



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays
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November 19, 2022

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The new weekly Mass books for 2022-2023 are available at the front of the church – Cost: \$5.00 each

Sunday Readings, Year C:

The **First Reading** is from 2 *Samuel 5:1-3*. Saul, the first king of Israel, was told by the prophet Samuel that the kingship would not remain in his family because he had disobeyed the laws of God. David was chosen by God to replace him and was anointed secretly by Samuel in Bethlehem.

The institution of the feast of the Kingship of Christ was intended to be a rallying-call to all Christians to acknowledge the sovereignty of Christ, not only over all Christians and all men but over all of creation. He is king of all creation because, as the second reading today says, “through him, by him and in him all things subsist.” Therefore, he is the sovereign Master, Ruler, Protector and Judge of all created things. The title of King was chosen to express all these prerogatives, because he himself, in his moment of deepest humiliation, admitted to Pilate that he was King. He is given this title in most of the Old Testament prophecies concerning him.

The story of David's anointing as king over all of Israel is recalled on this feast of the Kingship of Christ, because David was seen in the Old Testament as a type, a representation, of the future messianic king. David, although the greatest of the kings of Israel, was but a poor shadow of Christ the King, whose reign extends, not only over all Israel, but over all the universe and all things created in heaven as well as on earth.

The **Second Reading** is from *St. Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20*. St. Paul tells the Colossians how grateful they ought to be

to God for having made them Christians and citizens of Christ's kingdom. The Apostle then goes on to describe who and what their new sovereign is, true God and true man, the true image of the invisible God and at the same time the perfect exemplar of true humanity. This portion of St. Paul's epistle was aptly chosen for this great feast of the Kingship of Christ. Also, it calls to our minds how blessed, how fortunate we are to be Christians, citizens of his kingdom on earth with a guarantee of perpetual citizenship in his heavenly kingdom. This will be so only if we do the little he asks of us while here on earth.

Today is for all Christians a national day. Today, let us raise our Christian flag—the crucifix—aloft, and salute it with fervor and a promise of fervent loyalty. My King has suffered for me. For his sake, I am ready to suffer any trial that comes my way. If needs be, I am prepared to die for him. If he does not ask that supreme sacrifice, I am assuredly ready to live a life of faith, hope and sincere love for him, and of gratitude to him. Honor, glory and thanks forever to Christ our King!

The Gospel is *Luke 23:35-43*, describing the death of Jesus on the cross. All four Evangelists tell us that when Jesus was crucified on Calvary there was an inscription written on the upper arm of the cross which said that he was “King of the Jews.” To the disgust of the Jewish leaders he insisted on putting the title of the crucified criminal, “King of the Jews,” over his cross. In doing this, Pilate was proclaiming to the world, that these vengeful leaders of the people had condemned the messianic King, for whom they had been waiting for centuries, to the shameful death of the cross. He was doing even more. He was proclaiming that the innocent one who hung on that cross was the “King of Kings” the King of this world and of the next.

Today let us renew our loyalty to Christ our King. We are privileged and proud to be his subjects. As members of his Church on earth we are as yet in the preparatory stage of that kingdom. If we do the little that he asks of us, during this period of preparation, we are assured of being full citizens in his eternal kingdom of happiness and peace.

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.

Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; “All things were created by Him”; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, “holding in all things the primacy”; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

Today's Mass also describes the qualities of Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is: 1) supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings; 2) universal, extending to all nations and to all places; 3) eternal, for “The Lord shall sit a King forever”; 4) spiritual, Christ's “kingdom is not of this world.” —Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rudolph G. Gandas

Collection

November 12, 2022

Envelopes	\$120.00
Donation	\$500.00
	\$620.00

NOTICES:

1: Thank You: A great big thank you to all who made the Christmas Bingo a huge success. To all the people who donated the excellent prizes, to all who worked selling bingo cards and books and to all who showed up to support Sacred Heart Ladies Group and have a very enjoyable afternoon. We were able to clear \$2,500. Thanks from Sacred Heart Ladies Group

2: Guest Music: On Saturday November 19th, the Richmond County Men's Choir will join us for our regular Mass at 4pm

3: More Guests: The Knights of Columbus have again managed to get the travelling St. Joseph icon and want to reprise the devotion in my parishes. The plan is to attend the four parish Masses on Nov. 19 & 20 and pray the devotion in the place of the homily.

4: Johnstown Community Development Co-op AGM:

The Annual General Meeting of the Johnstown community Development Co-operative will take place on Sunday, November 27, 2022 at **2:00 p.m.** at the Johnstown Parish Hall, Johnstown, NS.

5: Cape Breton Chorale: On Saturday, October 29, make plans to join the Cape Breton Chorale and guests for Moonlight Masquerade at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre.

Start time: 7:30pm with cocktails and appetizers.

Special guest musical and dance performances.

Semi-formal dress code, Party masks optional.

Tickets are \$65.00 per person, up to 10 people per table, sold online at capebretonchorale.com or from chorale members.

6: Bras d'Or Lakers AGM: The Bras d'Or Lakers will be holding their Annual Meeting on **Sunday December 4th at 2pm** at the Red Islands Fire Hall. All are welcome

7: Christmas Toy/Clothing Drive: It's that time of year again. Bras d'Or Lakers annual toy and children's clothing drive is under way. We are looking for toys and children's clothing to be donated to the St. Peters Food Bank for distribution to needy children at Christmas.

As usual, we request new, unwrapped gifts, either toys or children's clothing.

Please bring your gifts to the Red Islands Fire Hall, between 2:30 PM and 4:00 PM on Sunday, December 4th. We look forward to seeing you there. Tea and snacks will be provided

8: Events in L'Ardoise: Saturday, December 3rd Breakfast and Food Drive.

Sunday, December 4th, Bake Sale and Merchandise Bingo.

All events at L'Ardoise Community Centre.

9: Change of Mass Time: On Saturday December 10th, Sacred Heart will switch their Mass time with Holy Guardian Angles in L'Ardoise – We will have Mass at 5:30 on December 10th

10: Christmas Concert: St. Joseph Parish Bras d'Or Christmas Concert Fundraiser Bras d'Or Hall, 24 Villa Drive Sunday, Dec. 11th at 7:00 P.M Tickets \$12.00 For tickets call the parish office at 902.736.9633

Talent Co-ordinator: Fred Lavery

Appearances by Children's Parish Christmas Choir, Aaron Lewis, Kimberly Fraser, Jenn Roland, Buddy MacDonald, MacArthur Dancers, Ian Aker & Fred Lavery, Hugh Toner, Dane Pedersen, Finney Boys, Father Godwin, Alan Gale, Andrew Doyle, St. Joseph Men's Choir, Ward Glogowski & Hughie MacDonald and Earl Warhus.

50/50 and Canteen Service Available Accepting Food Bank Donations.

Not to be missed Christmas Event of the Season!

11: Christmas Eve: Mass for Christmas Eve is set for 5:30 pm