

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.

'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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**"Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."
Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King?
Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear,
"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."**

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Toronto.
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Remember me, when you come into your kingdom

Readings ~ 2 Samuel 5:1-3 ~ Colossians 1:12-20 ~ Luke 23:35-43

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Mass Intentions This Week – November 21–27

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

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ members of the Grogan family	
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Lorne Harper	Carmina & family
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Ismael Caceres	Delia Urosevic
Thursday, 9am	✠ Marian Gorski	Danuta Gorski
Friday, 9am	✠ Louis Anthony Coutinho	The Coutinho family
Saturday, 9am	✠ Louis Anthony Coutiulio	The Coutiulio family
5:15pm	✠ Kathleen O'Grady	Jim & Roberta Clough
Sunday, 8am	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
9:30am	✠ Lillian Tamo	The Medal family
11am	✠ Esterina & Modestino Viola	The family
12:30pm	✠ Adam Beldycki	The family

November: Month of Remembrance

For the month of November the shrine of St. Joseph is decorated to commemorate our loved ones who have died in the Lord. The Book of the Dead is available to receive the names of our dearly departed. All Souls' Day envelopes are available.

Shepherds' Trust Speaker Next Weekend

As parishioners, we have reaped the benefits of our priests' selfless service. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, our priests lovingly act as "bridges of mercy," bringing the beautiful gift of Christ's love to our families and communities. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to provide elderly and disabled diocesan priests with the necessary resources to lead a dignified life after many years of active ministry. Next weekend, Monsignor Joseph Shiels will share some insights regarding Sheperds' Trust at all the masses.

Support Pro-Life efforts - FINAL CALL to get your cakes and cards!

1) Campaign Life Christmas Cakes - The fruitcakes come from the monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey in Quebec. The cakes are scrumptious, rich and exquisitely delicious. They make wonderful gifts for family and friends. Pricing: traditional bar cakes (600g) \$15; larger deluxe cakes (1000g) \$25.00.
2) Toronto Right to Life Christmas Cards - \$8.00 per pack (tax included) / 10 cards & envelopes per pack. Mixed packs include a variety of popular designs.

Rosaries for Sale after all Sunday Masses

Proceeds go to Canadian Food For Children to help Dr. Simone send food, medicine and clothing to the Missionaries in the developing countries of Africa, Central America, South America, Philippines and Canada.

Out of the Cold Concert - November 26 @ 1:30pm at OLS

The Caroling in the Kingsway concert, in support of "Out of the Cold", sponsored by the Kingsway BIA is a popular Christmas event. Come hear over 150 voice ecumenical choirs from All Saints Kingsway, Our Lady of Sorrows (Youth, Chamber, Chorale, Senior), the Mosaic Canadian Vocal Ensemble, Royal York Road United and Kingsway-Lambton. Featuring the Etobicoke Temple Band of the Salvation Army and guest narrator Michael Kramer. Freewill offering.



Advent Wreath Workshop

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word invites you to a family Advent Wreath workshop. Come join us on Sunday, November 27; drop in between 1:30pm-4:00pm, upstairs at the Running Room (Bloor St. entrance). Bring your children or grandchildren and join your parish family in learning more about this beautiful first season of the church year. Freewill offering welcome. Let us know if you can join us by emailing Jennifer at Jennifer.wolfs@rogers.com by Thursday November 24.

Reminders for Sacramental Preparations

Church Tour for First Communion Candidates – Nov. 27, 2-3pm OR Nov. 29, 7-9pm
Kids, don't forget to bring your parents! Fr. Nino will help you explore the sacred spaces and liturgical furnishings and vessels that all Catholic churches have in common. You will learn about the beautiful works of art that help us focus on God, Mary and the saints, including mosaics, paintings and sculptures. You'll all enjoy this tour of the beautiful space in which we worship God! After the tour, come and join us for the Family Advent Wreath workshop, 1:30pm-4:00pm, upstairs in the Running Room. Email Jennifer at jennifer.wolfs@rogers.com by Thursday November 24.

Confirmation Session 1B - Sun., Nov. 27, 4-5:30pm OR Wed., Nov. 30, 7-8:30pm, Parish Hall

REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS

We are in the process of preparing the 2017 offertory envelopes for mailing. Please call the parish office at 416 231 6016 or email luisa@sorrows.ca to update your information for any changes. For newcomers who would like to receive offertory envelopes, registration forms are available at the church office or on our website, www.sorrows.ca

'Final Fridays' Fellowship – last Friday of each month, after 9am Mass

Everyone is invited to the parish hall for coffee, tea and breakfast rolls. Take advantage of this special opportunity to get to know your neighbour. **All are welcome... bring a friend!**

BrainStorm! Inside the Teenage Brain.

Wednesday November 23rd at 7pm, Michael Power St. Joseph Catholic School - Fun and informative session on how to understand why our teens are the way they are. Get practical tips on how to motivate and support your teen, enjoy hilarious drama from the Power Players, straight talk from Youth Speak and much more. Speakers: Dr. Ian Chen and Nurse Practitioner Cathy Maser from Toronto Sick kids. Admission is FREE.

Benefit Concert to End Abuse to Women and Girls

Wednesday, November 23 – Doors open at 6 p.m.
Hugh's Room, 2261 Dundas St. W., Toronto
Presented by Catholic Family Services of Toronto Foundation. Enjoy live music with Enrico Galante and Friends, food and a silent auction, all for a good cause. Tickets can be purchased at Hugh's Room for \$40 or \$45 at the door. All proceeds go to Catholic Family Services of Toronto's Women Abuse Programs. Call 416-531-6604

Family Enrichment Toronto - Home Courses Married Love

Saturday November 26th, 7:00pm to 9:30pm
Mississauga Valley Community Center, 1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd
It is a course for couples of all ages; from those recently married to those celebrating many years, and all who wish to gain knowledge and skills to better themselves and their marriage relationship. You will certainly walk away with your marriage enriched. Cost: \$275 per couple / Call 905-827-3333 for more details

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