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**CHRIST REIGN IN US**

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is appropriate that we do so as this is the end of the Liturgical Year and it reminds us that Christ, at the end of years, will rule forever in eternity. However, like Christians in New Testament times his lordship as King should be a conscious part of our daily existence as Catholic Christians.

In the Scriptures we have several examples of how not to relate to his kingship and reign. For instance, early in the life of Israel the nation rejected God's rule in their lives and nation, as we see in 1 Samuel 8. This passage records that the nation of Israel threw off God's rule, and demanded a human king, so that they would "be like the other nations." Though warned of the audacious demands of earthly kings they were willing to ignore the negative consequences so that they could discard the privileges and responsibilities of relating to and following God as their ruler.

Pope Pius XI, in Quas Primas, clearly explains what it means to let Christ truly reign in us. "If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God.

Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese  
 Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.  
 Pastor  
 Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.  
 Diocesan Social Justice Rep

Sunday Masses  
 Saturday 5:00 pm  
 Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses  
 Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am  
 Wed @ 6:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 To be Re-scheduled

Reconciliation/Confessions  
 Sat 4:00—4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism  
 Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage  
 Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick  
 Please call the office

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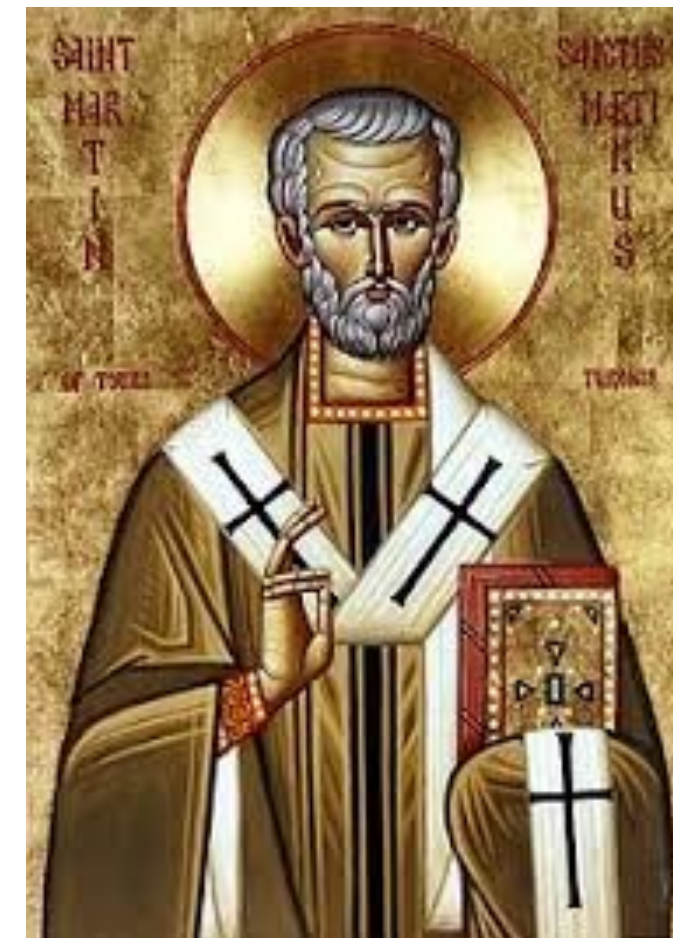
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**Ministry Schedule - December 1/2**

**Hospitality Ministers**

5:00 pm - Tom Shields  
 10:00 am - Anita D. & Joan H.

**Altar Servers**

5:00pm - Needed  
 10:00 am - Needed

**Children's Liturgy**

Michelle Mullins

**Next Hospitality Sunday**

December 2nd

**November 25, 2018**  
**The Solemnity of Christ the King**

**Lectors**

5:00 pm #1 - Sue Armstrong  
 #2 - Katrina Shields  
 10:00 am #1 - Tom Richardson  
 #2 - Marg Van Geest

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 pm - Tom S. & Yolanda B.  
 10:00 am - Andrew, Caroline & Dick

**Stewardship Counting**

Beth Davis & Sandy Johnson

# November 25, 2018

## The Solemnity of Christ the King - Year B

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	Nov 26	5:30 pm	Cathedral: Diocesan 60th Anniversary Mass and Dinner	
Tuesday	Nov 27	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Ken Lewis +For the repose of the soul of Andy Wirth	by Pauline Lewis & Family by Joan & Bob Hignett
		1:00 pm	Confirmation Rehearsal in church	
Wednesday	Nov 28	5:30pm	Welcome to Bishop Bergie. Dinner with Principal, Vice Principal, Teachers.	
		7:00pm	Solemn Mass for the Celebration of Confirmation - Reception in parish hall	
Thursday	Nov 29	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Rita Teahen +For the repose of the soul of Christine Ross +For the repose of the soul of Rita Teahen	by Andy & Helen Lipiec by the Chorley Family by Mary Brockman & Family
Friday	Nov 30	<b>St. Andrew</b> <b>NO MASS: Father Christopher on ACTS Retreat Thursday Nov 29 to Sunday Dec 2.</b>		
Saturday	Dec 1	<b>The 1st Sunday of Advent</b>		
		5:00 pm	+For the repose of the soul of Florentina Pereira	by Mr & Mrs Mikhail
Sunday	Dec 2	10:00 am	+For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

#### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

[[devp.org/campaign](http://devp.org/campaign)]

#### **Share the Journey! (Signing "Action Cards")**

68.5 million thank you! On behalf of Aysha, Patience, Rehanna, and their families, as well as all those forced to flee their homes, villages, or countries, Development and Peace / Caritas Canada wants to thank you for your ongoing commitment and mobilization. Together, we have taken action in solidarity with forced migrants. Together, we have the power to change lives. To continue to take action throughout the Share the Journey campaign, go to [devp.org/campaign](http://devp.org/campaign). Without your action, there is no change and no justice.

**PLEASE RETURN SIGNED ACTION CARD TO CHURCH AND DROP IN OFFERTORY COLLECTION BASKET. THANK YOU!**

**ONLY 2 CARDS RETURNED FROM 88.**

#### SUNDAY MISSALS AVAILABLE

The new liturgical year c begins the First Sunday of Advent December 2. A donation of \$5.00 is appreciated. Available at front foyer or at parish pastoral office.

#### ADVENT: WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

Presented by Fr. Michael Wastag, O. Carm.  
Wednesday, December 5 (9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)  
Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre  
7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls.  
Tel: 905-356-4113

\$65/person (includes lunch)

In Advent, we wait and look forward to celebrating the fact that God loves us so much that he sent his Son into the world to save us. This waiting is far from empty; rather, it is full of hope. We anticipate the Second Coming of Christ as well. Reflect and pray on these wondrous and mysterious Advents.

#### WINTER: SEASON OF DORMANCY AND DIFFICULTY

Presented by Fr. Michael Wastag, O. Carm.  
Saturday, December 12 (9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)  
Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre  
7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls.  
Tel: 905-356-4113

\$65/person (includes lunch)

Explore what the winter season can teach us about spirituality and life through reflections on Scripture, tradition, and the arts.

#### ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**  
Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm  
Reception in parish hall.

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, December 11 & 18, 2018 - 7:00 pm

#### POINSETTIA SALE

#### Fund raiser for Parish Events Group

This is the last weekend to order your Poinsettia after Masses  
6 inch Poinsettias \$10.00  
8 inch Poinsettias \$20.00  
10 inch Poinsettias \$25.00  
Pick-up December 2, Parish Hall.

#### SANTA'S COMING

The CWL is hosting a visit with Santa in the Church basement, following the 10:00am Mass Sunday, December 16th.

Cookies and refreshments will be served and a small gift will be given to the children. A CWL member will have a signup sheet following masses until December 9th.

#### 60th Diocesan Anniversary Mass

Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria, honouring priests, religious, and married couples celebrating significant anniversaries Monday, November 26 5:30 p.m. Mass Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria 67 Church St., St. Catharines.

Parish has purchased one full table of eight parishioners representing the parish: Knights, CWL, PEG, Discernment Team, Choir. Thank you.

#### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

This month's topics are:

- **Nov 26 - Sadness and Depression**
- **Dec 10 - Overcoming Loneliness**
- **No meeting on December 24**

Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls.

Pre-registration not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com)

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER 17/18

Sunday Offertory (62 Env):	\$ 1,250.00
Loose:	\$ 134.45
Deo Gratias (43 Env)	\$ 570.00
Loose:	\$ 97.00
Sunday Missal Sales	\$ 178.00

*Thank you for your faithful stewardship*

#### PARISH DISCERNMENT TEAM MEETING

The diocesan part of this discernment process is now completed. The real work begins now with us as we move forward. Team meeting set for Tuesday, December 4, at the Rectory at 7:00pm. A "team brainstorming" as we set the pastoral priorities in place following the parish discernment survey results.

#### PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

#### **"The Faith & Flavours of Italy"**

Fr. Rico Passero, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Grimsby, is leading a pilgrimage to Italy called "The Faith & Flavours of Italy" from April 29 to May 13, 2019. We will be visiting Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Rome, Siena, Assisi, Pompeii, Amalfi Coast, Isle of Capri, Sorrento, and San Giovanni Rotondo. All are welcome! Please contact St. JosephChurch(905/945-2661) for more information.

#### CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please keep the following young people in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Wednesday, November 28th.

Danica Allebla	Mya Castrillo
Hannah Chisholm	Owen Drysdale
Julia Dydynski	Amanda Jokic
Kaitlin King	Patrick Latcham
Owen Long	Mackenzie Marchand
Hailey Miller	Jostlynn Misner
Erika Nardini	Jacob Persaud
Laura Pogoda	Anthony Rodrigues
Daniella Severino	Silas Smith
Ella Spanic	Luka Spizzirri
Richard Treble	Alyssa Volpentesta
Bennett Wolek	Dominik Wrobel