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Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Evening Reception** Tues., Wed.

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY LITURGY — Saturday 5:00 p.m.

> Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday 2:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:20 a.m.

Wednesday (Rosary at 6:30 p.m.) 7:00 p.m. (OLPH Devotions)

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

On first Friday of each month following morning mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION — Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. By appointment any time.

PARISH REGISTRATION — All parishioners especially those who live outside our parish boundaries are expected to complete a Parish Registration form and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. This will greatly assist the Parish Team when parishioners request sacraments, funerals or letters of reference.

N.B. — When parishioners move you are asked to notify the parish office.

INFANT BAPTISMS — It is highly recommended that parents contact the parish office at least two months in advance of the birth of their child. Parents are obliged to participate in our baptismal preparation program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE — The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course.

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM — Children attending public, private or alternative school are required to participate in this program from grade 1 - 7 in order to prepare to receive the sacraments.

VISITATION OF THE SICK — Please notify the Rectory when a member of your family is in the hospital.

BULLETIN DEADLINE — Monday 9:00 a.m. in writing or by e-mail.

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Peace to all of you!

Today we are celebrating the last Sunday in the liturgical year, the solemnity of Christ the King of the whole universe. We all believe in a king who is merciful and all powerful. His almighty power is manifested in his death and resurrection, through which He has made us sharers in his divine life. Now, through Him, and in Him, we receive the capacity and the strength to reign with Him by giving our lives out of love for those around us. In the midst of a society where it is easy to think on ourselves and our own satisfaction before that of others, our witness is so great and amazing by which we can show to people that unconditional love and mercy is the answer and the way to happiness. In this time of the pandemic on which everything around us seems to crumble, we need to realize that in Christ we can find a strong support and refuge on which to build our lives. Let us rely and trust in the Lord so that He may be the source and center of our lives so that in Him we may live fulfilled and at peace.

Pope Francis Homily, Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year we are celebrating the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe. His is a kingship of guidance, of service and also a kingship which at the end of time will be fulfilled as judgment. Today, we have Christ before us as King, shepherd and judge, who reveals the criteria for belonging to the Kingdom of God. Here are the criteria.

The Gospel passage opens with a grandiose vision. Jesus, addressing his disciples, says: "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne" (Mt 25:31). It is a solemn introduction to the narrative of the Last Judgment. After having lived his earthly existence in humility and poverty, Jesus now shows himself in the divine glory that pertains to him, surrounded by hosts of angels. All of humanity is summoned before him and he exercises his authority, separating one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

To those whom he has placed at his right he says: "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me" (vv. 34-36). The righteous are taken aback, because they do not recall ever having met Jesus, much less having helped him in that way, but he declares: "as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (v. 40). These words never cease to move us, because they reveal the extent to which God's love goes: up to the point of taking flesh, but not when we are well, when we are healthy and happy, no; but when we are in need. And in this hidden way he allows himself to be encountered; he reaches out his hand to us as a mendicant. In this way Jesus reveals the decisive criterion of his judgment, namely, concrete love for a neighbour in difficulty. And in this way the power of love, the kingship of God is revealed: in solidarity with those who suffer in order to engender everywhere compassion and works of mercy.

The Parable of the Judgment continues, presenting the King who shuns those who, during their lives, did not concern themselves with the needs of their brethren. Those in this case too are surprised and ask: "Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?" (v. 44). Implying: "Had we seen you, surely we would have helped you!". But the King will respond: "as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me" (v. 45). At the end of our life we will be judged on love, that is, on our concrete commitment to love and serve Jesus in our littlest and neediest brothers and sisters. That mendicant, that needy person who reaches out his hand is Jesus; that sick person whom I must visit is Jesus; that inmate is Jesus, that hungry person is Jesus. Let us consider this.

Jesus will come at the end of time to judge all nations, but he comes to us each day, in many ways, and asks us to welcome him. May the Virgin Mary help us to encounter him and receive him in his Word and in the Eucharist, and at the same time in brothers and sisters who suffer from hunger, disease, oppression, injustice. May our hearts welcome him in the present of our life, so that we may be welcomed by him into the eternity of his Kingdom of light and peace.

(November 26, 2017).

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

First Reconciliation

An online preparation session for First Reconciliation will be held on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at 11am. If your child is registered in our program, please continue to check your email for updates from Susan.

Youth Ministry

As the year continues on so does Youth Ministry. Both our Edge (Gr 6-8) and Life Teen (Gr 9-12) are being run in person. We are taking every precaution to keep your children safe during this time of pandemic. The remaining nights for 2020 are:

Edge: Friday, Nov 27th & Dec 18th 7pm-8pm in the church LifeTeen: Thursday, Dec 3rd 7pm-8pm in PC Main

We hope to see you there. Please feel free to email Brendon Orian at sjewhitbyyouth@gmail.com with any questions. Or follow us on Facebook or Instagram @sjewhitbyyouth."

CWL YOUTH AWARDS

Our parish finalists for the 2020 CWL Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry Contest, open to students from grades 7 - 9 Intermediate; grades 10-12 Senior; from All Saints Secondary Catholic School are: Intermediate Essay: Chloe Walters; Intermediate Poetry: Breyanna Gobind; Senior Essay: Abby Darbyshire; Senior Poetry: Kennedy Knight; Jean-McCann Youth Service Award – ages 15-18: Arianna Veltri-Sampogna.

All Saints CSS finalists at the Diocesan Level are: Senior Essay 3rd Place: Abby Darbyshire; Senior Poetry Winner: Campbell Lyons; Senior Poetry 2nd Place: Kennedy Knight; Jean-McCann Youth Service Award: Arianna Veltri-Sampogna. Congratulations to all the students!

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF ON THE FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE FOR TAX RECEIPT PURPOSES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

A Prayer as I Put on My Mask

As I prepare to go into the world,
Help me see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth –
Let it be "an outward sign of an inward grace" –
A tangible and visible way of living
Love for my neighbors, as I love myself.
Christ,

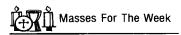
Since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart,
That people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly,
Not only with my words, but with my actions.
Holy Spirit,

As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully
And full of care – to all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner,
And each breath that it holds, be filled with your love.
In your name and in the name of love, I pray.

May it be so. May it be so.

Author Sister Rose Marie Tresp, RSM



Sat. Nov. 21 – 5:00pm

+Michael Holmes Sr.

req. by Des & Marjorie Newman

Mon Nov 23 -8:20am

reg. by

Tues Nov 24 - 8:20am

+ Michael Lawson req. by His Family

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req. by Joanne & Dave Ellis

+Michael Pinto

req. by Allwyn & Lorraine Pinto

Thur. Nov. 26 - 8:20am

+John Deery

req. by Elizabeth Deery & Family

Fri. Nov. 27 – 8:20am

+ req.

Sat. Nov 28 - 5:00pm

+Endre Bari

req. by Karl & Klara Bari

Knights of Columbus

An invitation from the Brothers of the St. John Evangelist Council 4895 to **join** the Knights of Columbus.

Our Membership drive will be held the weekend of December 5th and 6th. Members of the Knights will be on hand to meet and greet prospective new members on both December 5th after the 5 pm Mass and on Sunday December 6th after the 9 am and 11 am Masses and after the 2 pm Spanish Mass.

For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact Paul D'Aurelio pgap@sympatico.ca 905-665-3056

<u>New 2021 Missals</u> are available to purchase for \$5.00 from the table at the back of the church. The new liturgical year begins November 29, 2020

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES! MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Our next Marriage Preparation Course at St. John the Evangelist will be held on 6 Tuesday evenings from January 5 to February 9, 2021 at 7:00pm to 9:00pm. There is room for one more couple (total of 3 couples max) Call 668-3676. Fee is \$150 per couple.

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