

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 2

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Saturday	Nov. 24	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	
4:30 pm	Jean Guy Caron		The family
Sunday	Nov. 25		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Louisa Rodrigues Ferreria		Ester & Deolinda Andrade
Monday	Nov. 26		
8:00 am	Antonio Fiore		The Gafoor Family
Tuesday	Nov. 27		
8:00 am	Cizaltina Pereira Cabral		The Family
Wednesday	Nov. 28		
8:00 am	Selma Deeks		Barbara Bagshaw
Thursday	Nov. 29		
8:00 am	Mark Pogue		Keith Pogue
Friday	Nov. 30		
8:00 am	Cizaltina Pereira Cabral		The family
Saturday	Dec. 1	First Sunday of Advent	
4:30 pm	Clement Covone		The Family
Sunday	Dec. 2		
9:00 am	Thida Buor & Ricardo Soledad Javier		The Buor Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

November 25: Clemente Covone, requested by his family.

December 2: Nicodemo Barillaro, requested by his family.

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Katarina Zizek*, mother of Rose Duguay; *Felix D'Sa*, husband of Louisa.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOV 17/18

Offerings: \$5,103.80

Next Special Collection Dec. 9 – Religious Education

THE LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL MOTHERS' GUILD will host their 49th Annual Wine and Cheese Fundraiser on Sunday, December 2, from 2 to 5 pm at 2477 West Broadway entrance. Adults only. Tickets at www.loyola.ca or at the door. Please come out and support the Loyola Mothers' Guild at this wonderful fundraiser for the bursary program. Great prizes to be won.

FAITH FIRST DATES TO REMEMBER

Eucharist gathering #3 Tuesday, November 27

Confirmation Gathering #3 Tuesday, December 4

Info: 514-626-4111 ext. 224 or faithfirst@becket.ca



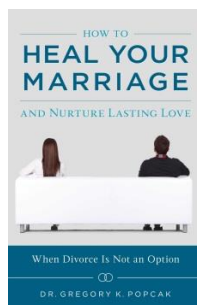
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Feast of Christ the King is of recent origin, but what it celebrates is as old as the Christian Faith itself. For the word Christ is, in fact, just the Greek translation of the word Messiah: the Anointed One, the King. Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified son of a carpenter, is so intrinsically King that the title “king” has actually become his name. By calling ourselves Christians, we label ourselves as followers of the King, as people who recognize Jesus as their King. But we can understand properly what the kingship of Jesus Christ means only if we trace its origin in the Old Testament, where we immediately discover a surprising fact. It is obvious that God did not intend Israel to have a kingdom. The kingdom was, in fact, a result of Israel’s rebellion against God and against his prophets, a defection from the original will of God. The law was to be Israel’s king, and, through the law, God himself.... But Israel was jealous of the neighboring peoples with their powerful kings.... Surprisingly, God yielded to Israel’s obstinacy and so devised a new kind of kingship for them. The son of David, the King, is Jesus; in him God entered humanity and espoused us to himself. If we look closely, we shall discover that this is, in fact, the usual form of the divine activity in relation to mankind. God does not have a fixed plan that he must carry out; on the contrary, he has many different ways of finding man and even of turning his wrong ways into right ways.

We can see that, for instance, in the case of Adam, whose fault became a happy fault, and we see it again in all the twisted ways of history. This, then, is God’s kingship—a love that is impregnable and an inventiveness that finds man by ways that are always new. For us, consequently, God’s kingship means that we must have an unshakeable confidence. For this is still true and is applicable to every single life: no one has reason to fear or to capitulate. God can always be found. We, too, should make this the pattern of our lives: to write no one off; to try to reach them again and again with the inventiveness of an open heart. Our most important task is not to have our own way but to be always ready to follow the path that leads to God and to one another. The Feast of Christ the King is not, therefore, the feast of those who are under a yoke but of those who are grateful to find themselves in the hands of him who writes straight on crooked lines.

~ *Pope Benedict XVI*

WORTHWHILE READING



How to Heal Your Marriage: And Nurture Lasting Love,
by Gregory Popcak

God has put you and your spouse together for a reason---and it's not to argue. You are bonded together to cultivate in each other those virtues that lead to sanctification. That's why this book isn't just about saving your marriage; it's about transforming it into a joyful, loving relationship. In these pages, acclaimed author and psychotherapist Gregory Popcak shows you how to heal the hurt in your marriage and develop the crucial habits necessary to resolve conflicts, renew the love you once had, and discover the passion you always wanted. Here you'll discover the simple steps needed to root out behavior that leaves you resentful and demoralized, and to begin practicing positive habits that facilitate mutual respect and cultivate admiration. You will also learn how to make God part of healing your marriage, and tips for keeping your conversations focused on solutions instead of emotions.

PARISH NEWS



In response to the Church abuse crisis in recent years, Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis and many bishops have been encouraging the return to the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, and many parishes are beginning to pray it at the end of every Mass. "Return to", because the Saint Michael prayer, originally composed in Latin by Pope Leo XIII in 1886, was recited at most Masses throughout the world until 1965. As one bishop said, encouraging return to the prayer, "the Church is in distressing times with continued revelations about the failures of our brother priests and bishops ... and the evil one has intensified his war against the Church. . . . While Christ's death and resurrection have restored the

gifts of heavenly treasures for us, we also have to recognize that the devil, Satan, is real and he will do everything in his power to deflect us from our goal, which is eternal life on high with Christ in his kingdom."

St. Michael has four main responsibilities or offices, as we know from scripture and Christian tradition.

- ❖ To fight against Satan
- ❖ To rescue the souls of the faithful from the Devil, especially at the hour of death
- ❖ To attend the dying and accompany them to judgment
- ❖ To be the champion of God's people; the Israelites in the Old Law, the Christians in the New Law; and to be Patron of the Church.

Therefore, here at St. Thomas à Becket, we will recite this prayer at all weekend and weekday Masses, beginning on the **First Sunday of Advent** (December 2). Prayer cards will be available in all the pews, which we encourage our parishioners to take with them to pray daily as well.

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*

THANK YOU to everyone who attended our spaghetti lunch fundraiser. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the food, serving, setup and the cleanup. We raised \$721.61 for parish worship needs. Stay tuned for another fundraiser lunch in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS BRAKFAST: Becket's Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Christmas Breakfast immediately following the 11am Mass on Sunday, December 16. Tickets will be available as of November 24. Please see the event flyers for more details.

WORDS TO PONDER

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts."

~ *Mother Teresa*