

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Thirty-Fourth Sunday/Last Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 20, 2022

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



Today is the [The Annual Global Celebration of Youth and Young Adults](#).

Mass Readings

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

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Please call the office:

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Instructors for Baptism:

Mary Fougere, SJB 902) 535-2699
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Weekday Masses

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, November 25, 2022

HGA 11:00AM

+ Huguette Martell

Saturday, November 26, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM _____

+ Mildred Sampson

Sunday, November 27, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

SP 10:30 AM

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

November 12, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$915.00
Candles	22.00

<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 937.00</u>
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St. John the Baptist

November 13, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,003.00
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<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,003.00</u>
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St. Peter's

November 13, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 845.00
Candles	13.00
Parish Dues	65.00

<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 923.00</u>
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COMMUNITY NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Tickets are available for a Yamaha Clavanova electronic piano valued at \$3000. The draw date is December 15, 2022.

SJB: Reminder to drop off recyclables at depot for “Chalice” before the last week in November. Thank You

Religious Christmas cards for sale: Many different designs are available and there are also mixed packs of religious cards through www.lifecyclebooks.ca. You may order online. 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 cards.
Phone 902-587-2517 for more information.

HGA: Saturday, December 3rd Breakfast and Food Drive.
Sunday, December 4th, Bake Sale and Merchandise Bingo.
All events at L'Ardoise Community Centre.

HGA: The dates for next year's festival are **July 27 – 30, 2023**. Our next meeting for planning the Acadian Festival 2023 will be held **Sunday November 20**. Hope to see you there.

HGA: There are two changes in Mass times for Holy Guardian Angles and Sacred Heart parishes:

1. December 10 HGA 4:00 pm. SH 5:30 pm
2. December 24 Christmas Eve Mass will be held at HGA 4:00 pm (children's Mass). Sacred Heart Mass 5:30 pm.

HGA: East Coast Credit Union - L'Ardoise Branch:

If you are dissatisfied with the severe reduction in service hours that the L'Ardoise Branch is experiencing, please make your thoughts known to
Branch Manager Adele Hunt
902-535-3456 OR
adele.hunt@creditunion.ca

SP: A Christmas tree will be erected in St. Peter's Church again this year, from Nov. 27 throughout the Advent season. Each name received represents a donation. The names will be announced each week until Christmas. Charitable donation receipts will be issued. All funds raised go directly to St Peter's Parish. Donations may be dropped in the collection plate at Sunday Mass, emailed to memorytreestpeters@gmail.com, or dropped off at the glebe between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm Monday to Thursday. Security answer is memorytree. In the message space please add the name(s) that you wish to remember.

SP: Much work went into the successful celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** last Sunday:

Thank you to parish secretary, Mary Sutherland, for contacting families, compiling the list of candidates, and gathering the needed information for parish registers, and with the parish bookkeeper, Laureen Burke, had the certificates ready to be received by the *confirmandi* on the day of their reception of the sacrament.
Thank you to Shirley Landry and the Altar Society for preparing the pizza luncheon that followed the 10:30 Mass and for hosting Bishop Kirkpatrick and the

families who chose to attend and for the gift to the *confirmandi* of St. Augustine's prayer to the Holy Spirit. (see below)

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their active presence.



*Breathe in me
O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts
May all be holy.*

*Act in me,
O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too,
May be holy.*

*Draw my heart,
O Holy Spirit,
That I love
But what is holy.*

*Strengthen me,
O Holy Spirit,
To defend
All that is holy.*

*Guard me, then,
O Holy Spirit,
That I always
May be holy.*

Amen

St. Augustine

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!