

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 ~ Liturgical Year C

## Mass Intentions

✠ November 17<sup>th</sup> to November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

**Monday... NO MASS..... St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest and Companions, Martyrs.....November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday.....November 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ♡ **Special Intention** of Isabel Schackmann (by Mom)

✠ Nicola & Leonardo Terrigino & family  
(by Annunziata Perrella)

**Wednesday.....November 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ✠ Santa Zappavigna (by Lisa Nigro & Grace Cuffaro)

✠ Janice Anderson (by Dolores Reay & Family)

**Thursday.....November 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ✠ Maria Carmela DiFruscia (by Family)

✠ Giovanni Continelli (by Family)

**Friday.....November 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ✠ Aldo Gualtieri (by Family)

✠ Tom Longo (by Margery)

**Saturday.....November 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ✠ Connie Perri (by Family)

✠ Ali Marr (by Family)

5:00 pm ♡ Michael Sergnese (By Theresa Ruscio)

✠ Donald Gregoire (by Dalton & Derick Inghan)

✠ Maria & Giovanni Continelli (by Family)

✠ Antonio Villella (by your son Roy Villella)

✠ Antonio Paoliello (by Jocelyn Calixtro)

**Sunday.....First Friday of Advent.....November 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ♡ ✠ For The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am ✠ Norina Umbriaco (by Family)

✠ Nicola Gaspari (by Wife Lucia & Family)

11:00 am ♡ **Special Intention** of Lucia Abraham

(by Isabel Schackmann)

✠ Vince Pirillo (by Wife)

King – in our minds means “power”, “control”, and “authority”; the ability to rule over a nation. What kind of king is Jesus?

Today’s feast proclaims him “Christ, King of the Universe” – king not of a single nation, not even of the whole earth, but king of the universe, king of the countless worlds, even of those that we haven’t yet discovered! It assumes he has an infinite power, unmatched by any human standard!

And yet – today’s Gospel presents the scene of his proclamation as the King of Jews, which is far from this image of power and might! He is in fact powerless! He cannot even defend himself! He is nailed to the cross, suffering and dying, he can hardly move his head, he can hardly breathe! Where is his power?

"If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." We can hear in the mocking questions of the rulers and of the soldiers (themselves representatives of power!) the echo of millions of human beings who ever existed or will ever exist: Where were you, God, when the horror of war destroyed millions of human beings; when the hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, volcanoes crushed our husbands, wives, children, parents, friends; when my innocent defenceless baby died of cancer, shortly after its birth?

All such questions are legitimate accusations of suffering people, who seek protection from a Higher Power that supposedly controls the whole universe! How come this Higher Power could not save my baby? What does it say about this Higher Power? That it is blind, indifferent to our fate! It doesn’t care about us and our suffering! But – is this angry answer true? Let us look at the scene of proclamation of Christ as a King!

Jesus the King is dying on the cross! Is this an image of somebody who is indifferent to our fate? He is dying for us! He is suffering with us! He is this kind of king who doesn’t rule from the height of his throne, he is right in the middle of his people, right there where they suffer, right there in their suffering hearts! But why doesn’t he use his power to defend himself? Doesn’t he? He still has the power to save! In fact he says to the repentant thief: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." In the moment when Jesus is dying, he gives to this man eternal life! He gives him the gift of salvation! A moment ago the same thief said about Jesus to the mocking criminal: "We have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal."

Jesus has never done anything evil, not even in the face of unjust and cruel treatment! His heart is free from hatred, from any evil! That is his power! That how he rules the universe! He can give us the power to defend our hearts from evil! And even more - he can give us the power to do good, to love. And that is how he helps millions of those who suffer! His kingdom is visible in the hearts of those who love! That is how he rules! He never takes away our freedom! He invites our free will to ally with his in the fight for a better world, a more loving world! **Next page please**



**SANCTUARY LAMP:** This weekly Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of **Mary Jelbert**. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

## Pope s’ Prayer Intention for the Month of November: For the prevention of suicide

*Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care, and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.*

**BECOME CATHOLIC THIS YEAR!** The RCIA/RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children) is a journey of faith for adults or children who are seeking to be baptized in the Catholic Church. **Our Journey of Faith continues this Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 from 9:15 am to 10:45 am.** For more information email: [dcorso@saintcd.com](mailto:dcorso@saintcd.com)

## **2025-2026 SUNDAY MISSALS:**

Sunday Missals for the new Liturgical year, \$5.00 each, are available to be purchased after all Masses

Our King, the King of the Universe, rules from the cross, through the power of love! He saves us from evil! It means that when we love we are in his kingdom! But when we hate, when we harm others, when we abuse them, take advantage of them, when we mock them or hurt them in any way, we are not in his kingdom, further more – we act as enemies of his kingdom!

Fr. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.

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*Il ladro buono, pur condannato alla stessa pena, si affida a Gesù morente. Anche noi, nelle nostre fragilità, possiamo sempre invocare: «Ricordati di me». La misericordia di Dio è più forte di ogni peccato. Oggi ricorre la 40ª Giornata della gioventù (celebrazione nelle diocesi). Oggi si conclude il Giubileo dei Cori e delle Corali.*

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### Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church



#### The CWL Christmas Party!

Tuesday December 9, 2025! 6 pm

Turkey Dinner!

Club Belvedere! \$35.00 church collection/church office

Clearly marked "CWL Christmas"

Deadline December 1, no extensions please.

**Your Membership** is important ... please submit \$40 (CWL)

2026 is a special year and you will be a part of it!

Thank you kindly.

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### CHRISTMAS DINNER

**The Knights of Columbus #2319** invite you to their Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at Club Belvedere, 47 John St. Thorold. All are welcome to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Eat, drink and be merry.

The festive menu features the Belvedere Soup, Manicotti and Meatballs, Roast Chicken, Potatoes and Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee. The dinner ticket price is \$35.00 per person (all-in), a pay bar will be available. The Knights will be drawing of the annual 50/50 raffle. Don't miss your chance to win half the pot, and support Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church basement renovation at the same time. For tickets, contact Past Grand Knight, Tony Scalzi, via email: tscalzi@cogeco.ca or text at 905-933-8337 to reserve your seats.

**A Special Thank You to our:** Silent Auction Bakers, Gifts Baskets Donors, and our wonder team, the Fundraising Committee, **know that you are a key player to this Auction.** The Church next **Welcome Sunday – Silent Auction** is listed on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Come and Support your Church!

**Your gifts baskets are welcome for our Silent Auction.**

**Thank you for your generous support towards  
Your Church Basement Renovation!**

**THOROLD SANTA CLAUS PARADE:** The annual Thorold Santa Claus Parade will take place on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Parishioners are reminded that Sullivan Avenue section will be closed starting at 2:00 p.m. that day.

### Weekly Offering

16-Nov-25

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory:       | 4,119.75           |
| Online Offertory | 993.75             |
| Church Basement  | 717.75             |
| Flowers          | 300.00             |
| Deo Gratias      | 20.00              |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$ 6,151.25</b> |

**Thank you for your generosity!**

| Basement Renovation                                                                     | Collection   | Expense     | Balance        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Donation Collected as of November 9th, 2025                                             | \$ 80,367.95 | -           | \$ 80,367.95   |
| New Donations: November 16th, 2025                                                      | -            | -           | 80,367.95      |
| 2nd Collect November 16th, 2025                                                         | 717.75       | -           | 81,085.70      |
| Structure Engineering                                                                   | -            | \$ 2,469.05 | 78,616.65      |
| Additional Lab Analytical-Asbestos (22)                                                 | -            | 678.00      | 77,938.65      |
| Incurred Expenses as of April 13th, 2025                                                | -            | 6,415.38    | 71,523.27      |
| Consulting Fees invoiced by: <b>ECCOH Management Inc., E360 Solution &amp; Manpower</b> | -            | 27,890.00   | 43,633.27      |
| Abatement and Demolition of the Basement                                                | -            | 122,300.00  | (78,666.73)    |
| Uncategorized - Ductless Carrier Multi Zone                                             | -            | \$ 9,449.06 | \$ (88,115.79) |

### CHRISTMAS PLAY

All youth of the parish are invited to participate in our **Christmas Play on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.**

### Stay connected for Practice times

### LEARNING & PRAYER SESSION

#### ✚ CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 6:30pm to 7:45pm in the Parish Hall.

#### ✚ FIRST COMMUNION: CANDIDATES & PARENTS

Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 6:30 pm to 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

**50/50  
FUNDRAISER**

### FOURTH WINNER/GAGNAT

A big applause for the Fifty-Fifty Draw Prize winner, Mr. Henry D'Angela.

**Thank you for your donation!**

### 50/50 FIFTH DRAW PRIZE

**The 50/50 Fifth draw will be raffled off next Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 12:30pm. Thank you!**

➤ We extend our sincere condolences and prayers to the families and friends who mourn the recent loss of **Dominic DiLallo and Catharine Easton**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!