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Christ The King / Prophet, Healer and Leader

This weekend we come to the end of another liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King. The image of Christ The King is rarely depicted with having Jesus on the Cross, instead with him comfortably and majestically enthroned in heaven, surrounded with power, glory and might. There are no signs of his struggle, pain or suffering, other than the piercings in his hands, feet and side that are now well healed. The image captured in art throughout history harkens back to what Jesus would say to one of the thieves crucified along with him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." This is the image of Christ the King, enthroned in heaven, that we are given, and not what is said of him in today's gospel.

Here we are presented with the image of what would appear to be a beaten man and a failed mission. We see Jesus after having been betrayed, denied and abandoned by his closest friends, is now left to die a humiliating and painful death on the cross. His crown is thorns, his thrown is the cross with which he is nailed to, and his majestic robes is his nakedness before the onlookers. In truth, Jesus was never a beaten man nor did he fail at his mission. He remained true and consistent to what he valued, be it in life or in death, he did not waiver. He came to us to be:

The unwelcomed prophet, who spoke and worked tirelessly to bring justice and mercy to this world. He called out and unmasked hypocrisy knowing that those who had much to lose would not hesitate to silence him.

He is the sacred healer who reminds us all of the sacredness and holiness of God's creation. He would embrace and cher-

ish everyone, equally, rich or poor, saint or sinner, for in his eyes, there was no difference. He simply wanted to help others heal from the inside out, and in turn, stop hurting or punishing others.

He is the servant leader who goes ahead of us in places we fear to go, willing to withstand and to shoulder any abrasive attacks with a humble and contrite heart. He would show us how to respond and to embrace those who would attack us. He desired only to turn their minds and hearts away from violence by graciously and patiently leading them to look within themselves to see what is in their hearts and minds.

This was the example that Jesus provided for us, and what I think is in better keeping with Christ the King. So, when he said *today you will be with me in paradise*, perhaps this was Jesus' way of saying to him, his newest of disciples, that paradise is not a place but a choice in the manner in which every person must choose as to how they wish to live their life. Heaven is not a reward, but is something we become, one choice at a time. As we discern the working of God within our inner lives, carefully listening and aligning to the prophet, the healer and the leader within, then God's values displace our beliefs and what we are left with is a life of honour, respect, integrity and balance. Like Jesus, we are to bring about and become the kingdom of God, here and now not by punishing others, but through love and healing. I leave you with these words by Walter Wink, who has beautifully captured who Jesus was, and the work before us.

"Evil can be opposed without being mirrored.
Oppressors can be resisted without being emulated.
Enemies can be neutralized without being destroyed"

Parish Pastoral Team

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Truth and Reconciliation /

It is essential to make our place of worship better partners with Indigenous communities and organizations. For more information, please contact: Dallas Boudreau at Justicefor-Indigenous@gmail.com. As we remember ...
Margaret Lickers, Peter Doctor & Walter Henry

Mass Schedule

Week of November 21st - 27th

Monday, November 21st, 9:00AM
People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 22nd / 12noon
For Those With Health Issues

Wednesday, November 23rd
12Noon - Peace Among Peoples

Saturday, November 26th/ 4:00 PM
SI Jarmilla & Henry Svec

Sunday, November 27th / 9:00AM
For The People of the Parish

Sunday, November 27th / 11:00AM
SI Mary Anne Lenio

*Please Note: Monday - Wednesday will be
Communion Services.*

Fr. Joe Moran will be here for the weekend.

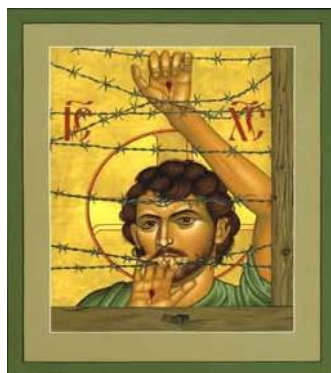
*Let us pray for those who have died especially,
Verna Simioni
and for those who have asked for our prayers ...*

Jaymie Ward, Peter & Phillip Tomkin, Joe Hanrath, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Ron & Margaret Smith, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, , Doris Lane, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Sam Muzzi, Terry Jordan, Irene Downey, Diane Haywood, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Marion Majkot, Peter Poustie, Esther Phillips, Merle Jordan, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Mabelle Claer, Jake Van Bilsen, William Brennan, Ian Bruce, Evan Maroney, Tony Vuksan, Jane Taylor, Dr. Bob & Kristen Hackett

Last Weekend Offertory
November 12th/13th
\$3,519.00

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Christ's kingdom is not of power and might, wealth and power, authority and ruling over others. It is to humbly encourage everyone to be honest and sincere with themselves. It is here where the kingdom is revealed.



“The task of prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish, and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us”

Walter Brueggemann

I had no choice ...

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Whenever we or someone else says I had no choice, what this implies is that there is nothing within me to prevent myself from choosing otherwise. But that is not true. Not only is it always within our power to choose this over that, but the moment we make a choice, it was I who made it, and no one else.

We are always and continually being influenced by others, from the most subtle and innocuous manner to the more potent and obvious forms of coercion, but in the end we always have within our means to choose what we will or will not say or do. Some may argue that I was faced with a no win scenario, so I did the second best thing. Or, I had no other choice but to do this in order to save my life or someone I loved. In either case, be it the no win scenario or in order to save a life, this simply means that I may not get out of this situation unscathed, hurt or even alive. What I still and always have in my control is the ability to make a choice.

Even if someone is making a choice for me, it is because I have surrendered that authority to him or her. But even then, I made a choice to choose to have someone else speak or act on my behalf. What is essential to keep in mind, is that part of being human is our potential to become ethical and moral beings. When keeping this in mind, every choice we make, there will not only be consequences, implications and a new reality is created but it is within our power to choose whether this will be for the betterment and wellbeing of all creation, or, just saving my hide.

Perhaps this is what has to be first addressed, our innate desire and instinct for self-preservation. What is the cost of saving my physical life, but in the process endangering the quality of my humanity and that of all others? When we are confronted with something challenging it is in these moments when genuine and fruitful growth is about to happen. Before we find ourselves in that moment of crisis, it is a good practice to become a critical thinker, who is willing to consider multiple possibilities and outcomes that necessarily include the reality that we may not physically survive what is to come. But Jesus once so eloquently stated in Mark's gospel, “what good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?” To preserve our lives at any cost, for the sake of another day, what would be the quality of that life without our ethical centre?

Parish Group Meetings

Monday's	9:30AM	Gospel Reflection Group / Resume Dec. 5th
Tuesday's	6:30PM	Discipleship 101 / Resume in January
Wednesday's	9:30AM - 1PM	SVDP Food Bank Open
Thursday	November 24th	K. of C. General Meeting / PH / 7:00PM
Thursday	December 8th	Parish Finance Meeting / Sacristy / 7:00PM
Sat./Sun.	Dec. 10th/11th	Art Show in Parish Hall After Masses
Thursday	December 15th	St. Mary's Christmas Concert / Church / 6:30PM

Parish Nurse News / The Parish Nurse Thursday Clinic is held Thursdays beginning at 9:30AM. Please drop by to chat about your health issues or anything else that may be on your mind.

Let's get physical!! I will be giving a gentle exercise class on Wednesday mornings 9:30AM to 10:30 AM, until the end of this month. Come out and bring a friend! You will need to dress in comfortable clothes and bring your Yoga Mat. Classes will run until November 30th. There is no cost .

Hot Lunch Tuesdays / The doors open at 11:30AM and the meal will be served from 12:00PM to 1:00PM. If you know of someone who would appreciate a meal and good company, please let them know about our Hot Lunch Tuesday. Also, any monetary donations are greatly appreciated. You may use the Poor Box at the entrance of the church, or any envelope designated as Hot Lunch. Again, thank you for making this possible!

Altar Servers / St. Mary of the Assumption is welcoming back altar servers. If you have received your First Holy Communion and would like to participate in the Mass in an even more active way, then consider becoming an altar server. Training will be provided. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Sirek at 705-571-1681 or elizabeth.sirek@gmail.com.

Advent Devotions / A daily reflection booklet “*This will be A Sign For You*” is now available at the entrance of the church. This could be part of your daily prayer and reflection during the season of Advent which begins next Sunday, November 27th. The cost is \$2.00.

The 2022 - 2023 Sunday Missals / Are now available at the entrance of the church. The cost per missal is \$5.00.

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish thank you for your continued and gracious donations to the Food Bank. We collected **605 lbs.** of food this month.

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Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - November 26th/27th, 2022

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Readers	Jim Waters	Helen Hebb	Mary Jane Zimmerman
EMC	Margaret MacDonald	Deacon Jan	Diane Poling
Ushers	Victoria Baumgart Ben Boivin Tracy Shisko Walter Gry	Natasha Aben Mike Pearson Al Kudryk Mary Kudryk	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, Nov. 29th	Mary Kudryk &	Gisele Neigel

Readers, Ushers, and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion (EMC) / Perhaps you have considered one of these ministries, especially if you are not presently involved, or you are new to the parish. If you are interested, please contact the office (see cover of bulletin) or speak to Fr. Paul directly. Your participation in these ministries helps our liturgies to run well and smoothly. We really do need your help to bring your community together as we serve one another. Thank you.

Christmas Concert / St. Mary's will be hosting a Christmas concert on December 15, 2022. Anyone who would like to join the choir to sing on that evening is welcome. Practices are on Thursday evenings at 6:00PM. Come join us!

St. Mary's Lending Library / It has been carefully organized with good spiritual reading. You can take the book(s) home with you. When you are finished, please return them to the library. Thank you and enjoy.

Cultural Diversity and Awareness Workshops

Tuesday Nov. 22nd & 29th and Dec. 6th & 13th, 6:30 - 9:00PM

All of the church denominations working together are excited to present this “Experiential and Interactive Learning Workshops about First Nations, Metis and Inuit Peoples (FNMI)

This will take place in the Lake of Bays Community Centre. There is no Cost to attend.

Register your attendance at the Baysville Library , 705-767-2361 or baysville@lakeofbayslibrary.ca

“Love alone is capable of uniting living beings in such a way as to complete and fulfill them, for it alone takes them and joins them by what is deepest in themselves. ...

The history of the kingdom of God is, directly, one of a reunion. The total divine milieu is formed by the incorporation of every elected spirit in Jesus Christ ...

It is our duty as men and women to proceed as though the limits of our abilities do not exist ...

Love is an adventure and a conquest. It survives and develops, like the universe itself, only by perpetual discovery. Love is a sacred reserve of energy; it is like the blood of spiritual evolution”

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin