



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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November 23, 2025

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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.

Collection
November 16, 2025

Envelopes	\$245.00
Heat	\$155.00
Missals	\$10.00
	\$410.00

Notices:

1: 2025/2026 Missals: The new missals for 2025/2026 are at the front of the church. Missals are \$5.00. You can add that to your envelope and note on the envelope that you are paying for a missal.

2: Coffee: Weekly coffee club is held each Wednesday at 9:00 am, at the District 10 Red Islands Fire Hall, all are welcome.

3: Sewing/Crafting: Weekly Sewing/Crafting takes place on Thursdays, at 1:00 pm, at District 10 Red Islands Fire Hall, all are welcome to come.

4: Fun Darts: The next fun darts at District 10 Red Islands fire hall will be Friday, December 5, 2025, at 7:15 pm. Hope to see you there.

Pass this message along to anyone in the community you think may be interested. Beginners are welcome. We have extra darts in case some don't have them.

5: Christmas Toy and gift drive for St. Peters Food Bank

This year's Christmas toy and gift drive is coming soon. We plan to meet at the District 10 Red Islands Fire Hall on Saturday, December 6th at 3:00 PM, to drop off our toys and new clothing gifts.

Guidelines are same as previous years – new, unwrapped gifts only, either toys or children's clothing.

We hope to see you there. We will be serving coffee and tea and some light treats.

6: The Annual General Meeting for District 10 Volunteer Fire Department, Red Islands, will take place Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 1 pm at the fire hall.

7: Pancake Breakfast - Wednesday, December 10, 2025 - 9:00 to 11:30 – District 10 Fire Hall in Red Islands All are welcome. Small donations are appreciated but certainly not necessary. No need to reserve a spot, just show up

8: St. Mary's Parish, Frenchvale. Ticket draw on 4 Cords of Firewood, or \$500.00. Tickets: \$1.00 each: Draw Date: Dec 6th, 2025. Contact Cathy Johnston: 902-535-2774

9: "Come to the Ceilidh"

St. Mary's CWL invites you to "Come to the Ceilidh" with Donna Marie DeWolfe and Allan Dewar Sunday, December 14; East Bay Firehall; 2:00-4:00pm
Admission \$10:00; Under 12 FREE

10: A Star in the East - Christmas with the Cape Breton Chorale

Sunday, December 7th at 2:30 PM

Church of Christ the King - 19 Trinity Ave, Sydney

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door

buy online at <http://capebretonchorale.com> or by calling 902-270-2591

Director - Ryan Billington

Asst. Director - Emma Francis

Piano and Organ - Paula Jane Francis

11: Handel's *Messiah* - A Musical Celebration of Advent

Join us for a moving performance of **Handel's *Messiah***, performed by a choir and orchestra with members from across the CBRM. This cherished Oratorio captures the longing and hope of Advent—prophecies fulfilled, light breaking into darkness, and the joyful announcement of Christ's birth. Through Handel's inspired music and Scripture-filled text, we are invited to prepare our hearts once more for the coming of the Messiah. All are welcome to this uplifting celebration of the Advent season. Join us at **Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 PM**. Admission is free with a silver collection.

12: Low Income Property Tax Exemption Program – Application Deadline Extended The Municipality of the County of Richmond has extended the deadline for applications to the Low Income Property Tax Exemption Program to December 31, 2025. Residents who qualify are encouraged to submit their applications by the new deadline. For more information, including eligibility and how to apply, please visit:
<https://www.richmondcounty.ca/low-income-tax-exemption-program.html>