



ST. PIUS X
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Finding God in All Things

CHRIST THE KING

November 24, 2019

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR NEXT SUNDAY**
December 1, 2019

You could read/discuss/pray with your family,
with friends or by yourself.'

First Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading:

Romans 13:11-14

Psalm:

122

Gospel:

Matthew 24:37-44



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
LEAGUE NOTES**

Advent Celebration and Dinner

The CWL will be hosting its annual Advent Celebration and Dinner on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 beginning at 5:30 pm for 6:00 pm. All parishioners and friends are welcome to join us. Tickets are \$20. each and are available by contacting Ruby Sharpe at 579-7275 or rsharpe@nf.sympatico.ca or the Parish Office - 754-0170 or stpiousx@nl.rogers.com.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL VIGIL SERVICE

The Annual Memorial Vigil Service to remember our recently deceased will be held this Sunday, November 24, 2019, 7:00 pm in the Church. We remember our deceased parishioners who died during the past year (November, 2018 - November, 2019). A reception will follow.



OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

Wisdom from kids on marriage and dating
(continued):

Is it better to be single or married?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys.

Boys need someone to clean up after them.

-- Anita, age 9 (bless you child)

How would you make a marriage work?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck.

-- Ricky, age 10

What do most people do on a date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

-- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

-- Martin, age 10



**CHRISTMAS
HAMPER
NEWS**

Christmas Hamper Donations

Our Parish is now preparing for the Christmas Hampers. Last year we distributed approximately 130 hampers and we expect an increase in the number of requests this year. If you are considering financially supporting this activity, it would be very much appreciated. Please mark an envelope CHRISTMAS HAMPER. Please include your name, address and envelope number.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 16 and 17: \$3,615.70

Envelopes \$3,167.00

Loose \$ 448.70

Thank you for your continued generous support.

DE MELLO FOR KIDS

Whatever the Weather



Sometimes the weather is just perfect, isn't it? Clear blue skies, lots of bright sunshine, crisp fall air. And sometimes the weather is just the opposite, with loud crashes of thunder, bright bolts of lightning, heavy rain, and snow. In some places there are even tornadoes, hurricanes, or earthquakes. But no matter how scary the weather might seem, always remember that God is stronger than anything. He promises to protect you, no matter what!

Whether sunshine and blue skies or rain in the air.

I'm glad God's protection is everywhere!



SAINTS SPEAK

We pay God honour and reverence, not for God's sake, for He is of Himself full of glory to which no creature can add anything, but for our sake.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

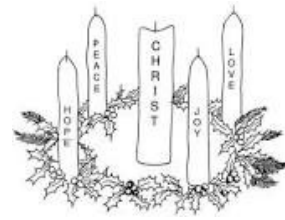
The uttered or unexpressed soul's desire after God going is essentially prayer.... the soul striving after God. This is a prayer that may exist without ceasing, consisting, as it does, not in doing or saying this or that, but in temper and attitude of the spirit.

Borden Parker Bowne (1847-1910)
The Essence of Religion



MORNING COFFEE

The Elder Ministry Committee will host a Morning Coffee on Friday, November 29, 2019, 10:15 am in the Church Library. All are welcome to attend.



ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

Jesse Tree - St. Pius X Style

The Jesse Tree is an Advent tradition that names the people leading up to the coming of Jesus. This Advent, we are going to make our own Parish Tree for Advent. Next weekend, parishioners will be given an opportunity to submit their family SURNAME for our Family Tree.

More details in next weekend's bulletin.

Socks and Underwear

We are asking for donations of new socks or underwear (adult size) for guests of The Gathering Place. You will find a special box near the entrance of the Church on all four Sundays of Advent for the collection of our gifts.

Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch

The Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch will be held next Sunday, December 1, 2019 in the Parish Hall following the 11 am Mass (approximately 12 noon). Brunch will include sausages, french toast, beverage and desert. There will be no charge for the event but parishioners are asked to bring a donation of new socks or underwear. A monetary donation toward this cause will also be accepted. These will be given to the guests of The Gathering Place.

Advent Wreath Making

Our Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch includes our annual Wreath-Making Activity. We will have all the supplies you need (including fresh fir branches) to make the wreath.

This activity will take place next Sunday, December 1, 2019, in the Parish Hall, immediately following the 11:00 am Mass (approximately 12 noon).



**ST. PIUS X PARISH
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR THANK YOU**

Thank you to all parishioners, families and friends who supported, donated and attended this year's event.

The Gift Card Tree again was a great success. Thank you to all who sold and purchased tickets. Congratulations to Ann Hogan, ticket # 0955, who was the winner of the \$500 valuable gift cards.

Thank you to Michele at the Parish Office for assisting with numerous tasks, Karl and Allan for getting the Parish Hall ready for the event.

Thank You to the following team leaders and their teams, Mary Barry - Cake Table, Katherine Bautista - Environment Table, Joan Bill - Handicrafts, Erin Breen - Children's Table, Eileen Doyle - Gift Card Tree Tickets, Lillian Joy - Silent Auction, Ann Macdonald - Tea Room, Mabel Ryan - Baked Goods Table.

Thank You to Fr. Wayne Bolton, SJ, Nick Kelly, Keith Stapleton, Valerie O'Connell, Carroll Bill, Don Byrne and Kevin Joy for all their assistance in helping make this a successful event. To date, approximately \$9,100. was raised.

A huge thank you to our Organizing Committee, Nina Beresford, Lillian Joy, Joan Bill, Anne McDonald, Mabel Ryan, Eileen Doyle, and Mary Power and anyone who contributed in anyway to make the event a great success again this year.



**FIND GOD
IN ALL THINGS**

Finding God in Spiritual Reading
Fr. Wayne Bolton SJ
Where is God in Suffering and Evil?
Based on the book, Where the Hell is God?
by Fr. S. Leonard, SJ
Part 2: November 26, 10:15 - 11:15 am

Advent Stories: Gospel Contemplations
Fr. Earl Smith SJ
You are invited to join us as we prepare
our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.
Saturday, November 30, 10:15 - 11:15 am



**"AWAY
IN A MANGER"**

This annual exhibit of nativities from around the world, opens this Sunday, November 24, 2019 at the Basilica Cathedral Museum from 1:30- 4:00 pm. Explore the meaning of Christmas by walking through a lovely old room filled with over 100 nativity sets.

Come join us at the Mullock Library – Pastoral Centre, Archdiocese of St. John's (right next to the Basilica). It is open Saturdays from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, and on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm during the four weekends of Advent. Hot chocolate and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please call 726-3660.

**23rd ANNUAL ADVENT FESTIVAL
OF CAROLS AND SCRIPTURE**

The Basilica Choir of St. John the Baptist presents: "A Little Child Will Lead Them", the 23rd Annual Advent Festival of Carols and Scripture on December 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

This ecumenical celebration will include scripture readings and beautiful Advent music.

Admission is free, but freewill donations to support Emmaus House are gratefully accepted. Reception to follow in the ambulatories.

**ELDERS' MINISTRY NEWS
'THOUGHT OF THE WEEK'**

"If you learn to listen for clues as to how I feel instead of what I say, you will be able to understand me much better."

SOURCE: Maria Martonis, from the book, "When Caring Takes Courage"

Supporting Caregivers

"Alzheimers Weekly and Dementia Weekly

For more information on Alzheimer Weekly
and Dementia Weekly,

see www.AlzheimersReadingRoom.com

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Nov. 24	8:30 am	Mass	CHRIST THE KING
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		7:00 pm	Memorial Vigil Service - Church	
Mon.	Nov. 25	9:30 am	Mass	Larry Fagan
		1:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel	
		2:50 - 3:05 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel	
		7:30 pm	Mass	James and Teresa Bindon
Tues.	Nov. 26	9:30 am	Mass	Stanislaw Gurgul
		10:15 am	Finding God in Spiritual Reading - Church Library	
		7:30 pm	Mass	Monica McCrowe
Wed.	Nov. 27	9:30 am	Mass	Bernard, Lillian, Leo and Shannon Ryan
Thurs.	Nov. 28	9:30 am	Mass	Kevin O'Shea
Fri.	Nov. 29	9:30 am	Mass	Charles and Catherine Tobin
		10:15 am	Morning Coffee - Church Library	
Sat.	Nov. 30	9:30 am	Mass	Albert Walsh; Hearn and Walsh Families
		10:15 am	Advent Stories - Gospel Contemplations - Church	
		4:45 pm	Mass	I st Sunday of Advent
Sun.	Dec. 1	8:30 am	Mass	I st Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	I st Sunday of Advent
		12:00 pm	Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch and Wreath Making Activity - Parish Hall	

GONZAGA JESUIT COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN RESIDENCE

Fr. William Browne, SJ, Br. Joe Frechette, SJ, Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ, Mr. Richard Mulrooney, SJ, Fr. Joseph Schuck, SJ

WEBSITES: Four to recommend are:

www.jesuits.org www.ignatianspirituality.com www.jesuitresources.org www.aleteia.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm and Tuesday: 6:40 - 7:20 pm

TIMES OF MASSES: Monday and Tuesday: 9:30 am and 7:30 pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:30 am
Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:45 pm; Sunday: 8:30 and 11 am

BAPTISMS: Second Sunday of the month. Time: 1 pm in the Church. Please call the Parish Office (754-0170)
ONE MONTH in advance. A copy of the child's birth certificate must be provided before the baptism.

PRE-BAPTISMAL COURSE: Call the Parish Office for more details

MARRIAGES: By appointment SIX MONTHS in advance. Marriage Preparation Course required

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 12 noon and 12:30 - 4:00 pm;

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CHAIRPERSON OF PARISH COUNCIL: 739-5780

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: 233-0302 or 753-6997