



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Masks are
Mandatory in the
Church**

Christ the King as Represented in the Liturgy

The liturgy is an album in which every epoch of Church history immortalizes itself. Therein, accordingly, can be found the various pictures of Christ beloved during succeeding centuries. In its pages we see pictures of Jesus suffering and in agony; we see pictures of His Sacred Heart; yet these pictures are not proper to the nature of the liturgy as such; they resemble baroque altars in a gothic church. Classic liturgy knows but one Christ: the King, radiant, majestic, and divine.

With an ever-growing desire, all Advent awaits the "coming King"; in the chants of the breviary we find repeated again and again the two expressions "King" and "is coming." On Christmas the Church would greet, not the Child of Bethlehem, but the Rex Pacificus — "the King of peace gloriously reigning." Within a fortnight, there follows a feast which belongs to the greatest of the feasts of the Church year -- the Epiphany. As in ancient times oriental monarchs visited their principalities (theophany), so the divine King appears in His city, the Church; from its sacred precincts He casts His glance over all the world....On the final feast of the Christmas cycle, the Presentation in the Temple, holy Church meets her royal Bridegroom with virginal love: "Adorn your bridal chamber, O Sion, and receive Christ your King!" The burden of the Christmas cycle may be summed up in these words: Christ the King establishes His Kingdom of light upon earth!

If we now consider the Easter cycle, the luster of Christ's royal dignity is indeed somewhat veiled by His sufferings; nevertheless, it is not the suffering Jesus who is present to the eyes of the Church as much as Christ the royal Hero and Warrior who upon the battlefield of Golgotha struggles with the mighty and dies in triumph. Even during Lent and Passiontide the Church acclaim her King. The act of homage on Palm Sunday is intensely stirring; singing psalms in festal procession we accompany our Savior singing: Gloria, laus et honor tibi sit, Rex Christe, "Glory, praise and honor be to Thee, Christ, O King!" It is true that on Good Friday the Church meditates upon the Man of Sorrows in agony upon the Cross, but at the same time, and perhaps more so, she beholds Him as King upon a royal throne. The hymn *Vexilla Regis*, "The royal banners forward go," is the more perfect expression of the spirit from which the Good Friday liturgy has arisen. Also characteristic is the verse from Psalm 95, *Dicite in gentibus quia Dominus regnavit*, to which the early Christians always added, a ligno, "Proclaim among the Gentiles: the Lord reigns from upon the tree of the Cross!" During Paschal time the Church is so occupied with her glorified Savior and Conqueror that kingship references become rarer; nevertheless, toward the end of the season we celebrate our King's triumph after completing the work of redemption, His royal enthronement on Ascension Thursday.

Neither in the time after Pentecost is the picture of Christ as King wholly absent from the liturgy. Corpus Christi is a royal festival: "Christ the King who rules the nations, come, let us adore" (Invit.). In the Greek Church the feast of the Transfiguration is the principal solemnity in honor of

Christ's kingship, *Summum Regem gloriae Christum adoremus* (Invit.). Finally at the sunset of the ecclesiastical year, the Church awaits with burning desire the return of the King of Majesty.

We will overlook further considerations in favor of a glance at the daily Offices. How often do we not begin Matins with an act of royal homage: "The King of apostles, of martyrs, of confessors, of virgins — come, let us adore" (Invit.). Lauds is often introduced with *Dominus regnavit*, "The Lord is King". Christ as King is also a first consideration at the threshold of each day; for morning after morning we renew our oath of fidelity at Prime: "To the King of ages be honor and glory." Every oration is concluded through our Mediator Christ Jesus "who lives and reigns forever." Yes, age-old liturgy beholds Christ reigning as King in His basilica (etym.: "the king's house"), upon the altar as His throne.

--Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

Collection:
November 13/21

Envelopes	\$410.00
Loose	\$20.00
Donation	\$125.00
Donation to Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
Shrine Fund I/M of Theresa MacIntyre	\$25.00
	\$680.00

Notices:

1: Thank You: A great big thank you to all who made the Christmas Bingo a success. To everyone who donated and to everyone who showed up to play and followed Covid19 protocols, thank you. A profit of \$1538.75 was realized.

2: New Missals: The new missals will be in the church this week. Cost \$5.00 per missal. If you want to purchase a Missal, please leave your payment in an envelope with your number.

3: Gaelic workshop: Gaelic workshop at the Red Islands firehall, Saturday, November 27, from 10:00 to 3:00. \$30 per person, with lunch included. Anyone interested please contact Cathy Campbell via email (ceiteagcaimbeul@gmail.com) or 902-561-2430.

4: Christmas Toy and Gift Drive: Christmas is coming and so is the Bras d'Or Lakers annual Christmas Toy and Gift drive for local families in need of assistance. This year's benefitting agency is the new Potlotek Food Bank in Chapel Island. We are asking for toys and children's clothing to be dropped off at the Fire Hall. These gifts are to be new and unwrapped. The food bank will distribute the gifts to their clients for their children. The reception and gift drop-off will be on Saturday December 4th between 2:30 and 4:00 PM. Covid protocols will be in place. Tea and snacks will be served, and we look forward to seeing many of you there. If you cannot attend in person, we encourage you to send a children's gift with somebody who is attending. Seasons Greetings,

Howard MacIntyre, Chair
Edith Boyle, Vice-chair

5: Christmas Bake Sale: Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be hosting a Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday December 5th. Come and do some Christmas Baking without the hassle. We will also be looking for donations to the Bake Sale, so if you have time to help bake that will be greatly appreciated. Time: 10am – 12pm. This will be our last event for the year. Proof of vaccine will be required.

6: St. Mary's Parish Frenchvale Fundraiser: 4 cords of firewood split and delivered with the CBRM, or \$500.00 cash. Tickets: \$1.00 each available from Cathy Johnston, 902-535-2774. Draw date: December 4th, at St. Mary's Parish.

7: Religious Christmas Cards for sale: There are available many different designs and also mixed packs of religious Christmas cards through www.lifecyclebooks.ca You may order on line or Maureen Sampson of HGA has ordered several mixed packs for anyone in our surrounding communities who may be interested. The cost is \$5 for a pack of 10. Phone 902-587-2517 for more information.

Christmas/New Year's Schedule: Johnstown - An update for all parishes will be added later

Christmas Eve: Friday, Dec 24, 2021: 4:00 pm

Sunday December 26: 2021 9:00 am

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Friday, Dec. 31, 2021 - Holy Day of Obligation – 4:00 pm

Sunday January 2nd, 2022 – 9:00 am