

Solemnity of Christ the King

November 26, 2017



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOV. 25 TO DEC. 03

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Saturday	Nov. 25	Christ the King	
4:30 pm	Danny Neeson		Brenda & Alan Short
Sunday	Nov. 26		
9:00	Antonio Fiori		Gafoor family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	Nov. 27		
8:30 am	Jack Scimone		his daughter Connie
Tuesday	Nov. 28		
8:30 am	Gerry Poisson		Lise Emsley
Wednesday	Nov. 29		
8:30 am	Gerry Poisson		Becket's CWL
Thursday	Nov. 30		
8:30 am	Mark Pogue		Keith Pogue
Friday	Dec. 1	First Friday	
8:30 am	Thida Buor, Solidad & Ricardo Javier		Buor family
Saturday	Dec. 2	First Sunday in Advent	
4:30 pm	Danny Neeson		Fran & Carl Jorgensen
Sunday	Dec. 3		
9:00 am	Vito Maurovich		Deloris, Michael & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

November 26: Shirley Jansen & Alvin Russell, requested by Anna Donald.

December 3: Guy Guerette, requested by Joy Vincent.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOV. 18/19

Offerings: \$4,654.00

Upcoming special collection: **December 10 – Religious Education**

FAITH FIRST NEWS

Eucharist Gathering #3 Tuesday, November 28

Confirmation Gathering #3 Tuesday, December 5

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Jackie Poirier, aunt of Cary Grant

Jean Guy Caron, father of Claude Caron, father-in-law of Margaret

JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT MINI-RETREAT, Saturday, December 2, beginning at 1:00pm. Power Point presentation, advent craft, guided meditation and more, followed by 4:30 Mass, light supper and viewing of the movie *The Nativity Story*. RSVP: Rina Callard 514-915-7586.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING: The Feast of Christ the King was



established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of human thinking and living. The feast proclaims in a striking and effective manner Christ's kingship over individuals, families, society, and nations. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was

instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time of waning respect for Christ and the Church. Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's kingship: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; 2) Christ is our Redeemer; 3) Christ is Head of the Church; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as his special possession and dominion. Christ's kingdom is: supreme, universal, eternal, and spiritual, not of this world.

POPE FRANCIS: "PRAY, DON'T CHITCHAT"

"When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chitchat with those in front of us. However, it is not a moment for chitchat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important. But to really understand this, first we have to answer a question: What is prayer? Prayer is first and foremost dialogue, a personal relationship with God. And in prayer, just like in any dialogue, it needs moments of silence, together with Jesus. This is because it is only in the mysterious silence of God that his Word can resound in our hearts. Prayer is something that Jesus himself taught us to do, first of all by example, when in the Gospels he withdraws to a secluded place to pray. And second, he teaches us again when he tells his disciples that the first word in knowing how to pray is "Father." This is so simple, so we have to learn 'Father.' Then we must take on the attitude of a small child, one full of trust and confidence, knowing that God remembers you and takes care of you. The second attitude we should take is one of childlike surprise and wonder. The child always asks a thousand questions because he wants to discover the world; in our relationship with the Lord, in prayer, open the heart to wonder. Many say they don't have time to pray. We lose sight of what is fundamental: our life of the heart, our spiritual life, our life of prayer with the Lord. However, Jesus surprises us in truth by loving us and calling us even in our weaknesses; just as Christ called his disciples, he also calls us to him at each Mass. This is, therefore, the greatest grace: to be able to experience the Mass, the Eucharist. It is the privileged moment to be with Jesus, and through him, with God."

FABRIQUE ELECTIONS DEC. 03, 2017, 12 PM: All parishioners are invited to the election of Churchwardens on Dec. 3, 2017 immediately following the 11 a.m. Mass. All parishioners of full age (18yrs), of the Roman Catholic Faith, and who live within the parish boundaries are entitled to nominate, be nominated, and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners. (Act Respecting Fabriques). A warden is a parishioner elected to be a director, or administrator, of the church corporation whose object is to acquire, possess, hold and administer property for the practice of the Roman Catholic religion. Therefore the warden is not a pastoral agent directing the spiritual and pastoral life of the parish. Professional or business experience and ability to work in a team are assets. Two three-year terms must be filled at this election. Janet Arts is completing her second term and is therefore not eligible for re-election. Siro Di Marco is completing his first term and is therefore eligible for election to a second term. Info: 514-626-4111.

THE ST. THOMAS À BECKET KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be hosting a St. Nicholas/Santa Breakfast on Sunday, December 10, following the 11 am Mass. \$6.00/person. Max \$25.00 /family (parents with own young children). Please see flyer for more details.

ANGELS OF MERCY Are in urgent need of sandwich makers. Please call Denise Imperiale at 514-426-0220. We are still collecting winter clothing for homeless men: coats, jackets, sweaters, hoodies, jeans, winter socks and winter gloves, shoes, running shoes and boots, as well as knapsacks, blankets and sleeping bags. Hygiene products especially toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs and deodorant. Place items in the bin marked "Angels of Mercy" in the narthex.

RAY OF HOPE CHRISTMAS TREE: We will be collecting gifts for Benedict Labre House. Please take a tag from our giving tree, purchase the item, wrap, place the tag on gift (for identification) then place the gift under the tree **by December 10**. Sleeping bags (new or gently used) also needed.

ST. LUKE CAFÉ - THE STORY OF THE BIBLE: November 2017 - January 2018 7 – 9 p.m. Presenter Samuel Farrugia

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The Bible has fired the imaginations of such creative writers as C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. They believed the Bible had the power to create a world within which we could live virtuous lives of truth, goodness & beauty.

Wednesday, November 29: “BETWEEN HISTORY & MYTH” Tolken & Lewis as re-enchanters of the Bible; how the biblical narrative has the power to transform our imaginative world ...and the “real” one as well.

Thursday, December 7: “IN THE BEGINNING...” The story of the beginning of a good world ... a very good one.

Thursday, December 14: “THE SHADOW SPREADS” Evil threatens to plunge the world back into chaos, but hope appears as one family is given a new destiny.

Thursday, January 11: “THE CRUCIFIED GOD” One man’s destiny is to make the story of God’s people turn the corner, and thereby rescue the world

Thursday, January 18: “THE BIRTH OF A NEW WORLD” An exploration of Jesus’ defeat of evil and the launch of the new creation.

Thursday, January 25: “TELLING THE STORY” How we can communicate the uniqueness of the Bible’s story in a meaningful and appealing way.

WORDS TO PONDER

No circumstance in the world can ever prevent us from believing in God, from placing all our trust in him, from loving him with our whole heart, or from loving our neighbour. Faith, hope, and charity are absolutely free, because if they are rooted in us deeply enough, they are able to draw strength from whatever opposes them! Love, and only love, can overcome evil by good and draw good out of evil. *From “Interior Freedom” by Fr. Jacques Philippe*

THANK YOU FROM AGAPE:

I wish to extend my most sincere gratitude to your parish and the Angels of Mercy, for your amazing support.

We have supplied clothing for 113 needy families: 154 adults and 149 children. We are expecting another 50 individuals, adults and children, over the next week. I have been informed that donations are still pouring in from your beautiful parish community. Rest assured that through your generous participation, we will be able to continue this mission to serve the asylum seekers who are now considered the poorest of the poor in Laval.

~ Elizabeth McLeod, Sec. Treasurer, Agape

PARISH POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER: We will be selling Poinsettias after all Masses on the weekend of Dec 2 & 3 and 9 & 10. Buy a beautiful plant for your home, office, neighbour and friends. All proceeds go to the parish.