

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | CHRIST THE KING | 24 November 2024

Solemnity of:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



“You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.”

John 18:37

World Day of Youth

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please introduce yourself and your family to me before or after the mass to welcome you to our parish community.

All parishioners are encouraged to register in our community and participate in the church activities. We are here to support each other and grow in our relationship with God and with our neighbors.

For Registration form, ask anyone of the Ushers or Call the office.

Your Pastor,

Fr. David



Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:15pm

Sunday Mass –9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

Weekdays:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

Baptism- every Saturday of the month.

Preparation class is required. Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday masses.

Confession every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

Confirmation - for Grade 7 & up registration for 2025 is in the months of September and October 2024

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2025 is on October and November 2024

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

Parish School-

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St. Catherine of Alexandria

Nov 25th

Pray for us.

“In the face of adversity, hold on hope. With God by your side, you can overcome any challenge that comes your way.”



“If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.” Jn 18:37

Today we celebrate the 34th Sunday of the Year of the Church, the last Sunday in the liturgical year of the Church and the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Since the announcement of his birth, Christ, was announced as “King” Heir to the throne of His Father David, and the Fulfillment of the Promise to Abraham.

To Mary the Angel Gabriel said, ***“The Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David, He will rule over the house of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.”*** (Lk. 1:33)

The Magi following the Star from the East, coming to Jerusalem seeking the one whose Star had appeared asked Herod and Jerusalem; ***“Where is the Infant, the King of the Jews? We saw his Star as it rose and have come to do him homage.”*** (Mt. 2: 2-3)

Jesus Christ is King with extraordinary Powers. Apostle Peter trying to defend him from being arrested and using a sword, Jesus rebuked him saying; ***“Put your sword back into its place, do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, who in an instant would send more than twelve legions of angels in my defense?”*** (Mt 26:52-54)

Yet Christ Jesus, having absolute power inherent in Him, chose, unlike the Kings and Rulers of this World who seek glory and influence; a way that was uniquely different!

“He emptied himself,” St. Paul tells, ***“taking the form of a slave, becoming as human beings are; and being in every way like a Human Being, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a Cross.”*** (Phil 2:7)

Self-emptying was the Way Jesus chose, up to the point of the supreme sacrifice on the Cross, so that He could reveal the Love of His Father for us and bring us to fullness of Life again.

In the Gospel Reading today, Jesus stands before Pilate, who represent the worldly powers and authorities; Pilate asks Jesus; ***“Are you the King of the Jews?”***

Jesus explained his kingship; ***“Mine is not a Kingdom of this World; if my kingdom were of this world; my people would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.”***

Pilate asked Jesus, the second time, ***“So you are a King then?”***

Jesus answered him with authority; ***“Yes, I am a King. I was born and for this, I came into the world for this, to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice”*** (Jn 18:34)

Pilate dismisses Jesus with the question; ***“What is Truth?”*** Jesus did not give an answer to this question, possibly because “Truth,” was standing in front of the Governor and Pilate did not recognize Him. Pilate however sent Jesus to be crucified in royal purple garment and refused to back down in the demand of the leaders of the Jews; ***“What I have written, I have written!”*** The Inscription read, Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

The Kingship of Jesus comes from God the Father, as we read in the First Reading of today; ***“To him was given dominion and glory and Kingship, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.”*** (Dan 7:13-14).



VIVA CRISTO REY- Long live Christ the King

Compendium of the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

“And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord”

81. What is the meaning of the name “Jesus”? 430-435, 452
 Given by the angel at the time of the Annunciation, the name “Jesus” means “God saves”. The name expresses his identity and his mission “because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Peter proclaimed that “there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we can be saved” (Acts 4:12).

82. Why is Jesus called “Christ”? 436-440, 453
 “Christ” in Greek, “Messiah” in Hebrew, means the “anointed one”. Jesus is the Christ because he is consecrated by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit for his redeeming mission. He is the Messiah awaited by Israel, sent into the world by the Father. Jesus accepted the title of Messiah but he made the meaning of the term clear: “come down from heaven” (John 3:13), crucified and then risen, he is the Suffering Servant “who gives his life as a ransom for the many” (Matthew 20:28). From the name Christ comes our name of Christian.

83. In what sense is Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God?441-445, 454
 Jesus is the Son of God in a unique and perfect way. At the time of his Baptism and his Transfiguration, the voice of the Father designated Jesus as his “beloved Son”. In presenting himself as the Son who “knows the Father” (Matthew 11:27), Jesus affirmed his singular and eternal relationship with God his Father. He is “the Only Begotten Son of God” (1 John 4:9), the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is the central figure of apostolic preaching. The apostles saw “his glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father” (John 1:14).

84. What is the meaning of the title “Lord”? 446-451, 455 In the Bible this title regularly designates God as Sovereign. Jesus ascribed this title to himself and revealed his divine sovereignty by his power over nature, over demons, over sin, and over death, above all by his own Resurrection. The first Christian creeds proclaimed that the power, the honor, and the glory that are due to God the Father also belong to Jesus: God “has given him the name which is above every other name” (Philippians 2:9). He is the Lord of the world and of history, the only One to whom we must completely submit our personal freedom.

[Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
 https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html#%20Believe%20in%20Jesus%20Christ,%20the%20Only%20Son%20of%20God](https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html#%20Believe%20in%20Jesus%20Christ,%20the%20Only%20Son%20of%20God)

MASS INTENTIONS

- Nov 23-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass
 +Teresa & Domingo Ayala
- Nov 24- Sun 9:00AM + The Parishioners
 12:15 PM + Jack Sukhabut
 5:30 PM + Eulogia Cabelin
- Nov 25 -Mon,7:00PM +Jean Egana
- Nov 26-Tue, 9:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory
- Nov 27 -Wed, 7:00 PM + Randy Goertzen
 + Dolly Gonzalves
- Nov 28 -Thu, 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Barbara A.
- Nov 29 -Fri, 7:00 PM + Dolly Gonzalves
- Nov 30- Sat, 9:00 AM + Victor Bedeau

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Nov 23-29, 2024

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Fely Lazaga
- Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan
- Chapel ---- Thanksgiving of Pete Lazaga

WORD OF THE WEEK

“CHRIST”

-it comes from the Greek word **Christos** which means **“anointed one”**

In Hebrew it is **“Mashiach”** or **Messiah**

We believe that Jesus is the fulfillment of prophecies in the Old Testament regarding the eventual coming of a Messiah. “A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, “Wonderful Counselor,” “Mighty God,” “Eternal Father,” “Prince of Peace.” His royal power will continue to grow; His kingdom will always be at peace. He will rule as King David’s successor, basing his power on right and justice, from now until the end of time. The Lord Almighty is determined to do all this. **Isaiah 9:6-7**

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention – November 2024 – FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A CHILD
“We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.”



Our Patron Saint...



“Never hesitate to hold out your hand; never hesitate to accept the outstretched hand of another.” Pope John XXIII

St. Catherine of Alexandria Nov 25th

According to legend, Catherine was a woman of learning in 4th-century Alexandria, Egypt, who at the age of 18 converted to Christianity. She was imprisoned for speaking publicly against the Emperor Maximinus’ persecution of Christians. While in prison she was visited by the empress and the leader of the armed forces, both of whom she converted. For this she and they were martyred. Tortured by being strapped to a spiked wheel, Catherine was eventually beheaded about 310 A.D. She is a patron of librarians, teachers, students, jurists, nurses, unmarried girls, philosophers, those who work with wheels (e.g. potters, spinners, mechanics, etc.), the dying, and several other groups.

Living with Christ, Nov 2024

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

-before the Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

-Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm communal

Parish Ministries & Programs

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors–Proclaimers of God’s words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women’s League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Icon of Our Lady
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Seniors Breakfast Club

If you are interested to join, please email us at stjohn23do@archtoronto.org and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.

What unites us, is much greater than what divides us.” St. John XXIII

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope Francis meets with children at the Wednesday General Audience (VATICAN MEDIA Divisione Foto)

Pope creates new Pontifical Committee for World Day of Children

[Pope creates new Pontifical Committee for World Day of Children - Vatican News](#)



POPE FRANCIS ELEVATES ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS

Sunday, October 06, 2024



WORLD YOUTH DAY MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO

Tuesday, November 12, 2024



UNPACKING THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY – NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

****click the link above to read the full text of the news****



Announcements!!!

- ✚ If you want Pre-numbered Donation Envelopes for 2025, please email the office at stjohn23do@archtoronto.org ;
- ✚ Meeting of all Confirmation Candidates this coming Sunday December 1st at 2pm;
- ✚ Meeting of all First Holy Communion Candidates & Parents this Saturday November 30 at 12 noon;
- ✚ **New to the Parish?** Please register, fill up a Parish Registration Form and submit to the Office or to Fr. David.



About the *Solemnity of Christ the King*

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* (“In the first”) to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to “thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law” out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI’s encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. **Jesus Christ “is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind”** (*Quas primas*, 7).

Christ’s kingship is rooted in the Church’s teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. “From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures” (*Quas primas*, 13).

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ’s kingship with our whole lives:

He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, ‘as instruments of justice unto God.’ -Quas primas, 33

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. “Thus, by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King” (*Quas primas*, 26).

[Solemnity of Christ the King: Background](#) | [USCCB](#)

ARCHDIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!



ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL

GLORIA! St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert at Massey Hall
Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m.

St. Michael's Choir School presents GLORIA!

A magical blend of secular and sacred choral repertoire to usher in this Christmas season. A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 59th annual Christmas concert, packed with exceptional works including Vivaldi's *Gloria*, *Carol of the Bells* and *The Star Carol*. With close to 300 voices, five choirs consisting of students and alumni taking the stage, this year's programme is sure to be one of the best yet!

Tickets are now available at www.masseyhall.com. Please use Promo Code: STARLIGHT.

For more information, please call 416-397-6367.

OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY & RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

Re: Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (Nov. 11, 2024–Jan. 13, 2025) "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

From: Fr. Luis M. Melo, Director, Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism

Dear Parish Clergy and Ministry Leaders,

I kindly request your support in promoting the Annual Friars Student Writing Contest within your parish. This is a part of our local commemoration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated globally from January 18 to 25 each year.

This year's resources were drafted by the Monastic Community of Bose in northern Italy and prepared by an international team appointed by the Vatican and World Council of Churches.

We would appreciate visibility be given to the contest by printing the poster and placing it in your church notice board. The poster is available at, <https://bit.ly/3XCGGgo>.

"Of particular importance in the promoting of a grass roots ecumenism is the connection between family, parish, school, different groups, associations, and ecclesial movements." (Ecumenical Directory §65).

Please consider the following in your bulletin/parish website and kindly make an announcement from the pulpit:

Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (November 11, 2024 - January 13, 2025)

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25.

Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XCGGgo>. Entries are to be submitted at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

Email ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions, or for more information.

