



CHRIST THE KING –25 NOVEMBER 2018

**“Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king.
For this I was born... I came into the world, to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”**

(Today's Readings: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37)

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Nov. 24	5:00PM Mass – Gretta Stiffel
Sun., Nov. 25	CHRIST THE KING 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 9:30AM Mass – Roger Patry+ Vivian Braganza+ Guzzo & Pedulla Family+ 11:15AM Mass – Elizabeth Ford+
Mon., Nov. 26	NO MASS
Tues., Nov. 27	9:30AM Mass – Intentions of the Spiritual Mothers and their Priest sons
Wed., Nov. 28	12:15PM Mass – Gardner Family+
Thurs., Nov. 29	10:00AM Communion service held at Windsor Park Manor 12:15PM Mass – Roger Patry+
Fri., Nov. 30	12:15PM Mass – Donald Maligaspe+ Linda Viola+ Souls in Purgatory
Sat., Dec. 01	5:00PM YOUTH MASS Josefa & Reynaldo Balmaceda+
Sun., Dec. 02	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00AM Mass – Fr. James Gray (Ivg) 9:30AM Mass – Gerta Patry+ Cecil Roy+ In Thanksgiving 11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Events Calendar ...

Sat., Nov. 24	9:30AM NO Prayer Group 11:00AM Youth Baking Workshop – Hall
Sun., Nov. 25	9:30AM Children's Liturgy 10:30AM Children's Choir practice – Rm. A CLARETIAN MISSION APPEAL at all Masses
Mon., Nov. 26	12:30PM NO Potato Peelers
Tues., Nov. 27	2:00PM Hospitality – Library 6:30PM Finance – Rm. A 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
Wed., Nov. 28	6:30PM Parish Pastoral Council – Library 7:00PM Choir (9:30) practice – held in meeting room A and Church
Thurs., Nov. 29	7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Sat., Dec. 01	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 2:00PM Youth Group meeting – Hall
Sun., Dec. 02	9:30AM NO Children's Liturgy 9:30AM Welcoming Ceremony

(Enrolment) for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Christmas Craft & Bake Sale after all morning Masses

Deacon's Column...

WHY DO WE HAVE DIFFERENT LITURGICAL YEARS?

We are coming to the completion of another liturgical year in the church. Have you ever wondered why we celebrate different liturgical seasons in the church? Why not treat every Sunday, and every time of the year the same? Well, I think it would get a little monotonous, maybe even boring. Just like we observe different days and times in our regular year, like birthdays, anniversaries, times to work and times to vacation, we focus on different aspects of our faith and our life as a community during the church year. One could say the church year reflects the circle of life with all its ups and downs, all things ordinary and extraordinary. For everything, there is a season, it says in the book of Ecclesiastes - and it seems good and important to give each thing in our life its proper time and space.

The church year with its observances of different times in the life of Jesus, from anticipation to joy, to sorrow and death and then joy again, gives us an opportunity to reflect on God's presence in all the days of our lives. We come together as church to comfort and strengthen each other. Like any year end it allows for us to take the time to look back and to look ahead even though we live in the present moment where we praise God who transcends time and space and all our various life experiences, and who is to be found even in the midst of terror and death.

In 1925, Pope Pius the 11th made a point by setting one Sunday apart as a day to be reminded that Jesus alone is our king and leader. Now throughout the entire church year, we hear how Christ is King – from the longing hymns in Advent to the joyous Christmas carols to our powerful Easter anthems. We proclaim Christ is King, all the days of the church year and all the days of our lives. In this sense, Christ the King Sunday at the end of our church year ties it all together and reminds us: Jesus rules our lives, and we are called to abandon all the idols we worship and follow him alone.

God bless
Deacon John



MISSION APPEAL FOR THE CLARETIAN MISSIONS IN INDIA—November 24/25 at all the Masses. To help support the Claretian Missions in India, the Religious Order of Fr. Lukose Kochupurackal CMF, special envelopes will be placed in the pews. This

year's donations will go directly to the "Sadhana Centre", a home for the mentally challenged. Fr. Dominic Jose CMF (former pastor) is the director of this Centre. Please make your cheques payable to Holy Cross Parish.

Parish News and Community Life...

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In the constitution, Ineffabilis Deus, of 08 December 1854, Pope Pius IX pronounced that the Blessed Virgin Mary, "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race exempt from all the stain of original sin". Our faith formation programme on the Blessed Mary was a blessing and opportunity to get a deeper understanding of Mary's role in the salvation history. **There will be a special Mass on Saturday, December 08 at 9.00 am. on the feast of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary.** Following the Mass, the Cursillo group invites everyone to the parish hall for light refreshments and to hear about the Ottawa Cursillo Movement. All are welcome to join.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Pope Francis asked the faithful of the entire world to pray that the Holy Mother of God place the Church beneath her protective mantle. He also encourages all of us to seek the protection of St. Michael the Archangel by reciting the powerful prayer written by Pope Leo XIII. We will recite this prayer after the final blessing of the Mass starting from the First Sunday of Advent, December 02, 2018.

DINNER NIGHT AND MUSIC

A Sri Lankan and Indian Family Night is organized at Holy Cross parish hall on Saturday, December 08, 2018. You are welcome to join for the taste of the food and music starting 6.30 pm. Tickets: Adult \$30/per person and there is no cost for children under 6. For tickets, call Ignatius at 613-799-3519 or Fr. Lukose at 613-710-1187.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our **PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be held on **Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP!! The Building Committee is responsible for the identification of the needs of our church building, the planning of repairs and renovations that will ensure that our parish remains clean, safe, and energy efficient. In this Jubilee Year, we would like to address the status of both the interior and exterior of the Church. The Committee welcomes any suggestions you may have to improve our Church facilities, but we need your help...if you are knowledgeable in the heating and ventilation, electrical, or plumbing, or are experienced in project management and planning, the Parish needs YOU to join us. Sign-up sheets may be found at the entrance of the Church, or call the Parish office at 613-731-7834.

ATTENTION: If you own a business or know of a business in the area that would benefit from advertising on the back of our bulletin, please contact the parish office. We depend on our advertisers to allow us to continue the publication of the bulletin.

CLUB 55: The next gathering will be on **Thursday, November 29** in the parish hall following the 12:15 pm Mass. A hot lunch will be served, along with salad, drinks and

dessert, followed by a time for cards and games. We hope you will join us.

DONATIONS TOWARDS CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: There will be special envelopes in the pews beginning next weekend December 01/02 for donations towards Christmas flowers. Donations of \$20 or more will be issued a tax receipt if you enclose your name and address or envelope number. You are also welcomed to bring Christmas flowers on the Fourth Sunday of Advent to the Church.

HOLY CROSS' 2019 CATHOLIC FAITH CALENDARS are available at the back of the Church. Cost: **\$3/each or 2/\$5.00.** They make great Christmas gifts.

NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 01/02 IS ADVENT. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR ADVENT WREATHS:



There will be a special blessing of Advent wreaths at the beginning of all Masses. Be sure to place your wreaths in front of the Altar before Mass begins. The Hospitality Committee will be selling Advent candles on December 02 at the Christmas Craft/Bake Sale.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Parents whose children would like to be a part of the Children's Christmas Choir are asked to bring them to the practices: **Saturdays on December 08, 15 & 24 from 2 pm to 3 pm held in the Church.** We humbly request that you do not miss any of the practises. The **Christmas Eve Children's Mass** is on **Monday, December 24 at 4 pm.**



The **OTTAWA POLICE CHOIR** will present a Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 16 at 2 p.m.** in the Church. All parishioners and visitors are welcome. There is no charge for admission – a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. A reception in the hall will follow the concert. Come and get into the spirit of the season by enjoying classic religious music both traditional and contemporary. We hope to see you there!



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Our **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT/BAKE SALE** will take place next **Sunday, December 02 after all morning Masses.** There will be a large Bake table with fresh apple pies, quiche, cookies, squares, and other assorted items. Be sure to stop by the Youth table and purchase a homemade loaf, and visit the Knights who will have Christmas cakes for sale. Three local authors will be selling their books, and there will be craft & jewelry tables as well. Advent candles will also be available. Visit **Café Noël** for a ham bun or a Rideau Bakery Cinnamon roll, plus a drink.

Social Justice...

DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE is again looking for small gifts (new or gently used) that the children can give their parents for Christmas. This year they also anticipate a shortage of presents for youth themselves aged 10 to 16. If you can help these families celebrate the holiday, please leave your donations in the DDFH box under the Social Justice table.