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November 21, 2021

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The Feast of 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. Bandas

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 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!" 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.

--Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

Things to Do:

- Read Pope Pius XI's encyclical [*Quas primas \(On the Feast of Christ the King\)*](#) which shows that secularism is the direct denial of Christ's Kingship.
- Learn more about secularism - read the [*Annual Statement of the Bishops of the United States*](#) released on November 14, 1947.

- A *partial indulgence* is granted to the faithful, who piously recite the [Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ King](#). A *plenary indulgence* is granted, if it is recite publicly on the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ King.

Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ King

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before you. We are yours, and yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with you, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to your Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known you; many, too, despising your precepts, have rejected you. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart. Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken you, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned you; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbour of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Grant, O Lord, to your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquility of order to all nations; make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honour for ever. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

please call the office:

Rev. John Yake, I.V. Dei

Instructors for baptism:

Mary Fougere, SJB (902) 535-2699

Rose Pâté, SP (902) 302-7011

Vera Doucette, HGA (902) 785-4018

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call Fr. Yake six months prior to the wedding date.

Call Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia to register for upcoming courses 902-849-4772. Ask for Tasia Boucher, tboucher@fsens.ns.ca

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

SP 9:00 AM

+Jacob Battiste

Friday, November 26, 2021

HGA 11:00 pm

Mass of the Resurrection for

Catheline “Kay” Mombourquette

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, November 27, 2021

SH Mass 4:00 PM

HGA Mass 5:30 PM

+ Mary "Minnie" Gracie

Sunday, November 28, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM

SP 10:30 AM

+ Adrian Burke

Please note: Mass intentions should be arranged with Mary at the office, not with Fr. Yake.

PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

Lord Jesus Christ, before You rose from the dead, you rested for three days in the earth, and since that day, the tomb of every human being has become, for believers, a sign of hope in the Resurrection. We pray to you, who are the Resurrection and the Life: give to those who have gone to rest in peace in this tomb until the day when you wake them up, so that they may see with their eyes, in the brightness of your face, the light that never fades. You who reign for ever and ever. Amen.

November 14, 2021 receipts

<u>Holy Guardian Angels</u>	\$ 945.00
Candles	37.00

Total	<u>\$ 982.00</u>
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St. Peter's (Nov. 7th)

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 950.00
Cemetery donation	25.00
Parish Dues	525.00

Total	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
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Saint John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 844.00
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Total	<u>\$ 844.00</u>
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

There will be a general meeting of St. John the Baptist CWL on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 immediately following the 4 PM Mass in the vestry of the Church. Please pass this message on to those members who might not get a bulletin.

St. John The Baptist Memory Tree: Donations may be made in memory of a loved one. We will have the name placed on a dove, angel, or star; which will be placed on the tree during the Christmas season. Donations and names can be given

to Marie Fougere or Mimi Fougere, or simply place the name and donation in the collection. Proceeds will help with purchases of heating oil and electric bills for the church this winter. Thank you."

Reminder to CWL members and friends to bring their recyclables to the depot as our Christmas gift to "Chalice" is coming up soon. Many thanks for your support.
SJB CWL

Religious Christmas Cards for sale: There are available many different designs and also mixed packs of religious Christmas cards through www.lifecyclebooks.ca. You may order on line or Maureen Sampson of HGA has ordered several mixed packs for anyone in our surrounding communities who may be interested. The cost is \$5 for a pack of 10. **Phone 902-587-2517** for more information.

L'Ardoise Social Action Weekend is Saturday, November 27th and Sunday, November 28th. Our annual Food Drive will take place on Saturday, starting at 10:00 A.M. from Point Michaud to Grand Greve. On Sunday we will have a Bake Sale from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Lower level of the Community Center.

Sundays with Fr Patrick and John Ratchford

7 pm on Facebook Live

Featuring conversations about church teachings and issues

Join live or watch later on Fr Patrick's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/frpatrick.oneill>

In the Diocese

New Resources

for Year of the Family

The CCCB Office for Family and Life has recently added a series of resource pages to the CCCB website to assist in promotion of "Year of the Amoris Laetitia Family".

Pope Francis launched this initiative on March 19 to mark the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia (On the Beauty and Joy of Love in the Family). The year will close on June 26, 2022 with the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome on the theme "Family Love: A Vocation and a Path to Holiness".

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/celebrating-the-amoris-laetitia-family-year/>

In French: <https://www.cccb.ca/fr/foi-et-questions-morales/famille-et-vie/celebrons-lannee-de-la-famille-amoris-laetitia/>

2021-2022 Campaign Theme:

People & Planet First

The campaign focuses on those in the global south who risk their lives to defend our Common Home from environmental and human rights abuses carried out in the name of greed and corporate profit. There is a call to action for mandatory due diligence and human rights legislation for Canadian corporations operating overseas. Thank you for supporting them!

To Learn More: <https://www.devpo.org/en/campaign/people-planet-first/>

Truth and Reconciliation: the Continuing Journey

This new page on our diocesan website offers activities, links and resources to engage in Truth and Reconciliation not just on a single day, but every day. This page is part of an evolving diocesan plan to engage in and support individual and collective healing. Suggested actions are first steps, and will be updated and enhanced as our knowledge and engagement grows. You are invited to visit, explore and connect:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/truth-and-reconciliation/>

Mass For Shut-Ins New Season Under Way

Mass airs on CTV on Sundays at 11:30 am, and can be watched later on our Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHDh8KJ71w>

From the Catholic Register

Pro-lifers condemn ‘terrible’ court ruling on Summer Jobs program

BY MICHAEL SWAN, THE CATHOLIC REGISTER

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Despite a federal court ruling it was “reasonable” for the federal government to require Canada Summer Jobs program applicants to support abortion rights, pro-life groups say the decision still discriminates against those who defend unborn lives. Campaign Life Coalition called the ruling “a terrible decision.”

In an e-mail to *The Catholic Register* Campaign Life national president Jeff Gunnarson labelled it “an affront to the principle of equality under the law, enshrined under Section 15 of the Charter.”

It amounts to “naked discrimination” against pro-life Canadians, he said.

“The judge has said that it’s OK for the government to discriminate against pro-life citizens who hold that life is sacred from conception and that preborn children deserve legal protection,” Gunnarson said.

Justice Catherine Kane ruled Oct. 22 it was “reasonable” for the federal government to demand applicants to a summer jobs program declare they supported abortion rights in order to obtain funding in the case that pitted Toronto Right to Life against the Minister of Employment, Workforce and Labour.

While the attestation requirement — introduced in December 2017 but changed in 2019 after protests from religious and pro-life groups — infringed on the Charter-protected religious liberty rights of then Toronto Right to Life president Blaise Alleyne, the infringement strikes a reasonable balance between Alleyne’s religious liberty rights and the legitimate purpose of government policy, according to Kane.

The controversy began when the Canada Summer Jobs program imposed an attestation requiring applicants to agree that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms “recognizes that women’s rights are human rights. This includes sexual and reproductive rights — and the right to access safe and legal abortions.” For any application to be accepted for review, the applicant had to tick a box agreeing to this statement and endorsing the right to abortion.

Rather than tick the box, Toronto Right to Life sent in a statement that read: “On the basis of conscience, we are unable to express the words that the Minister has required

in the Applicant's Guide." It went on to say Toronto Right to Life "support(s) all Canadian law, including Charter and human rights law" and that the minister does not have the jurisdiction to compel it to make a statement conflicting with its conscience rights nor compel speech as a condition of receiving financing.

Its application was denied. In an e-mailed statement, Alleyne, who is now vice-president of Toronto Right to Life, objected to the ruling and rejected the 2019 compromise wording of the attestation.

(By 2019 Ottawa had modified the wording of the attestation such that applicants must declare they do not actively work to undermine constitutional, human and reproductive rights. Reproductive rights are understood to mean the right to access legal, publicly-funded abortions.)

"The government still discriminates against pro-life groups in the 2019 program and onwards," Alleyne said. "The government claims that pro-life groups 'undermine or restrict' access to abortion, even though all we do is exercise our Charter right to freedom of expression to share information with anyone who is open to the pro-life message."

Alleyne told the court he could not agree to the attestation because he is Catholic, but also that Toronto Right to Life is a non-sectarian advocacy organization.

After the modification, most religious groups that had objected to the attestation regained access to Canada Summer Jobs funding for camps, community projects and other programs unrelated to abortion. All but one of 63 groups identified by the government as actively campaigning to restrict abortion access were denied funding under the new rules.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, which campaigned hard against the attestation in 2018, said it hasn't had a chance to review the ruling.