



Christ The King

Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. At each of our Sunday Masses we will commission everyone involved in active ministry in our parish. Our faith in Christ the King, calls us to follow him in service and love of one another and to live and proclaim his Gospel to our world.

In preparation for this feast, we offer you Fr. John's reflections on Christ the King from November 2014:

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, in the Spiritual Exercises, describes Christ the King's incarnation into our world and lives. He writes:

"This is to behold and consider what they [the Holy Family] are doing; for example, journeying and toiling, in order that the Lord may be born in greatest poverty; and that after so many hardships of hunger, thirst, heat, cold, injuries, and insults, he may die on the cross! And all this for me!"

Ignatius presents Christ the King in a way that has no relationship to any notion of power and authority that involves the putting down of another through humiliation, oppression or even the demand for obedience. It is he who comes poor, he who places himself in our hands, he who endures sufferings for our sakes and he who seeks us. I have often thought of why God chose to be born in poverty? When I think of myself and the struggles within my heart, such as, a fear that I will not be liked or loved, that I will not be included in the group, that I'll fail at what I'm doing, and the list goes on, I realize one thing clearly. And that is, in all honesty, I'm a poor man. I want to soar in life but I mainly stub my toe instead. Maybe this echoes your own feelings. And if it does, we will never feel able or free to approach the Lord in any way. To do so would be too humiliating. We believe that God would see our poverty and would not be impressed. So from his love, he comes to us in the condition in which we are. His love is so tender that he does not want us to feel insecure and fearful, therefore, we are poor so too will he be poor. Christ does not humiliate, he does not "put down," rather he places himself into our hands.

As we come to know and believe that he places himself directly by our side, as we come to know and believe the incomprehensibility of his love, our hearts are touched and changed forever. When we read in Matthew's Gospel the call to serve others, we must not understand it as an ethical list. It isn't a moral "to do list." On the contrary, it describes a life and heart, which have been touched and is changed forever. We cannot share what we do not have. If we desire to serve and love, then let

us see how he has served and loved us. He sought us out; he put himself into our hands; and, he comes poor because we are poor. His desire is to be at our side. His greatest desire is that we know the "crazy love" he has for each of us. And when we encounter such love, after a moment of uncertainty, we say yes and we say more. We are touched and changed forever. We know we are loved and so simply want to love back. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brother and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

God Bless & Take Care! *J. N. John*

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Lourdes Early Christmas Dinner Dance

Join us on Saturday, November 28 6:30pm to midnight at Monsignor Fraser College (Isabella St.) for an Early Christmas Dinner Dance, sponsored by all of our Welcomers.

Tickets are \$20 each and are available from our Welcomers after Mass, from our Welcome Desk or from the Parish Office during the week. All proceeds will support the renovation project currently underway in our church. It's sure to be an evening of joy, laughter and good food. We hope to see you there!

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"Lord, That I May See" A Morning Retreat:

Join Fr. Doug McCarthy, S.J. and Dr. Vivian Ligo for a Morning Retreat on Saturday, **November 21st from 9am to 12 noon**. This time of prayer and reflection will take place in the Library and Loyola Halls. The theme of the Retreat is "Lord, That I May See." The Retreat is free, but we ask you to please sign up by calling the Parish Office at 416-924-6257 or email us at parish@ourladyoflourdes.ca

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Advent Parish Mission:

Join us for our Advent Parish Mission, to be held in the church **December 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 pm**. **Fr. Michael Rosinski, S.J.** will guide us through these evenings of reflection and prayer. In the busy time before Christmas, be sure to set some time aside for yourself during Advent and join us for these wonderful evenings.

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Advent Reconciliation Service:

Monday, December 14 is the designated **Day of Confession** here in our parish. On that day we will have confession times scheduled 11am to noon and 4pm to 5pm. Our **Advent Reconciliation Service** will take place that evening beginning at 7:30pm. We will have a number of priests available for individual confession. Come and celebrate the gift of God's faithful and merciful love – a wonderful way to enter into the Year of Mercy!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 16

8:00 am Fredrick & Guillermo Cabayan + [Cabayan Family]
 12:10 pm Paul Owen Francis + [Mrs. Francis]
 5:15 pm Benito & PRIMITIVA + & All Souls [Julie Pombo]

Tuesday, November 17

8:00 am Pablo & ROBERTA Tadeo + [Vilma Tadeo]
 12:10 pm Martin & EMILIA BAUTISTA + [Mercedita Bautista]
 5:15 pm Mario De Velis + [Fern & John Serrao]

Wednesday, November 18

8:00 am Thanksgiving: FE Buenavista Pahilanga [Fe Buenavista]
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving [Annabelle & Eleno]
 5:15 pm Thanksgiving [Joseph Johnson]

Thursday, November 19

8:00 am Anto, MARA & Jozo Santic + [Ana]
 12:10 pm FILOMENA MUCCILLI + [Joe & Anna Muccilli]
 5:15pm Ryan Lobo + [Millie Dolanjski]

Friday, November 20

8:00 am Henry & THELMA Tadeo + [Vilma Tadeo]
 12:10 pm All Souls in Purgatory [Oliver Family]
 5:15pm LIBRADA GARCIA + [Warlyn Irwin]

Saturday, November 21

8:00 am Melquiades Caramat + [Sofia Donoghue]
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving: David Joseph & Maria Elizabeth Myung
 [Cecilia Myung]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Margarita Coran, Michelle Norman, Helen Cannon,
 Frank Kavanagh, Carmencita Valdez
 & Margarita Locso Encarnacion*

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Re-Blessing of our St. Bernadette Statue

The Re-blessing of the St. Bernadette Statue in our outside Grotto will take place on Saturday, November 21, following the 12:10 pm Mass. As we reported to you last month, the statue of St. Bernadette in our outdoor grotto had been damaged due to vandalism and was in desperate need of repair. We are very happy to report that those repairs are complete and the Statue will be back in its place, good as new.

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Church Bulletin Advertising: Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2015 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call 905-624-4422

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Development and Peace's monthly meeting will be on Monday, November 16th from 6-8:30 pm in Lynch Hall. We will start with a vegetarian potluck supper. New members welcome.

Thank You! Our deepest gratitude goes to everyone who helped make our Parish Fall Rummage Sale, last weekend such a success. The generosity and good spirit of the parish was felt in so many ways. It was a great time of coming together and sharing in the work and the fun. Together we raised a total of \$2882.40. Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner: Mario Montecillo Ticket #1256756 Jackpot: \$115.00

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Advent Begins Sunday, November 28:

So what is the season of Advent all about?

In anticipation of the great Feast of Christmas – the celebration of the Birth of Jesus, the coming of the savior, the Church helps us prepare through the season of Advent. The word “Advent” is from the Latin *adventus* means ‘coming’ or ‘arrival’. It is the advent of Christ we are waiting for.

In the Mass readings from Scripture, Advent can be divided into two sections. The first emphasizes the coming of Christ in the final judgment and on our preparation as we ‘wait in joyful hope.’ This connects it to the final weeks of Ordinary time that we are just finishing. The second half of Advent (leading right to the morning of December 24) directs us towards the coming of the Son of God among us as one of us – Emmanuel. Truly God and truly human, Jesus has come in love to save us, to make us the people of God, and through us to continue his work of praising the Father and offering his gift of salvation.

Advent is an opportunity for us to focus on an attitude that is essential to the Christian life – *expectancy*. In Advent we set our sights and our hearts on God’s Promise to ‘be with us’. We reflect on the significance of that promise, and we long for the fullness of its coming and its full realization in our world. Advent is a gift to us in that we yearn for the time when God’s love will be seen in all of us, when peace will come through acts of justice and the love we have for one another. In advent we ready our hearts for the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and we wait for his coming again. We wait for the light which will extinguish all darkness.

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BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH

“We need no wings to go in search of Him, but have only to look upon Him present within us.”

~Saint Teresa of Avila

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of November 15-21						
Sun 15	Mon 16	Tues17	Wed 18	Thurs 19	Fri 20	Sat 21
33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time RCIA 11:30am	How to Read the Bible 7pm [Library]	Alpha 6pm				Re-blessing of the Statue of Bernadette 12:45pm