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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

Parish School

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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING – NOVEMBER 25, 2018



Nov 27th – Dec 1st

- Tues. 8:30 am - Delia Freixa †
- Wed. 8:30 am - Jose Luis Altamirano †
- Thurs. Noon - Ron Young †
- Fri. 8:30 am - Maria White †
- Sat. 4:30 pm - Elton Jardine †

READINGS FOR – December 2nd

- 1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16
- 2nd Reading: Thessalonians 3.12-4.2
- Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36



2019 SUNDAY MISSALS will be available for sale at the back of the Church this weekend. We encourage parishioners to purchase a missal and read the Word of God ahead of Mass; to savour the richness of the readings and to find healing through God's word.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PROTEIN FOR THE POOR

During Advent, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations with their annual "PROTEIN FOR THE POOR." Donations will go to the Good Shepherd Centre which provides food, clothing, and shelter for many of Toronto's homeless men. Please help alleviate their suffering.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING Wednesday, November 28th at 7:00 pm



The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held this Wednesday, November 28th beginning with Mass at 7 pm. New members are always welcome. Please join us.

COLLECTION FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS December 8 & 9



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"It is you who say I am a king."

In today's Gospel the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of Earth clash. Although Pilate is not a king, he is a representative of the most powerful king the world, Caesar. Therefore, this is the day that the "king" of Earth finally meets Christ the King face to face. We must all decide for ourselves to which of these kings we will pledge our allegiance, now and for eternity.

What does the King of the Earth promise us? Just think of everything with which Satan tempted Jesus in the desert. Power, fame, worldly glory, material riches and so on. He tempts us with these temporary gratifications all the time. Meanwhile Christ the King makes it clear that following him will be difficult. His subjects are certain to face trials and persecutions and suffer for their loyalty to him.

Yet which King will make us happy? The short-term gratifications of the King of Earth are illusions. They do not lead to lasting joy or peace, but rather to loneliness, emptiness, misery and ultimately to hell. We are the children of God, made in his image and likeness. Only in Him will the deepest longing of our souls be satisfied. Only in Him will we find rest. The whole Bible boils down to a choice: to which King will you pledge allegiance?

This feast affirms that Christ is King, that He is Judge, and that He is Ruler of the Kings of the Earth. By His own words we know that this is true, as He stands before Pilate and says, Yes, I am a King. But His Kingship is different: it is not of the same kind as Earthly Kings, whose empires fade and pass away. His Kingship is eternal and holy until the end of time. Through His love for us, we share in this sovereignty - this holiness - as priests and kings who serve his God and Father. We end our year in simple, awe-filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come - the Almighty. Alleluia! Amen!

Ministry with Maturing Adults – Men/Women 50+

Friday, Nov. 30, 2018 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Topic: "Care Giving"

Guest Speaker: Stacey Mendonca – Public Education Coordinator, Alzheimer's Society of York Region

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxed sets for 2019 envelopes are ready for pick up. If you are not currently using parish envelopes and wish to have a set issued, please take a moment and complete a form in the foyer today. Envelope numbers over "500" have been eliminated, parishioners with those numbers have been assigned a new number. We would also like to remind you **please DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years. This will ensure that tax receipts are accurate. You may wish to consider Pre-Authorized giving. If there is a change in address, phone number, etc., please inform the office in **writing**. Please email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca or drop off the changes at the office.



PEANUT BUTTER, COOKIES AND SOCKS WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

You did it again Good Shepherd parishioners!! The CWL extends grateful thanks to all of you who donated the many jars of peanut butter, cookies and socks for the homeless. We received 675 pairs of socks. A special thanks to the eight people at morning mass whose donation purchased 1102 pairs of socks, bringing our total to "1777", almost reaching our goal of 2019. Good Shepherd Refuge is most grateful for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE AND BAZAAR November 24th and 25th

The ladies of the CWL will be holding the Annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale after all masses. Come and check out the assortment of Christmas Crafts, knitted goods, Christmas Baskets, baked goods and a raffle in the church hall. There will be something for everyone on your list. We would be happy to receive donations of baked goods from all members of the parish. Donations can be dropped off after 2:00 pm on Saturday Nov. 24 and before the Masses on Sunday, Nov. 25.



POINSETTIAS

Back by popular demand. High quality plants ready for your home or purchase as gifts. Sign-up sheet is available in the foyer today. Prepayment is not required. These plants come in various sizes, colours and prices and will be available for pick up on the weekend of December 8th and 9th.



CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting Food Basics/ No Frills/ Walmart Gift Cards after all Masses starting this weekend and will continue for the next several weeks. As we prepare for Advent, let us keep in mind those who are less fortunate and need assistance to get through the holidays. **We kindly ask Gift Cards in \$20 denomination. Please place gift cards in the gift card baskets at the back of the church.** You can still donate gift cards even if you did not pick up a tag.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CARITAS CANADA

Please read the attached booklet on the tragedy of forced migration entitled, "Share the Journey". There are currently over 68.5 million children, women and men uprooted from their homes. The majority of them are in some of the poorest countries. Next weekend, you will be invited to sign an action card to show your solidarity with those forced to flee their homes. Every action counts! For more information go to devp.org/campaign.

Advent Retreat Led by Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Dehonians)

Saturday, December 15, 2018 9:30 am to 5:30 pm
St. Thomas More Church - 2234 Ellesmere Rd., Scar.
"A Light for all Nations" is the theme for the Advent Retreat to prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate the birth of Christ. Praise and worship, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, along with spiritual talks and group discussion are included through the day with opportunity for Confession and ending with a Vigil Mass.
COST: \$5 for donation for lunch
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