

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Christ the King

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of Earth clash. Although Pilate is not a king, he is the representative of the most powerful king in the world. Caesar. Therefore, this is the day that the "king" of Earth finally meets Christ the King face to face. We must all decide for ourselves to which of these kings we will pledge our allegiance, now and for eternity.

What does the king of Earth promise us? Just think of everything with which Satan tempted Jesus in the desert. Power, fame, worldly glory, material riches, pleasure and so on. He tempts us with these temporary gratifications all the time. Meanwhile Christ the King makes it clear that following him will be difficult. His subjects are certain to face trials and persecutions, and suffer for their loyalty to him.

Yet which king will make us happy? The short-term gratifications of the king of Earth are illusions. They do not lead to lasting joy or peace, but rather to loneliness, emptiness, misery and ultimately to hell. We are the children of God, made in his image and likeness. Only in him will the deepest longings of our soul be satisfied. Only in him will we find rest. The whole Bible boils down to a choice: to which king will you pledge allegiance? Give your life to Christ the King, who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

(Reflection of Connor Brownrigg from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 26, 2018

8:30 a.m. Mauricio Sanjnes-In thanksgiving for his Ordination

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Francis Choi
+ Romeo and Ashlie Malong
+ Stephanie Omany

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Katarina Kuralt

Thursday, November 29, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

Friday, November 30, 2018

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Ines Blake

Saturday, December 1, 2018

4:30 p.m. + Josef & Olga Stojko

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Saracino, Ruggiero & Loporco families
9:30 a.m. + Kee Sau & Yung Fu Yuan
11:00 a.m. + Salvatore Veltri

"The Child is Father of the Man"

In preparation for Advent, Fr. David Warren will lead us in a re-reading of the stories of the birth of childhood of Jesus on Tuesday evenings (November 27, and December 4) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

The stories of the birth and childhood of Jesus tell us more about the Man than they do about the Child.

Discover the Man in the Child Jesus this Christmas.

NOVEMBER

The month of November offers us an opportunity to pray for our deceased. As well, we are encouraged to pray for the souls in purgatory. During the month of November, parishioners are welcome to write the names of their beloved deceased in the Book of Remembrance near the altar. They will be remembered at all Masses throughout the month of November.

EDGE is back at St. Edward's Fridays 7 – 9 p.m.

All students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are invited!
For more information and to register, contact Jessica Bews at:
stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com

Senior's Christmas Luncheon

The Senior's Christmas Luncheon will be held on a weekend this year! Please note the date: **Saturday, December 8th at 11:30 a.m.** More details will follow. There is no cost for this event. Fr. Pat wishes to thank and honour the seniors of our community for their great work and dedication to their faith and to the Church. In order to appreciate the number attending, please sign up after Mass this weekend and next.

Christmas Cards

Pro-life Christmas cards will be available to purchase this weekend and next weekend, Dec. 1st/2nd, before and after all Masses.

Holy Land Olive Wood

There will be a sale of Holy Land Olive Wood articles next weekend, Dec. 1st/2nd, before and after all Masses.

Children's Christmas Party

Please join us on Sunday, December 16th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass for our annual Children's Christmas Party! Children of all ages and their parents are welcome to come and celebrate the season with us.

Angel Tree

As you know, each year our parish brings hope and joy to countless children and families who may be facing difficult financial challenges.

In the past, our parish assisted St. Paul's Basilica as it helped inter-city families as well as the St. Vincent de Paul Association. This year, St. Paul's is restructuring their program and so we will instead be working with Catholic Children's Aid as well as the St. Vincent de Paul Association, in helping them to provide Christmas assistance to the families they have recommended to us. They are truly grateful to the generosity extended by our parish in support of the Angel Tree Program.

Next weekend, feel free to take a tag from the Angel Tree in the parish foyer. The tag will have the age and gender of a particular child or it might suggest a gift card for a family. Make it a family outing to shop for a toy or other gift for the person or family you have chosen. The unwrapped gifts may be returned the weekend of Dec. 8th/9th or Dec. 15th/16th. The knights of Columbus will be on hand to assist you.

For those who may prefer to give financial donations more directly to St. Vincent de Paul, please note there will be a second collection for St. Vincent de Paul on the weekend of Dec. 1st/2nd.

Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collin's talk to be live-streamed in the parish hall
December 2, 2018

Theme: The Vine and the Branches
John 15: 1 - 27

Cathedral Vespers Choir: 6:45 pm
Vespers with Cardinal: 7:00 pm
Lectio Divina starts: 7:30 – 8:15 pm

The parish hall will be open from 6:00 p.m.; coffee and juice and water provided, prior to start of the event. All are welcome. There is no charge.

Vocations

Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our God. He Who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, then call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director , Archdiocese of Toronto**
416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Children's Christmas Choir

Marc Michalak, Choir Director, invites young people, ages 6 – 14, to join a special Christmas choir that will sing on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th) at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Registrations and a Parent Meeting will take place at the first rehearsal, Saturday, Dec. 1st, in the lower hall, at 12:00 noon.

Rehearsal Dates:

Sat., Dec. 1st 12:00 Noon (Parent Meeting)
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. (Rehearsal)
Sat. Dec. 8th 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Rehearsal (Lower Hall)
Sat. Dec. 15th 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Rehearsal (Lower Hall)
Sat. Dec. 22nd 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Rehearsal (Lower Hall)

Contact Marc Michalak at: marcfmichalak@gmail.com

**Looking for a way to get your children involved
in celebrating the true meaning of Christmas?
Then look no further!**

All children, from 4 years and up, are invited to participate in the St. Edward's Children's 2018 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer next weekend December 1st/2nd which will also outline practice times. **Please note:** Children singing in the choir for that Mass will already be participating in the Pageant, so will not be able to leave the choir to also act in the Pageant.

55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our weekly meetings, every Wednesday, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

New Sunday Missals

The new St. Joseph Missals for 2018 – 2019, will be available after each Mass, for persons wishing to obtain their own copy. Each Missal costs \$5.00.

New Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2019 will be available next weekend December 1st/2nd. The boxes will be arranged numerically. **Please verify your number with your name on the label.** If you cannot remember your envelope number, there will be an alphabetical listing on the table for you to check your number.