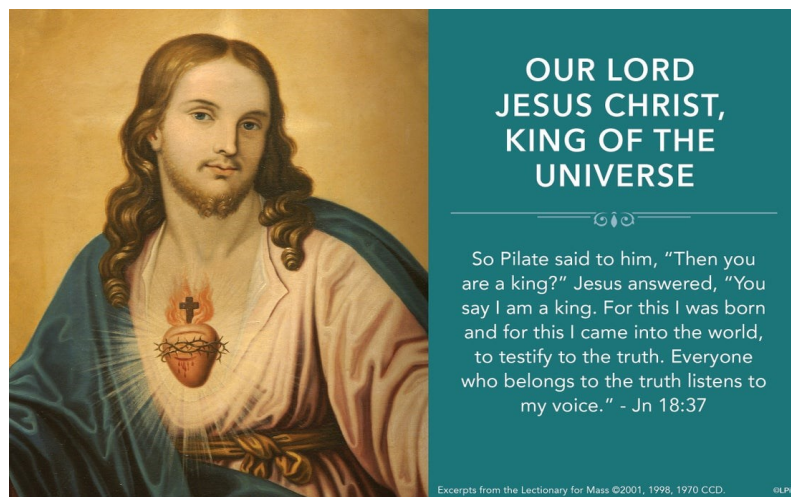


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Sunday November 21st, 2021



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

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We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess? Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come. Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

CONFIRMANDI CLASS 2021

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 13th.

Wesley Coxon	James Troyan
Isabelle Henson	Isaiah Vanderlaan
Scarlett Kun	William VanDerLee
Ciarra Lovell	Baileigh Vasas

We would also like to thank and acknowledge our Catholic Women's League for generously providing gifts to the students who receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation every year. These sacraments are significant events in the spiritual growth of our young people and the gifts are wonderful keepsakes and reflect the blessing it is to live a life of faith!

Offertory envelopes for 2022 will be available next weekend.

Volunteers will hand them out as you enter the church or phone to arrange pick-up. E-transfer will continue to be available to make your donation. Check your envelopes for Special Collection dates. **FOR THE YEAR 2022, USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR.** This will ensure that donations are credited to the proper person. **If a box has not been prepared for you, let the office know.** Also, please do not begin using your new envelopes until 2022. Thank you!

Sunday, November 28th, 2021



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

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Mon. Nov 29		NO MASS
Tues. Nov 30	9:30am	Intentions of Jack & Dorothy Walters (Colin & Teresa Walters)
		HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Dec 1	7-8pm	Eva June Addario (Vince & Lena Addario)
	9:30am	Trilo, Shiksta & Ssiva Gujadhur (Divya G.)
Thurs. Dec 2	9:30am	Roshan Hassamal (Diva G.)
Fri. Dec 3	9:30am	
Sat. Dec 4	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
		Second Sunday of Advent
	5:00pm	Margaret Marfics (Margaret Laslo & Gloria Egert)
		Second Sunday of Advent
Sun. Dec 5	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Antonio Addario (Vince Addario)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of December:

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Advent Wreath: If you or your family would like to light the wreath during the Advent season, please email or phone the office. There will be no sign up sheet this year.

We welcome in Baptism, **Jordan James Vanderzalm**, son of Jordan Vanderzalm and Jennifer Musselman. May the gifts which Baptism bestows grow unhindered in us all.

Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes: We invite everyone to make a gift towards the cost of the Christmas greens and flowers that will decorate our parish this blessed season. Honour a family member or friend, give thanks for a special event (such as a wedding or the birth of a child), or remember a departed loved one. Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or use a plain envelope with your contact information included.

The Christmas Mass schedule will be emailed to everyone the week of November 22nd and posted in the next bulletin as well as the parish website. Due to capacity limits, reservations will be required.

First Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. Our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short. Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

The Catholic Women's League

CWL Membership fees are now due: Please ensure your FULL MAILING ADDRESS OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS is included on your envelope (dated Nov. 7th in your offertory boxes) with your payment (\$25). Please include your email address as well. The envelopes can be put in the collection, dropped off at the office or leave in the black mailbox near the office entrance. Cheques should be made payable to "St. Ann Catholic Women's League." **Please do not use e transfer to make your payment. New members are welcome!!**

Visit www.stcatharinescwl.ca to learn more about the league in our diocese.

WARMVEMBER!!! The Catholic Women's League is sponsoring this event for Community Cares. Donations of warm winter items—gloves, socks, mittens and hats would be appreciated. Please drop items in the large cloth bag located at the church entrance. Or bring to the church during office hours.

Soil needed for parish: If you or someone you know has clean soil from a construction project and needs a place to deposit it, we could use it to fill in some areas around the church property. The soil should be free of debris such as rocks or bricks etc. If it contains clay, that would be fine. Phone the office if you can assist.

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Offertory November 6th & 7th, 2021

Envelopes:	\$2, 570.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 100.00

Offertory November 13th & 14th, 2021

Envelopes:	\$2, 845.00
All Souls	\$ 150.00
Deo Gratias	\$ 170.00

E -Transfer: stannfdonations@cogeco.net (No password required)

The Living with Christ **SUNDAY** Missals are now available to purchase. Copies are limited. Cost is \$3.

