

Solemnity of Christ the King (Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time) – Year B 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 Medal parish through the liturgy, faith formation and sacramental life, provides opportunities for members to develop their faith and service to others.

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
4:30pm	Repose of the soul of Fred Kolman by the
	Kolman family
Sunday, November 24 <sup>th</sup> – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of	
	the Universe
9:00am	Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor
10:45am	Repose of the soul of Mary Jeanette Eagles
	By William Eagles
Wednesday, November 27 <sup>th</sup> – Feast of Our Lady of the	
	Miraculous Medal
9:30am	For the Legion of Mary and all who love and
	serve Christ
Thursday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00am	Benefit and intentions of Robert Brown
Friday, November 29 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00am	Repose of the soul of Bernie Ethier
Saturday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> – St. Andrew	
4:30pm	Repose of the soul of Gisèle Langevin
Sunday, December 1 <sup>st</sup> – First Sunday of Advent	
9:00am	Intentions of Brianna, Jeremy, Riley and
	Amelia by the Urlocker-Lalonde family
10:45am	Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor
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# Intentions of the Holy Father for November

# For Those Who Have Lost A Child

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

**PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS:** Throughout the month of November, let us remember to pray for all our beloved dead and all the souls in Purgatory. As a sign of our prayers, we are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance in front of the altar.

# BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



Welcome to the family of God:

**Rowyn Deborah Dumais** 

**The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year B)** Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." John 18:36

Today, on the final Sunday of our Church year, we celebrate the glorious Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Next Sunday begins Advent. On this day we profess the profound truth that our Lord is King! He is the King of all things. He is the King of the Universe. And He is King of Heaven and all spiritual realities. However, in the Gospel passage quoted above, Jesus responds to Pilate who was questioning Him about whether or not He was the King of the Jews. Jesus is clear that He is a King, but that His Kingdom does not belong to this world. So where is His Kingdom? We can look at Jesus' statement from two points of view. First of all, if Jesus had claimed that He was an earthly king, one with civil authority, then Pilate would have judged Him to be guilty of trying to overthrow the Roman authority. This would be unlawful and would be punishable by death. In that case, Jesus could have been found legally guilty of violating civil law. But Jesus was purely innocent. He was morally perfect in every way, and that included His obedience to all legitimate civil law. But Jesus was a King. He was The King of all Kings! Therefore, to exercise His Kingship, He declared that His Kingdom was not of this world. In other words, it was not a Kingdom that competed with the Roman authorities or any other civil authority. To that, Pilate did not know how to respond.

Today and always, God desires that His glorious Kingdom reign in every way. God begins by reigning in our souls. He invites us to invite Him to enter and take control of our lives. He desires to be the ruler of every passion, desire, thought and action that is ours. When this happens, His Kingdom is firmly established within us.

It also needs to be pointed out that Jesus wants His Kingdom to grow. First, it must grow in the minds and wills of all people. But from there, He wants every person to then work to conform every part of our society to the governance of Him as King.

The first duty of the Christian, regarding the governance of every aspect of society, is not to impose God's law from without, as a ruthless authoritarian would. Rather, it is to convert minds and hearts so that God's governance comes forth from within.

Reflect, today, upon your duty to help bring forth the Kingdom of God here and now. Start by seeing your duty to allow God's Kingdom to grow within you and your family. From there, be open to the many ways that God wants to use you to help others do the same. As you do, do not be afraid to work toward the external establishment of God's Kingdom in all that you do and in all that falls within your responsibility. Jesus is King, and He desires to reign everywhere. Cooperate with Him, and His Kingdom will indeed come. *My glorious King, I choose You as the King of my life, and I dedicate to You all my actions and endeavors. Please use me to further Your Kingdom. I pray for wisdom, prudence and courage as I am sent forth by You to help bring forth Your merciful and just reign in the lives of all people and within the entire Universe that You created. May Your Kingdom come and Your will be done! Jesus, I trust in You.*  November 24, 2024 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

There will be a special Mass on Wednesday, November 27th, at 9:30 am, in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

### Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

November 27<sup>th</sup> 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 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."

# PARISH ADVENT ACTIVITIES

**Parish Advent Reconciliation** 

Fr. Gerard is available to hear confessions during the following schedule: Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

# **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 4:00 pm ~ 6:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm

**Christmas Day** Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:00 am

**New Year's Eve** Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 4:30 pm

**New Year's Day** Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 10:00 am

## 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.

#### **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 in the pews including your donation. The deadline for envelopes to be in is December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

Advent candles(\$20.00), wreaths(\$20.00), and missals(\$5.00) are available for sale in the office. Please call or email the office to arrange pickup after office hours.



**Our Lady of the Visitation Church** is having a Bazaar on November 30, 2024, in the hall at 5338 Bank Street. from 9 AM to 2 PM shop with many vendors for delightful gifts

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

The Knights of Columbus Council 12401 are hosting a Men's spiritual retreat on Saturday morning, December 14, 2024, starting with Mass at 9:00 am. This event is open to all men in the parish and will finish by noon. Please

#### RSVP KofC@olmm.ca

The Next general meeting of Council 12401 is on Thursday, November 28, 2024. Fellowship will begin at 7:00 pm followed by the meeting at 7:30 pm. All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend.