

CHRIST the KING

LOOK UP AT the night sky. Remember we live on a small planet spinning around our yellow sun. It sits on a spiral arm of our +150,000-light-year-wide Milky Way galaxy. Our galactic home holds an estimated 200 billion other stars. Recent calculations place the number of galaxies in the known universe at two trillion. Each of these could contain billions of stars, together totalling more than all the grains of sand on the earth. And each star likely hosts a planetary system. The sheer vastness of creation staggers the mind. Yet this presents just the tiniest inkling of the majesty of God.

Today's feast, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, ends our liturgical year. From Ezekiel, through Paul to Matthew, Jesus is characterized as king and shepherd, glorious and humble at the same time. While today these regal and agrarian images seem distant, perhaps even alienating, they are certainly far less challenging than the cosmic reality that science opens our eyes to. Whatever images we choose for our triune deity – the Alpha and Omega, the prime mover of all creation – God remains the centre of our cosmic story. And the grandeur of the universe is linked directly to how we behave towards one another, "Just as you did it to one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did to me."

(Reflection of Michael Dougherty of Living with Christ)

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

The month of November offers us the opportunity to pray for our deceased in a special remembrance at all Masses. In particular, we pray for deceased members of our families and those within our parish community.

For those who wish to write the names of loved ones at the Remembrance Table, you are welcome to do so throughout the month of November. For those unable to attend Mass, feel free to email the Parish, with intentions, drop them off during the week, or mail them directly to the Parish, and we will add their names at the Remembrance Table.

A special prayer for All Souls will be offered at each Mass.

Children's Resources

The Children's Liturgy of the Word team have placed Sunday Resources for the children of our parish on the parish website: www.stedward.ca

These may also be downloaded for the children to keep and read.



Monday, November 23, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Adamson Cruz & Felino Tayag

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Maria Ierulli

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Kang Soo Seol

Deceased Members of Saldanha Family

Thursday, November 26, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Michele Ricciuti

Friday, November 27, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Dennis Ho

Saturday, November 28, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + The repose souls of Dr. Lee's Grandparents

+ Susana & Ernesto Rodriquez

+ Jim Tuck Sing

+ Chan Yuet Mui

Special Intention for Jessica Bews

4:30 p.m. + James Hutchinson

Sunday, November 22, 2020

8:00 a.m. Special Intention of Veronica

9:30 a.m. + Josefina Ramos Aquino

11:00 a.m. + Elba Eugenia Avellaneda

Lectio Divina with Cardinal Thomas Collins

This Sunday, 6, 2020

Theme: How Great Is Your Name O Lord Our God

Psalm 8

Vespers (evening prayer): 7:00 p.m.

Lectio Divina: 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Watch the livestream at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live or tune in to Salt + Light TV.

See schedule at www.saltandlighttv.org/lectiodivina

Date



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree program, to assist the poor and needy at Christmas, is more urgent than ever before, especially in this time of pandemic. However, in order to ensure a safe environment for all involved, the program will be altered this year to encourage the giving of gift cards as opposed to actual toys, clothing, or other items that are normally brought to the church. Yet, in order to still allow a sense of helping a specific child, or family, the tags you choose will have information on them that will help you to know something about the gender, age and type of card you may wish to purchase for them.

As in last year, we shall be helping the families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish, as well as outreach assistance to the homeless served by the Good Shepherd Refugee, in Toronto. We shall also assist young children in the care of Children's Aid Society.

In addition, for those unable to attend church, due to health concerns, we will also provide a means by which you can participate virtually to obtain a specific tag. (see below)

How to get a Tag

Tags, for this year, will not be taken from a tree (to avoid clustering around the tree). Instead, at each exit of the church, to include the two exits within the church itself (by the organ and by the Baptism font), as well as by the main exit in the parish hall, there will be tables set up and tags will be laid side-by-side, so you choose to take one or more. Hand sanitizers will be available at each table. You may return gift certificates by Sunday, Dec. 13th, or even mail them in. A gift box for returns will be located on a table by the parish office.

Virtual Participation

For those unable to come to church, you can still participate. Simply phone or email the persons listed below. They will be happy to assign you a tag and discuss the specific age, gender, and need of that person. You may mail back your gift card, or have a friend or family member bring it to the church. The names to contact are:

St. Vincent de Paul – Jasmine Carvalho, 416-226-6577

Email: carvalhojp@hotmail.com

Good Shepherd Ministries – Marie Barry, 647-351-3788

Email: askmarieb@yahoo.ca

The Other Major Christmas Drive

In addition to the Angel Tree, please remember we have the special St. Vincent de Paul collection on the weekend of December 5th/6th, as another option of supporting the poor and needy at Christmas.

This particular collection also assists the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish to maintain their funding for their important ministry throughout the year, and not simply at Christmas. Thank you, also, for remembering the poor with contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box located in the church lobby.

This parish has always been very generous in their efforts to support the poor and needy and we are all indeed grateful.

May God Bless all our special efforts in this most difficult year!

Special Thanks

During this time of pandemic, members of the 55+ Club and Knitting Group have quietly worked from home in preparation for Christmas needs for the poor. They recently sent to Good Shepherd Refuge 81 sets of scarves & toques and 34 sets of mittens. In addition, the Catholic Women's League is providing items for Birthright. Thanks to all for your prayerful and inspiring work, and for showing us, by your witness, that the light of Christ is still shining brightly, and even more so, in this time of pandemic! God Bless you!

Msgr. Pat

