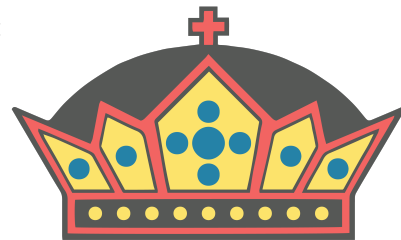


EXPLORING OUR FAITH – CHRIST THE KING, AND SO MUCH MORE

Several years ago, I was approached by a student from Crandall University and asked to do an interview about what it was like to be Roman Catholic. This young lady was doing a project for her Religious Studies class and wanted to see the similarities, and differences, between the Baptist tradition in which she was raised and Roman Catholicism. In her work for her project, she came to mass every Sunday for a month, interviewed myself and a couple of others, and spent a little time with some church documents found on the internet. I was the last person she interviewed for this project, and at the end of the interview she told me something that has stuck with me to this day. She said, *“In my religion, God is our Father, while in your religion, He seems to be your King”*.

For the next little while I spent some time thinking about this rather startling observation. Spending close to 30 years involved in the R.C.I.A. process and meeting many people who were coming to us from other faith traditions, I have learned that there are many ways our church is perceived from the outside looking in; and some not very flattering. I guess the same can be said the other way as well. But, for some reason, this was different. This wasn't the usual stuff about how we worship saints and statues, only pray to Mary, and think we can do anything we want, then go to confession, and all is good. This statement, by this young lady, went right to the core of how I lived out my relationship with God.



When I think of kings and queens, and royalty in general, I think of people of privilege who are detached from the lives their subjects lead and are unapproachable to the common person. This is not the God, or for that matter, the Jesus that I know. The Jesus that I know is as close to me as my next breath. He is concerned with every aspect of my life; the joys and the sorrows, the victories and the defeats. And, he is so approachable, that if I forget to reach out to him from time to time, then he reaches out to me. Then it dawned on me that my thoughts about kings and queens were somewhat narrow minded. A king can also be someone you would want to emulate. Someone you would want to pattern yourself after. So, I went searching for what would be considered qualities of a good king. Here's what I found: *A good king is very clear, there is no question about their vision; a good king is decisive, courageous, passionate, and humble.* As I looked at these qualities and matched them up with Jesus of Nazareth that I have come to know and love, I came to the conclusion that King is indeed an appropriate title. And what's great about this situation is that its like having your father as king. Always with your best interest at heart. Always there when you need him. Always welcoming you home, no matter where life's journeys have taken you.

I often wonder what kind of grade the young lady from Crandall received for her project. I would never say that her conclusions were incorrect, but maybe, incomplete. Yes, I will concede that God is our King. But that's only one side of who God is for us. God is the only king I have ever known who loved his people so much that he wanted to become **one** of them so he could lead them safely home. That **One** is who we celebrate today; Christ the King.

~Mark Mahoney, Pastoral Associate
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping

Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

Christ the King (34th Sunday of O.T.) 21 November 2021

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Immaculate Conception Mass Times

Sunday – 9:00 am & 4:00 pm (until further notice)
Tuesday – 4:00 pm (Sacristy)

St. Peter's Mass Time

Saturday – 4:00 pm

Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week			
Mon	Daniel 1:1-20	DN 3:52-56	Luke 21:1-4
Tue	Daniel 2:31-45	DN 3:57-61	Luke 21:5-11
Wed	Daniel 5:1-28	DN 3:26-67	Luke 21:12-19
Thur	Daniel 6:12-28	DN 3:68-74	Luke 21:20-28
Fri	Daniel 7:2-14	DN 3:75-81	Luke 21:29-33
Sat	Daniel 7:15-27	DN 3:82-87	Luke 21:34-36
Sun	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2	Psalm 25	Luke 21:25-36



PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Immaculate Conception

Loose: \$45.15; Regular Envelopes: \$770.00;
Votives: \$167.25 **TOTAL: \$982.40**

Immaculate Conception Cemetery Fund

Cemetery Fund Envelope: \$50.00;
Plot Prepayment: \$40.00: **TOTAL: \$90.00**

St. Peter's

Loose: \$22.35; Envelopes: \$130.00;
Donation: \$50.00; **Total: \$202.35**

Regional Mass Account

Masses: **\$140.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Please note your envelope donations can also be left in the locked box outside the parish hall.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	20	SP	4:00 pm	Brenda Warham†	Claire Murphy
Sun	21	IC	9:00 am	Nathalie LeGoff†	Bill & Stuart
Sun	21	IC	4:00 pm	Carl & Marie Welsh†	Dick & Family
Tue	23	IC	4:00 pm	Léo Martin†	Huguette & Family
Sat	27	SP	4:00 pm	Leon Vautour†	Jeannette Curtis
Sun	28	IC	9:00 am	Bessie Walsh†	Alban & Janet
Sun	28	IC	4:00 pm	Leon Vautour†	Dick Hudson

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

				Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	27	SP	4:00 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Lois Stella
Sun	28	IC	9:00 am	1 st & 2 nd Reading Intentions	Pat
Sun	28	IC	4:00 pm	1 st & 2 nd Reading Intentions	Donna Stephen

WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Alverie Robichaud, Roger Mazerolle and all residents in special care homes.



2021 MEMORIAL TREE Help support our cemeteries by purchasing your Memorial Tree bulb in memory of a loved one. Bulbs are \$10.00 each with all proceeds going to the cemeteries. For South Branch call Stella @ 955-3612 or Carol @ 523-6389 and for Rexton call Trevor at the Parish Office @ 523-6817. **Please submit your requests for Memorial Tree bulbs by the end of November.** The Memorial Tree in South Branch will be lit following the 4:00 pm mass on November 27th. The date for the lighting of the Memorial Tree in Rexton has not yet been determined.

CATECHISM/SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Fr. Bernard would like to hear from all parents whose children are due to receive sacraments. **Please contact the parish office by the end of November** to let us know if you are seeking sacraments for your children.

2022 LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS are available at the back of the church or by dropping in to the parish office. The cost for Missals is \$5.00. The 2022 Parish Envelopes have not yet arrived from R.D. MacLean at the time this bulletin was printed.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS



DEVELOPMENT & PEACE A major focus of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *People and Planet First* campaign is advocating for a law that compels Canadian companies to respect the human and environmental rights of local populations in their overseas operations. This fall, acting in solidarity with their brothers and sisters in the Global South, thousands of Canadians signed a petition asking the government to enact such a law.

On behalf of all those who struggle to preserve their land, lives, livelihoods and lifestyles, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for your commitment and mobilization. Together, we act in solidarity with the protectors of the Earth. Together, we have the power to change lives.

To continue supporting the petition and to keep up the campaign momentum, visit <https://devp.org/en>

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



JESUS WANTS TO MAKE IT UNDERSTOOD THAT ABOVE POLITICAL POWER THERE IS ANOTHER GREATER ONE, WHICH IS NOT OBTAINED WITH HUMAN MEANS. HE CAME ON EARTH TO EXERCISE THIS POWER, WHICH IS LOVE, 'BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH.'

~POPE FRANCIS, 2018/11/25

