

LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (formerly known as the Feast of Christ the King). This feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and was originally celebrated on the last Sunday of October.

The 1920s 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.

As he stated in his encyclical Quas primas, by which he instituted this feast day, Pope Pius XI hoped that this feast would have three effects:

1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state (Quas Primas 32)
2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ (Quas Primas 31)
3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills and bodies (Quas primas 33).

The need for such a feast continues to exist in our world today, as the problems observed by Pope Pius XI have not vanished but appear instead to have worsened. The embrace of individualism in today's society moves Jesus from the central role He is meant to occupy in the lives of Christians. This feast allows us to reaffirm and refocus our faith and respect in the kingship of Jesus just as it did when it was first established.

A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who piously recite the Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ King. A plenary indulgence is granted, if it is recited publicly on the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ King.



Prayer: Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before you. We are yours, and yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with you, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to your Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known you; many, too, despising your precepts, have rejected you. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart. Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken you, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned you; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Grant, O Lord, to your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquility of order to all nations; make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor for ever. Amen.

Welcome to St. Ann's Parish

Our Vision Statement: to be a Christ-centered community of missionary disciples.

Our Mission Statement: to work and pray to be a welcoming, Eucharistic community that spreads the good news of Christ. We each strive to share our gifts within and beyond the parish for the glory of God.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MASS will be celebrated, TODAY, **Sunday, November 25th at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

MOM'S & TOTS: **Monday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30am** in St. Monica's lounge.

RCIA CLASSES: **Thursday evenings at 7:00p.m.** in Monica Lounge.

ONE BODY IN CHRIST PRAISE & WORSHIP MEETING: Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joachim room.

ADVENT GIVING TREE is set up in the Parish Centre with tags for approx. 30 families that the Knights of Columbus have adopted for this Christmas.



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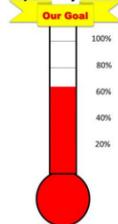
1) Attach the tag securely to the gift with tape or staples. These tags are very important as the number on each tag corresponds to a particular family. Each gift is then put in a separate box designated for each family.

2) **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS.** Return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached and put it in to the sleigh beside the Christmas Tree or bring to the Parish Office no later than **Wednesday, December 12th.**



3) **St. Vincent de Paul** will have tags on the tree requesting **Save On Foods \$25 GIFT CARDS** for their Christmas Hampers. Please drop off to parish office by **December 17th.**

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PROJECT ADVANCE 2018: Project Advance is crucial to the Church's mission of providing services that benefit all Catholics and countless others in our Archdiocese.

As another year comes to a close we have received \$64,295.00 in pledges. You still have until December 31st to make a pledge to receive a tax receipt. Thank you to all those who have already donated.

ADDITIONS & CHANGES: Starting on **Sunday, December 2nd** (1st Sunday of Advent) we will be having a **SPANISH MASS every Sunday at 1:30 p.m.** and **every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.** Mass on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. will continue as usual.

BAPTISMS will therefore be changing to the **2nd & 4th Saturday** of each month at **11:15 a.m.**

Misa en Español los Domingos a la 1:30 pm a partir del Primer Domingo de Adviento —Dic 2, 2018. También habrá misa en Español los miércoles a las 7:00 pm. " ¡Pasa la voz! "
Esperamos tu asistencia y apoyo. ¡Ayúdanos a construir comunidad!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOV 26TH TO DEC 2ND, 2018

- Monday** 8:00am Edna Wagner, rip.
- Tuesday** 7:00pm Clare Walter Stevenson, rip.
- Wednesday** 8:00am Vini Fitzgerald, rip.
- Thursday** 8:00am John Skorupa & Fam. Int.
- Friday** 8:00am Christopher White, int.
- Saturday** 9:00am Cecille Abejo, int.
5:00pm Aubrey Blake, rip.
- Sunday** 8:00am Wladyslaw & Marianna, rip.
10:00am Intentions of the Parish
Noon Gordon Gosse, rip.

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR: We are now accepting resumes at the Parish Office until **December 7th** for this part-time position as Kirsten vander Buhs will be resigning her position as co-ordinator by December 31st. We already have a preferred applicant, however, we will still be accepting further resumes. A decision will be made by the hiring committee between December 10th to 14th. Thank you.

YOUTH ALPHA (Grades 5-12): continues on Saturday evenings, 6-8pm after 5:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner is provided and there is no cost to attend!

Youth and Young Adult Choir that plays at Saturday Evening Mass is looking for new members and a Choir leader. Singers and those that can play instruments are welcome!! We meet **Saturday's at 4pm** for practice and then lead the music at the 5pm Mass right after. Please contact Kirsten vander Buhs, youth ministry coordinator.

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE IN THE BOOKSTORE weekdays and after Sunday Masses. \$5 each.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **BARBARA SKORUPA, LISE GALLANT & MARGUERITE PICHUGIN.** Barbara's Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, November 23rd. Lise Gallant's will be celebrated on Monday, November 26th at 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Pichugin's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 28th at 11:00 a.m. with Prayers Tuesday evening, November 27th at 8:00 p.m.



CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 25TH, 2018

FEAST DAYS & READINGS NOV 26TH TO DEC 2ND, 2018

- Monday** Rev. 14:1-3,4b-5; Luke 21:1-4
- Tuesday** Rev. 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
- Wednesday** Rev. 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
- Thursday** Rev. 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9a; Luke 21:20-28
- Friday** Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
- Saturday** Rev. 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
- Sunday—1st Sunday of Advent:** Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thess. 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Tickets now available at the office and after all Masses for the following events:



Saturday, December 1st: The Knights of Columbus will host their annual Christmas Dinner and Awards night. Cost: \$20 pp Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Open to all parishioners. Doors open at 6:00 pm Dinner at 7:00 pm No host bar

Saturday, December 8th: The CWL will hold their Christmas Brunch in the Parish Hall beginning at 10:00 am. Cost: \$12pp All women of the parish are welcome.

St. Ann's Preschool is selling **POINSETTIAS, HOLIDAY PLANTERS AND WREATHS.** Order forms are available at the Parish Office window and after Masses. All orders must be in by **Sunday, December 2nd** and picked up on **Friday, December 14th or Sunday, December 16th** after the Masses. All proceeds going towards playground improvements and gym equipment.



I want to **Thank** everyone who contributed to the building of the Tanzanian high school! The Fundraising Collection this past month was excellent, totalling \$ 6,032.00! We've already sent \$ 16,500.00. Iris Vlake

ST. JAMES PARISH ADVENT RETREAT "Spiritual Healing" December 17-19 Monday through Wednesday. Two daily options: Morning Conference 8:30-9:30 following morning mass at 8am or Evening Conference 7:00-8:00pm. Confessions will be heard after the morning and evening sessions except Wednesday evening. Retreat given by Fr. Emmerich of the Holy Name Province of the Dominican Order.

Come help support our **FAIR TRADE MARKET** held from **December 3-7 (12:30-1:15 pm)** at St. John Brebeuf High School. All products are made from artisans in third world countries and all proceeds go to the artisans. The products we will be selling are from Ten Thousand Villages, Bags by Courtney and Help Burkina Faso Canada. Prices range from \$5 and up (cash only).

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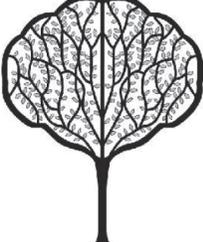
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