

Christ the King, November 23rd, 2025

Intentions:

November 23 - In loving memory of **Roger St. Martin**, requested by Avelina Bercades.

Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection:

November 16 - \$633.00 Thank You

November 23

Thought
of the Day

Christ the King: “YOU’RE NOT THE boss of me!” How often do we hear these words?

Stop for a moment and ask why can this person not be our boss? Is it because we feel that they don’t really know us, and we want to do things our way? Is it because what they are asking us to do is wrong? We don’t want a boss who doesn’t understand us or who will lead us astray.

What we need is someone who knows us; someone who hears our hearts crying out, someone who is at our side all the time, who does not mock us for doing the right thing, because they too have been there. And when we make a mistake, we need someone who can take away the shame we feel and let us be our true beautiful selves again. Wouldn’t it be wonderful have a person like this as our boss, to walk with us on our journey?

Today we celebrate the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Christ, the king who knows what it was like to be mocked and shows humble courage. Christ, the king who knows the sorrow of the Good Thief and shows him mercy. Christ, the king who knows our hearts and shows us the way to Paradise. Christ is the perfect king. Let him be our boss, forever!
Liz Summers Vancouver, BC

Pope’s Intentions for the Month of November

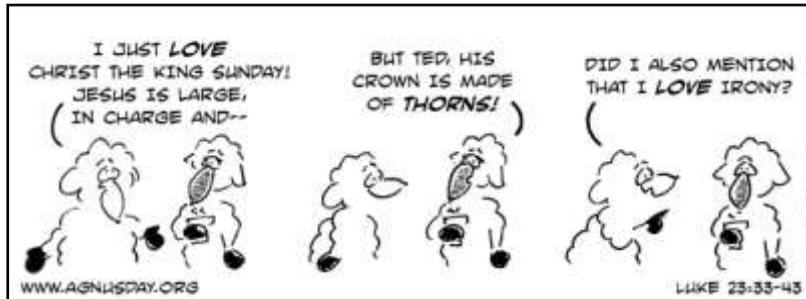
For the prevention of suicide - Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Linda Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Gospel Reflection: On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate Christ’s kingship. The notion of “king” can conjure up images of power, wealth, and self-serving rule. But here we have a King who has no power and wealth; his throne is a cross, and his rule is suffering and death. Would we be like the thief crucified with Jesus who wishes Jesus to abuse his power to save himself and them? Or would we be like the thief who recognizes his own sinfulness and Jesus’ goodness? Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by saving himself but by saving others. The reign of God is not in power but in mercy. The cross is where we least expect a king to be. Yet this is how God’s kingdom is established and where our discipleship begins. Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by power but by loving reassurance that Paradise awaits faithful disciples. (Living Liturgy, p. 252)

Vincentian Meditation: Devotion to Christ the King means loving those people whom, when he was a king on earth, Jesus liked to have close about him—the poor. Devotion to Christ the King means loving and being servants of the poor in the way and in the spirit with which Jesus served them when he was on earth. Devotion to Christ the King means opposing and rejecting violence in all its forms. Devotion to Christ the King means working for peace and reconciliation in our society, for his kingdom is one of love and justice and peace. (McCullen, *Deep Down Things*, p.569)



"As long as we stay within God's embrace, nothing can ever terrify us "

~ *Saint Andrew Dung-Lac* ~



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held at St. Michael’s Parish only: You are most welcome to join us Wednesday mornings, with exposition at 8:00 am and Mass at 9:00 am

Administrator's Corner

Kingship of Jesus Christ:

Today, the universal church celebrates the solemnity of Jesus Christ as the King of the universe and my king marking the end of the Church year. Christ is proclaimed King because He has authority over all creation, establishing a kingdom where people can receive salvation. Jesus says, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36), emphasizing that His kingship is about humble service, truth, love, and justice, not vain glory of earthly power.

The preface of today’s solemnity beautifully captures the essence of Jesus' kingship, stating that having been anointed by the Father, Jesus accomplished human redemption and presented to the immensity of God's Majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). His kingdom is built on truth, guiding us to live authentically and transparently. In this kingdom, we're called to seek truth, live by it, and share it with others, promoting a culture of honesty and integrity. Life in Jesus' kingdom is abundant, purposeful, and meaningful. We experience spiritual rebirth, hope, and eternal life.

Jesus' kingdom is holy because He's holy (1 Peter 1:15-16). We're called to reflect His holiness, by being fed with His words and sacraments. Grace abounds in Jesus' kingdom, offering us forgiveness, mercy, and new beginnings. We receive these graces, and we're called to extend them to others. As we live, we're transformed into His image, becoming more like Jesus, and reflecting His character.

Jesus' kingdom is also marked by justice, advocating for the marginalized, oppressed, and vulnerable. We work towards fairness, equality, and righteousness. Love is the foundation of His kingdom (John 13:34-35). We love God, love others, and demonstrate His love in our actions and words. Further, Peace is a hallmark of Jesus' kingdom (John 14:27). We experience inner peace because we are content that He is always with us, and relaying in His power, we promote harmony and reconciliation.

The Feast of Christ the King redefines power and authority, emphasizing that serving in love is the only way to exhibit true power. Jesus said, "The Son of man comes not to be served but to serve" (Mt. 20:25-28). Those in authority should be servants, not bosses, following Christ's example of serving all people, especially the hungry, thirsty, homeless, naked, sick, imprisoned, and strangers.

This is at the heart of the Gospel message, and it's what Pope Pius XI wanted to emphasize when he instituted this feast in 1925. "The salvation of society depends upon submission to the dominion of Christ." He believed that Christ is the author of happiness and true prosperity for every person and nation, and that His reign should be promoted and built in this world. Anyone refusing Christ's reign will never find true happiness and security.

Dear friends, as we pay our loyalty to the kingship of Christ, may we experience His special touch that refreshes and empowers us such that our lives might inspire others to follow His ways. Amen.

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St. Gabriel's (Constance Bay) **St. Michael's** (Fitzroy Harbour)

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	Sunday 9:00 am Mass
	Wednesday 8:00 am adoration/confession, 9am mass
	Thursday 8:30 confession, 9am mass
	Friday 8:30 confession, 9am mass

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Confessions and Sacrament Of the Sick are also available by request.
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