorities that will benefit Catholics all across the Archdiocese.

The Family of Faith Campaign will help our parish, too. For every dollar raised, our parish will receive 25 cents. If we exceed our goal, we will keep 75 per cent of every dollar over goal.

As you know, the priorities for our parish will be to invest in youth and young adult ministry, ministry to those in senior years, renewing and initiating ministries to persons of all ages, and of course to do some critical upgrades to our church interior and to re-pave the parking lot.

Parishioners will be invited over the next few weeks to consider a financial "pledge", which can be offered over the course of 5 years or less. Our parish goal is \$535,000 (of which 25%, or \$133,750, would come back to the parish). Obviously, if we go over goal, the return on over-goal amounts is 75 cents per dollar.

I am pleased to announce that, so far, through personal meetings and general announcements, we have raised over \$300,000 towards our goal of \$535,000, from parishioners who offered early pledges! This is wonderful news, and I am very inspired and deeply grateful for this generous sign of support.

As Pastor, I would not ask parishioners to pledge if I were not to pledge. I, along with many priests of the Archdiocese, will join our parish communities in offering a pledge as well. I shall be pledging \$10,000 to the campaign (\$2,000 per year for 5 years). This invitation to consider a pledge is open to all and I ask you to prayerfully consider your own personal gift.

As announced at Mass, last week, brochures and pledge forms will be mailed to parishioners. You can

either mail back the form, drop it at the parish office, or bring with you on the weekend when attending Mass. For those unable, at this time to contribute, please pray for the success of the campaign and for all the needs that the campaign wishes to address. My thanks to all who asked to volunteer.

Be sure to visit our website ([www.stedward.ca](http://www.stedward.ca)) to hear the Cardinal speak about The Pastoral Plan in more detail. For those wishing to speak with me more personally feel free to contact the parish office.

In closing, know of my gratitude for your generous and prayerful support. As my family of faith, you remain constantly in my prayers. Thank you.

Sincerely  
Fr. Pat



Family of Faith

Heavenly Father

We ask you to be with us as we work together

as a family of faith,

sharing and following the example of your son

Jesus in loving service.

May we be inspired by your divine love,

as we share our time, talent and treasure to

strengthen our family of faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **Senior Pre-Christmas Lunch**

Fr. Pat will be hosting a pre-Christmas Senior's Lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon, in the parish hall. Since Fr. Pat celebrates Mass at Canterbury Place, Lansing Senior Residence, and Del Manor, these residences will assist in coordinating transportation for those who attend these Masses. However, Fr. Pat wishes to extend the invitation to all seniors in the parish. It is our hope family members might assist in bringing seniors to the lunch. In order to prepare for numbers, a sign-up sheet will be available after each weekend Mass, or kindly RSVP to parish office. There is no fee for this event.

### **Children's Christmas Choir**

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Children of the parish, wishing to sing in a Children's Christmas Choir at the 9:30a.m. Mass on Christmas Day are welcome to add their names and contact information to the sign-up sheet in the lobby. Rehearsals will be held Saturdays 11:00 a.m. – Noon in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Those who sign-up will be contacted with more information from the music leaders.