



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00

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November 21st, 2020

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

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

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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 acclaims 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!"

**Masks are
mandatory in
the Church**

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.

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Collection: November 21st, 2020

Envelopes \$355.00

Notices:

1: Quilt Winner: The winner of the Quilt was Natalie Latyshko, from Toronto. Thank you to Rita Campbell for donating the quilt and to all who purchased and sold tickets. We took in \$1225.00 on the tickets. Sacred Heart Ladies Group.

2: AGM: The annual general meeting of the Bras d'Or Lakers will take place on Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 3:00 PM at the Johnstown Parish Hall. Face masks will be required to enter the building and social distancing and sanitation practices will be in place. Chairs will be spaced six feet apart, and there will be ample seating available.

3: Christmas Toy Drop-off - Bras d'Or Lakers Seniors

It has been a quiet year for our club. But we will end this year on a positive note, with our annual donation of new toys or new children's clothing to be distributed to needy families by the St. Peters Food Bank.

This year we need to deliver the gifts to the food bank on Monday morning, November 30th. To that end we will be at the Johnstown parish hall on Saturday, November 28th, between 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM (approximately) to receive the donated gifts. As usual, the toys or children's clothing need to be new and unwrapped. If you are unable to deliver your gift personally that day, please consider having someone else drop it off for you.

Unfortunately, we can't have a reception this year because of Covid 19 restrictions. However the families who receive the gifts at Christmas will be just as grateful.

4: Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine: The gift shop at the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou will be holding a Christmas Shopping Sale. WHEN ~ On Saturday, December 5th and on Sunday, December 6th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. With Public Health Protocol in place. All merchandise in stock will be 50% OFF for these two days only. The Shrine remains open year round and at this time we thank-you for your wonderful support during this unprecedented year. If you wish to enrol someone in "Friends of the Shrine", call 902-945-2221, leave a detailed message and we will return your call. If requesting an enrolment as a Christmas gift, we must set a deadline of December 14th for mail outs. Wishing all of you Peace and Joy and a heart filled with Hope, Board & Management of Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine.

5: Christmas Bake Sale: Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be hosting a Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday December 6th. 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: 12pm – 2pm. This will be our last event for the year.

6: A COVID CHRISTMAS: Christmas is typically a homecoming event as much as it is a high religious feast so family members will gather to celebrate their faith in God and each other. This Christmas, however, is somewhat different due to COVID-19 restrictions that have limited available space in churches. Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart is scheduled for Thursday, December 24th 6:00pm. Those wishing to attend this Mass must pre-register and include any visiting family members. Because we may not be able to accommodate everyone with self-distancing registration has to be on a "first-come, first-served" basis. We hope that this procedure will work; we do not want to limit each family as to the number of persons they may add. To register please call 535-3107, email louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com or leave a note in your collection envelopes.

7: Winter 2021: Due to Covid19 self-distancing regulations we will not be able to have mass in the Guadalupe Chapel (vestry) this winter. At a recent parish council meeting it was suggested that we move to the Parish Hall for January – March. We decided to check with our regular church goers to see if they would prefer to stay in the Church (Main church) or move over to the hall. You can leave a note in your envelopes as to your preference. This decision will not need to be made until January, but the sooner we know the better.

8: Christmas/New Year's Schedule:

Christmas Eve: Thursday, Dec 24, 2020:

L'Ardoise: 4:00 pm – Sacred Heart: 6:00 pm

Potlotek: 12:00 am Celebrated by Rev Duncan Maclsaac

Christmas Day: Friday Dec 25, 2020

River Bourgeois: 9:00 am – St. Peters: 10:30 am

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020 - Holy Day of Obligation

River Bourgeois: 5: 30 pm

St. Peters: 7:00 pm

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 - Holy Day of Obligation

World Day of Peace

New Year's Day

L'Ardoise: 9:00 am – Sacred Heart: 11:00 am