

The Church's year is closing; and we look towards the glorious consummation of God's plan for creation – when the Saviour will 'hand over the kingdom to God the Father' (1 Cor 15:24), having triumphed over all evil, and (as our second reading puts it) 'made peace by the blood of his cross'.

Let us not be put off by the fact that in today's world, 'kings and queens' are no more than symbolic figures. Today we are invited to rejoice in the fact that we have the one 'in whom all things were made' as our leader. The incident remembered in our first reading – when the tribal chiefs of old Israel proclaimed David to be their leader - reminds us how important leadership is in our life. All the best things of life, we achieve together. Good leadership makes this possible; bad leadership creates most of the world's greatest problems. Our Saviour is far more than a symbolic figure, we know; and our faith will be greatly strengthened, if we own him as the leader who can bring fulfilment to all our hopes.



Remember me, when you come into your kingdom

'Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection; for the sake of the joy which lay ahead of him, he endured the cross, disregarding the shame of it, and has taken his seat at the right of God's throne' (Heb 12:2). This text, like our gospel reading from Luke, reminds us that all our human expectations are overturned as we come to understand how Christ the King establishes and exercises his reign. Luke's portrayal of Jesus crucified shows how well the community for which he wrote his gospel had come to appreciate this. Jesus (proclaimed 'The King of the Jews', in the inscription attached to the cross) has made himself powerless; he is rejected by 'the leaders' of the people (while 'the people', foreshadowing those who are to find faith, stand watching in silent awe); he is mocked and ridiculed by the leaders, by the brutal soldiers, and even by one of the criminals crucified with him. Ironically, their jeers give expression to what the crucified one really is - 'the Christ of God', 'the Chosen One', the 'king' the nation longs for, the one who 'saves'.

And then, as if to reduce them all to silence, the other criminal crucified with him makes his submission of faith in Jesus crucified – as the one who would fulfil the hopes of Israel: 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom'. And Jesus responds with the first pronouncement of an everlasting reign that will be shaped by the generous and merciful ways of his Father: 'I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise'.

The first Christians were to glory in the reign of Christ – so different from the ruthless regimes of their familiar world. In today's reading from the letter to the Colossians, we have a hymn from their early liturgies, celebrating the Saviour whose leadership 'holds all things in unity'.

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O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind; grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.

Readings ~ 2 Samuel 5.1-3 ~ Colossians 1.12-20 ~ Luke 23.35-43

PARISH

Mass Intentions This Week – November 25 to December 1

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions:

	Intention(s)	Offered by
Monday, 9am	✠ Vincenza Cinelli	Joseph Grimaldi
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Louis Anthony Coutinho	The Coutinho family
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Lovey Moran	Mary Pat & Frank Kiely
Thursday, 9am	✠ Toni Protsack	Joseph Grimaldi
Friday, 9am	✠ Elizabeth Viala	Michael Foran
Saturday, 9am	✠ Italina Regiec	Anna Putyra
5:15pm	✠ Ivan Sankovic	The family
Sunday, 8am	...our parish and faithful parishioners	
9:30am	✠ Tekla Dubrovskis	The family
11am	✠ Domenic Campese	The Shaw family
12:30pm	✠ Patricia Cronin	John Cronin

November: Month of Remembrance

The month of November is dedicated to commemorating our loved ones who have died in the Lord. The shrine of St. Joseph will be suitably decorated and The Book of the Dead has been readied to receive the names of our dearly departed. All Souls' Day envelopes are available.

Advent Wreath Workshop – Nov. 30, drop in from 9:30am–2:30pm

Join us for this family event & make a beautiful wreath with live greens & candles for Advent! It takes about ½ hour to make a wreath plus you can decorate your own cookie & enjoy some milk, coffee, tea or juice. Little fingers can dip candles or make a Christmas ornament. \$20 per wreath with other free activities for kids. Not to be missed! All proceeds to **SL ShareLife**

Next Weekend Shared Christmas collection for those in need

Time for our annual Christmas Gift for the Poor, with proceeds split between Canadian Food For Children and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please make cheques payable to OLS and write 'Shared Christmas Collection' in the memo field. **Thank you so very much!**

Rosary Group – stay and pray daily, after 9am Mass & Fridays, 2pm

Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and richest of all prayers to the Mediatrix of all grace; it is the prayer that touches most the heart of the Mother of God. Say it each day." – St. Pius X

Drop-In Bridge – Thursdays, 1pm, parish hall meeting room

All are welcome, partners not required! For more information, call Rena Guerard, 416-236-0728.

Stretch & Flex – Not 'just for ladies' anymore! – Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30pm

We meet in the parish hall; everyone is welcome to join. \$10/session. Wear comfy clothing!

Moving Forward Together Special Collection – Weekend of Dec. 6/7

This is a one-time Archdiocese-wide collection will be taken up for Canada's Aboriginal People. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.

Please note this envelope is not included in the offertory envelope booklets.

Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation – Wednesday, Dec. 11

Several priests will be available to hear confessions in the church from 9:30am–11:30 am.



Music Notes – Information from our Music Director, Gordon Mansell

Lessons and Carols presented by the music students of Fr. Redmond High School. This is a traditional advent service of music interwoven with nine scriptural readings leading to the birth of Jesus. Saturday, Dec. 7, 7pm. **There is no charge for this event.**

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Christmas Concert – Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:30pm
The Chorale and Ecumenical Choir along with special guest artist, virtuoso trumpeter Michael Barth will present a concert of traditional carols for all to enjoy and participate in. Special seasonal music will be presented as well, including O Magnum Mysterium by Morten Lauridsen and the beautiful traditional Italian carol, Nina Nanna Calabrese. **This is a free event**, however a freewill offering for our parish music program will be welcomed. For more information, please contact the parish office or Gordon Mansell, 416-571-3680.

Advent All Day Confessions – Prepare the Way of the Lord!

This wonderful parish tradition continues on Saturday, Dec. 14. Two priests will be available in the church from 9:30am–5pm to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

COMMUNITY

Philippines Typhoon Haiyan – Humanitarian Relief

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the catastrophic effects of Typhoon Haiyan on Nov. 8. Latest estimates put the death-toll at 3,982, with 18,266 injured. Almost 1,600 emergency shelters are now crowded with more than 82,000 families. **Your help is urgently needed!** Those wishing to offer financial assistance are asked to visit www.archtoronto.org or place their donation in with the regular collection in an envelope marked **OLS – Philippines Typhoon Haiyan**. **The Canadian government will match donations made by Dec. 9.**

Advent Retreat – Dec. 7, 9:30am–2:30pm

Facilitated by **Rev. Robert Barringer, CSB**, St. Augustine's Lay Spiritual Formation Program presents this retreat, offering two sessions, Mass, lunch and optionally, time for confession. Cost is \$40. To register or for info, email ioftsas@rogers.com or call 416-261-7207, ext. 235.



Venite Adoremus 2013 – Bach and Rutter's Magnificats – Dec. 3, 7pm

Salt+Light presents this Christmas concert at Koerner Hall, where Masterworks of Oakville, a chorus of more than 85 voices, accompanied by a 58-piece orchestra, will perform. Use promo code **light13** and save 20%! More info at <http://saltandlighttv.org/christmasconcert>

Mary of Nazareth – Toronto-area film premiere! – Dec. 5 + various dates

St. Bernadette's Family Resource Centre is sponsoring multiple showings of this epic new motion picture on the life of Mary, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Proceeds to support parent relief programs for those with special needs. Cost is \$12, \$5 for seniors & youth 12-18. Not suitable for those under 12 years. Don Bosco HS Auditorium, 2 St. Andrew's Blvd., near Islington and 401. Email angiecarboni@hotmail.com or call 416-654-9810 for more info.

Christmas with Naria – Canada's Female Classical Crossover Sensation

Experience this acclaimed vocal group in concert! Called "...visually spellbinding, musically harmonious & innovative.. a definite one of a kind!", Naria will be performing benefit concerts on Dec. 7, 6:30pm at Armour Heights Presbyterian, 105 Wilson Ave. and on Dec. 21, 7:30pm at St. James Catholic Church, 728 Annette St. A portion of the proceeds goes to each venue's charitable cause. More information and tickets are available at www.nariagroup.com