

## Christ the King Sunday – Nov 21, 2021

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Nov 23 - 7:00 p.m. Rita Tangney Req'd by Terri & Jim Goetz  
Wed. Nov 24 - 9:00 a.m. Mary Sheehy Req'd by Evelyn Goetz  
Thur. Nov 25 - 9:00 a.m. Spec. int. of Coleen Mc Manus & Family Req'd by Phyllis & Barry McCormick  
Fri. Nov 26 - 9:00 a.m. Maria, Jose & Clotilde Arruda Req'd by Luis Arruda  
Sat. Nov 27 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish  
Sun. Nov 28 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### LECTORS

Sat. Nov 27 - 4:00 p.m. Maxine Schmitt  
Sun. Nov 28 - 9:00 a.m. Marian Flanigan

**CONFESSION only by appointment, call Fr. Mike at: 519-323-1054 ext. 7**

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Nov 27 - 5:30 p.m. Renato Botis by Josephine Botis

### ST. PETER'S, Aytton

Sun. Nov 28 - 11:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

### DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. P. Jurzyk Tue.- Rev. J. Punnassery, C.M.I.

Wed.- Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.)

Thurs.- Rev. A. Urquic Fri. - Rev. P. Jamroz

Sat.- Rev. D. Avila

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.”** Consider service as a priest. If God calling you *contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)*

### Confirmation Notice for 2020 - 2021

#### Participants

If your child was prepared to make their Confirmation Communion in the school year 2020 - 2021 there will be an opportunity to make this sacrament on **Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** Contact Father Mike, Pastor, of St. Mary of the Purification Parish.

### Christ The King



Alleluja, Alleluja.

Blessed is the coming  
kingdom of our father David;  
Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord.

Alleluja.

### Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:** *Daniel 7:13-14*

Daniel prophesies about the coming of the Son of Man.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 93:1,1-2,5*

A prayer of praise to God our king

**Second Reading:** *Revelation 1:5-8*

Jesus is the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 18:33b-37*

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is “King of the Jews.”

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favorable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one

of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair. In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see [John 17:6-18](#)), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.

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### Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life. After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death.

Amen.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**  
We pray for all our sick parishioners

### Food Bank – Harriston

The food bank in Harriston is looking for donations of food, in particular, canned foods and toiletries. If you are able to contribute it would be appreciated.

### CWL Membership Dues

CWL dues for 2022 are \$25.00 and must be paid before the end of the year 2021. Please use the blue envelopes in your boxes or any envelopes and address to Colleen Dalla Costa 519- 323-9112

**WELCOME TO GERALD CYPRIEN CARDINAL LACROIX**, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, who will confer Papal Honours on 1 Priest and 14 Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton at a ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday afternoon, Feast of Christ the King. The honours were to have been conferred last year, and were postponed to earlier this year, and postponed again to Sunday! Congratulations to the honourees: Reverend Monsignor Martin Vallely (*Chaplain of His Holiness*), Chancellor for Temporal Affairs, James Long (*Knight Commander – with star – of Saint Gregory the Great*), Vince Varga and Allan Beaupre (*Knights of St. Gregory the Great*), Dao Hoang Pham, Barbara Dollack, Sharon Fazari, Martha Fauteux, and Marcel Levesque (*Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross*), Dominic Tersigni, Mario Bilich, Ankica Juraj, Martin Seregelyes, Rocco Valeri and Josie Cruz (*Benemerenti Medal*). All have contributed to the life of the Diocese and their Parishes in significant ways. Profound thanks and warm congratulations!

**A LONGER PREPARATION TIME HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED** for the Diocesan consultation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops. Since the Vatican recently announced that responses from the national Conferences are only required by August 15, 2022, the Canadian Conference has proposed that responses from the four Regions be received in Ottawa by the end of May. The Diocesan consultation will continue, therefore, until March 31, 2022. Notice has been sent to the Parishes, informing them of this change.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** celebrates another Official Key Ceremony in Hamilton next Wednesday. Two families will be in their own homes in time for Advent! Deacon Tom Vert, from St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hamilton, facilitated the transfer of the property from the Diocese for the “build”. Members of the families contributed many hours to the construction project! It is a big step forward in their lives!