



God's Kingdom

Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. Pope Pius connected the denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism. At the time of *Quas Primas*,

secularism was on the rise, and many Christians, even Catholics, were doubting Christ's authority, as well as the Church's, and even doubting Christ's existence. Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of dictatorships in Europe, and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was most needed. In fact, it is still needed today, as these problems have not vanished, but instead have worsened.

Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects. They were:

1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state (*Quas Primas*, 32).
2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ (*Quas Primas*, 31).
3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies (*Quas Primas*, 33).

The way to "enter" into God's Kingdom "does not permit shortcuts"; rather, "every person must freely welcome the truth of the love of God. He is Love and Truth and both love and truth never impose themselves: they knock at the door of the heart and mind and, wherever they may enter, they bring peace and joy. This is God's way of reigning; this is his project of salvation, a 'mystery' in the biblical sense of the word, which is a plan that is revealed little by little throughout history." — Pope Benedict XVI

Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular kings, and in contrast to them, he connected his role as king to humble service, and commanded his followers to be servants as well. In other passages of Scripture, his kingdom is tied to his suffering and death. While Christ is coming to judge the nations, his teachings spell out a kingdom of justice and judgment balanced with radical love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one willing to die for humanity and whose "loving-kindness endures forever." Christ is the king that gives us true freedom, freedom in Him.



NO MASS ON MONDAYS

Tuesday, November 24

8:00 am + JOHN FERNANDES - Patricia

7:00 pm + TIAGA & DEOLINDA LARANJEIRO – Mary Lopes

Wednesday, November 25

8:00 am + JOE and ANA FIGUEIREDO – Filomena Texeira

7:00 pm + RUDY WOSTMANN – Bill and Sonya

+ SOULS IN PURGATORY – Maria Pock

- Intentions of the Fr. Jacek Kryn

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Thursday, November 26

8:00 am + UWE USLAR – Phyl Arthur

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY - Rosa

Friday, November 27

8:00 am + GORDON BARLETT

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY

Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory begin at 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 28

8:00 am + DON ARTHUR – Phyl and Mike

CONFESSIONS at 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Saturday, November 28

5:00 pm + ROCKY GUGLIELMI – his family

+ ALHANDRINA FIGUEIREDO – Maria Albuquerque

+ PATRICIA DEVINE – Marg and Anders Freij

Sunday, November 29

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am + DECEASED FAMILY OF PATIENCE AND SUNDAY

New 2021 Sunday Missals and 2021 Religious calendars

While the parish is unable to provide Sunday Missals in the pews, we did purchase some copies of the 2021 Sunday Missals for parishioners to buy for personal use.

Please contact the parish office to reserve your copy for \$5.00. Calendars are \$4.00 each.

These should be available within the next week.



NO MASS ON MONDAYS

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 am + OLIVA TERSIGNI - Yolanta
7:00 pm + JANE DONALDSON – Fr. Gary

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 am – for the intentions of the Kelly family
7:00 pm + ANTONIO NORDELO MELO & FAMILY – Fatima
+ ESPEDITA and ADELA MALANA DULAY

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Thursday, December 3

8:00 am + ANTONIO PELLETTI – Mala D'Angela
7:00 pm + ANTONIO LOPES – Jose and Mary Lopes

Friday, December 4

8:00 am + SOULS IN PURGATORY - Filomena
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY
Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory begin at 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 5

8:00 am – For family unity and peace - Purita

CONFESSIONS at 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Saturday, December 5

5:00 pm + MARY & GERRY COUTURIER – Maria Correia
+ RUDY WOSTMANN – Isabella Wostmann and
Bill and Sonya

Sunday, December 6

9:00 am + ANN & FRANK DeSOUZA – Marie and Theresa
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners



Advent Wreath

Advent begins on November 29! We invite families, couples or individuals to take part in lighting the candles on the Advent wreath for weekend Masses during Advent. **To sign-up please contact the parish office by phone or email. Thank you! (no sign-up in the Church this year)**

Catholic educational bulletins for children:

<https://thekidsbulletin.com/>

**Society of St Vincent de Paul
of St. Ambrose Parish**

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

Again, this year our parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be helping those in need for Christmas, although it will look different. In the past we were able to provide a sizable box or hamper of non-perishable foods, a turkey or ham and a voucher for Food Basics for families to purchase perishable items for Christmas dinner.

Due to the current COVID precautions, your SSVP conference volunteers will instead be giving grocery store vouchers only.

We are asking our generous parishioners to consider the extraordinary circumstances many of our neighbors and families in our parish area are in, and for who knows how long!

Your SSVP conference volunteer team is ready and willing to do their part to help others in need, but financial donations would be greatly appreciated.

Cheques made to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you on behalf of the

St. Ambrose Parish SSVP Conference

CHURCH ENVELOPES for 2021 – Your church envelope box for 2021 will be available in the Church Hall. In order to allow for physical distancing, the hall provides more space between people.

Envelope boxes will have your name and address on the box. Please check to ensure that you have received the same envelope number as this year. If not, please let the office know.

IF YOU HAVE NOT USED CHURCH ENVELOPES BUT WOULD LIKE TO DO SO FOR 2021.... Please contact the parish office to have this arranged.

**The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph
will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus,
December 16th to December 25th, 2020**

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?

You can send in your prayers requests for the Sisters to pray for during their Novena to Infant Jesus.

Send your prayer intention with your name and address to:

Carmel of Saint Joseph
1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

A treasure chest!

Have you had a look at our newest resource for Faith development, FORMED.org?

I have been having a peek at this and am amazed at the wealth of treasures to be found that can help us all grow and deepen our spiritual life. Movies, Books, Programs... that fit the needs from young to old.

I thought I would share with you two activities I have participated in recently, that I have enjoyed and have assisted me in understanding the Truth of God's Love For Us and how to implement this truth in my daily life.

The first thing I linked on to was the Daily Reflections offered by Dr. Tim Gray. He does a short, video reflection (usually 3-6 minutes) on the readings of the day. He is able to deliver the message and relate it to our present-day concerns and concludes with a suggested action item that we can use to put into practice the activity that will help us to grow in our ability of how to love God, and to love one another.

I like to start my day with the readings first and then view these reflections to help me focus on the message being conveyed. The action piece is a wonderful tool that I may use to help me put it into practice.

The other resource I was directed to and have just recently completed is "The Novena of Surrender to Jesus", which is delivered by the Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael's Abbey.

It is an incredibly beautiful Novena, reminding me that God's Love for us is our Medicine, and indeed Jesus is our Divine Physician (Divine Healer). This novena inspires peace and hope, which we all need from time to time- and during this turbulent time of our COVID 19 pandemic, and numerous trials a Novena worth checking out and participating in.

The easiest way to locate this Novena is to enter "The Novena of Surrender to Jesus", (there are many more Novenas that you may be inspired to participate in, either individually or with a friend or family).

I don't often make time to read a fictional story, just for the pleasure of it, but I located a book on this site written by Mark Twain, called Joan of Arc. Surprised me. That is on my list to read once I figure out how to properly download it. This could be a lot of fun!

Peace and Blessings,

Myra

Parish Nurse

FORMED.org

Catholic Faith on Demand

We are excited to announce that St. Ambrose Church has purchased for all our parishioners a one-year subscription to **Formed.org** FREE for parishioners to sign-up

Annual General Meeting of

Cambridge Right to Life

Thursday November 26, 2020

1pm to 2pm at the Legion (4 Veterans Way, Galt)
Please wear a mask. Maximum 25 people can attend
so please register by phoning 519.623.1850

The Pope's Intention for November 2020

Artificial intelligence is at the heart of the epochal change we are experiencing.

Robotics can make a better world possible if it is joined to the common good.

Indeed, if technological progress increases Inequalities, it is not true progress.

Future advances should be oriented towards respecting the dignity of the person and of Creation.

Let us pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind... we could say, may it "be human."

~ Pope Francis

Watch the video on this link

<https://thepopevideo.org/>

First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2020

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Lord's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>