

Solemnity of Christ the King (Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time) — Year A

Diocesan Theme: Christ is Everything for Us! "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life". (John 6.68).

Parish Mission Statement: Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples! Our Lady of the Miraculous members to develop their faith and service to others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25th

4:30pm In thanksgiving for the new OLMM-CWL

executive and that our Lady of Good

Counsel guide all their work

Sunday, November 26th - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ, King of the Universe

9:00am Repose of the soul of David Barron by

Bob and Denise Cousineau

Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor 10:45am

Monday, November 27th - The Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

9:00am For all the caregivers in our parish and in

the world by Cathy Gambell

Tuesday, November 28th

7:00pm

Wednesday, November 29th

Repose of the soul of Dan Hudder by the 9:30am

Marsolais family

Thursday, November 30th - St. Andrew

9:00am Repose of the souls of the deceased Legion

of Mary members by the Legion of Mary

Friday, December 1st

9:00am

Saturday, December 2nd

Birthday intentions of Fr. Anthony 4:30pm

Sunday, December 3rd - First Sunday of Advent

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor 10:45am

Repose of the soul of Alan Exley by Joseph

and Wilma Fatica

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

November 19th, 2023 =\$3,821. Thank you for your generosity and support

Intentions of the Holy Father for December

FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

We pray that people living with disabilities: may they be at the center of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)

Jesus said to His disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him. He will sit upon His glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before Him. And He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on His right and the goats on His left." Matthew 25:31-33 Happy Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! The Church liturgical year is set up in such a way that we ponder the entire life of Christ in different seasons and at different times. Advent is a preparation for the celebration of the first coming of Christ that also focuses upon the final coming. Christmas is a time to celebrate the Incarnation when the Son of God was made manifest to the world through His birth. Lent and Easter focus upon the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, and Ordinary Time presents us with the many lessons and miracles of Jesus' public ministry. Additionally there are many special memorials, feasts and solemnities by which we intensely focus upon some particular person or aspect of our faith. Each feast and season is meant to help us delve more deeply into the mystery of faith that we celebrate.

This is the final Sunday of our Church year. Our focus today is the end of time when Jesus will return again to judge the living and the dead and establish His permanent and glorious Kingdom, visible to all. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes this moment in time this way: The Last Judgment will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only He determines the moment of its coming. Then through His Son Jesus Christ He will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvellous ways by which His Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by His creatures and that God's love is stronger than death (#1040).

God is truly a mystery. He is the greatest of mysteries. As a mystery, God is forever the unknown in the sense that He is endless and eternal. He has revealed Himself to us but we will forever enter deeper into our knowledge of Him because of His infinite and endless nature. This is important to understand because when we contemplate the many mysteries God has revealed, we must approach them as both known and unknown. Our solemnity today is one of those mysteries.

As we celebrate this glorious mystery of our faith, we must accept and believe all that we know about it. But as we do, we must also approach it with deep humility, admitting to ourselves that we will never fully comprehend the awesomeness of that day until it comes. No earthly concept will ever come close to fully describing that moment in time, but we must adhere to our belief in it with a profound and unwavering faith. Reflect, today, with a deep faith, upon this glorious and definitive moment in time still to come. On that day, all that will matter is how faithful you have been to the will of God. Your charity will become an open book for all to see, and the rewards for your charity will remain with you forever. As you think about that day with faith, allow it to encourage you to do all you can today to prepare for the Last Judgment. When that day comes, it will be too late to change. Get ready today and tomorrow and every day of your life so that when Jesus does return in all His glory, it will be the most glorious day of

Most glorious and universal King of the Universe. I believe and profess with a firm faith that You will return again to judge the living and the dead and will establish Your glorious Kingdom that will never end. Please help me to understand the greatness of that moment and to do all I can, every day of my life, to prepare for it so that it is, indeed, the beginning of the best day of my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

November 26, 2023

Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish? WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form found in the foyer or in the office.

You may bring the completed form to the office or drop in the collection basket.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Friday, December 8th ~ 9:00 am ~ 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th ~ 9:00 am

~ 4:30 pm

~ 6:30 pm

~ 8:30 pm

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th ~ 9:00 am

New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31st ~ 9:00 am

~ 10:45 am

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1st ~ 9:00 am

There will be a special Mass on Monday, November 27th at 9:00am for the feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

CHURCH DECORATIONS & FLOWERS

Parishioners can help beautify the church for Christmas by making a donation for church flowers and decorations in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Christmas. If you have a loved one you would like to honor in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Deadline for envelopes to be in is December 17th. On Sunday December 24th at 8:30pm mass we will offer the intention for their souls. Thank you!

The parish is in need of a part time bookkeeper to start as soon as possible. The bookkeeper is responsible for maintaining a complete and accurate set of records for financial reporting purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and other general duties. Working knowledge of Quickbooks accounting software and previous bookkeeping experience with a parish is an asset. Please see the full job posting and job description on our website on how to apply.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

The Knights of Columbus will have a float in this year's Santa Clause Parade in Embrun (Saturday evening) and Russell (Sunday Afternoon). Our theme is "Keeping Christ in Christmas". Please wave and cheer when you see our float.

Please remember to return all Baby Bottles with your donation for the Miriam Centre this weekend. There will be a box located at the back of the church where the baby bottles can be placed. Once again the Knights thank all parishioners for their generosity for this very important cause.

IDENTITY

Members may wear pins and scarves with the Catholic Women's League crest, but our true identity is seen in sharing our faith, service to the community and advocacy for social justice.

First Friday Adoration

Friday, December 1st, 4:00pm to Saturday, December 2nd, 4:00pm. We would like to have two adorers per hour. If you would like to become a regular adorer or want more information please call Bernie Ethier at 613-862-2610 or email at bernie.ethier@gmail.com.

Upcoming Development & Peace Events

Monday, December 4, 2023, 4 pm – D&P School Party for Peace This is a virtual gathering for those involved in the campaign's school programme & those attending school, who want to be involved. Reg: https://devp.org/en/evenement/youth-dp-schools-party-for-peace Tuesday, December 5, 2023 6 – 8 pm – Laudato Deum: Eco-Spirituality in Action webinar.

Reg: https://cpj.ca/events/laudate-deum-webinar/

Saturday, February 17, 2024 1:30 pm – D&P Share Lent campaign launch webinar

Sign up to learn about the upcoming Share Lent 2024 campaign segment. Reg: https://devp.org/en/evenement/share-lent24-national-launch-webinar/

Catholic Corner is a new locally owned and operated Catholic Gift Store. Currently we offer a wide variety of items including books, medals, images, games and even Catholic Coffee! We are also adding new products every week. Come join us at the Corner www.catholiccorner.ca

Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

November 27th marks the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. On this day, we commemorate the apparition of Our Blessed Mother to Saint Catherine Laboure and celebrate the vision Our Lady revealed to the young saint - the Miraculous Medal. It was in Paris, in the year 1830, part of a period when the Catholic Church was under attack from its many enemies, when "times are evil in France and in the world," as Our Lady said. While doing silent meditation, Saint Catherine had a striking vision of the Blessed Virgin, her beauty indescribable, standing on a globe. Rays of light shone forth from the precious gems on the Blessed Mother's hands symbolizing the graces that she bestows upon us. Catherine saw an oval frame formed around her, bearing the words "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee." A voice then said to Catherine, "Have a medal struck after this model. Persons who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck."

BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



Welcome to the family of God: Brynlee and Easton Eldershaw Charlie Harper Zoey Hohsdorf Parker Landry Owen Mosgrove