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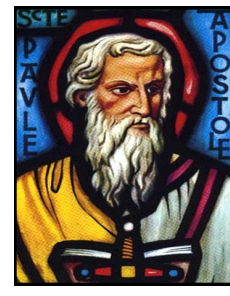
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 9:15am (Maltese/English)
 Tuesday & Thursday
 9:15am (English)

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:30pm (English)
Sunday:
 9:00am (English)
 10:30am (Maltese/English)
 12:00pm (English)

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every
 Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Secretary
 Mrs. Rita Apalit

OFFICE HOURS
 Monday to Friday
 9:00am to 4:30pm
 (Priest is always available by appointment)

SACRAMENTS
Baptism: Please contact the priests. Baptisms are held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30am
Marriages: Contact the priest one year in advance of the wedding. A marriage preparation course is mandatory.
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 First Friday: 8:40am to 9:10am
 Saturdays: 4:45pm to 5:15pm
 Anytime by appointment.
Anointing of the Sick:
 Contact the priests. Parishioners are reminded that this is not a sacrament that should be left for the last possible minute. It is a Sacrament for the sick, not just for the dying.

November 24, 2024

CHRIST THE KING

Gospel Summary
 In today's Gospel reading, it is Pilate who refers to Jesus as King of the Jews. Jesus does not confirm that he is a king, and makes it clear that his kingdom does not belong to this world. His purpose for being in the world is to testify to the truth.

Reflection for Parents
 The Preface for today's Mass describes the kingdom over which Jesus Christ is King. It is:

- ◇ An eternal and universal kingdom,
- ◇ a kingdom of truth and life,
- ◇ a kingdom of holiness and grace,
- ◇ a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

Truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love, and peace—are these the building blocks of your home? What are you doing and saying to help build the kingdom that God has in mind?

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family
 Make a simple crown centerpiece for your kitchen or dining room table. When you have finished sharing lunch or dinner, offer simple prayers of praise or thanksgiving to Jesus Christ the King. Invite each family member to offer the following prayer, choosing a word to fill in the blank (such as peace, hope, friendship, life, the world, and so forth). You may wish to have each person hold the crown as he or she offers his or her prayer.

Jesus, King of _____, hear our prayer.

Discussion Starters

1. I can help Jesus build a kingdom of truth by . . .
2. We can make our home a place of holiness by . . .
3. One area in my life where I have a hard time and need to invite Jesus to be King is . . .

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 23
4:30pm

- +Vincenza Darmanin

Sunday, November 24
Christ The King
9:00am

- +John Logan

10:30am

- +Natalino, Rosa & Anthony Taliana
- +Charlie & Albert Taliana
- +Silvana Dewe & Grace Bugeja
- +Emanuella Micallef & Joseph Bugeja
- +Tony Axiak
- +Carmel & Edmond Scicluna
- +Rita & Philip Chircop
- +Nenu Dingli

12:00 noon

- Missa Pro Populo

Monday, November 25

- +Paul Delicata

Tuesday, November 26

- +Carmen Moreira

Wednesday, November 27

- +Doris Micallef

Thursday, November 28

- +Emanuel Grech

Friday, November 29

- +Zammit & Cutajar Family

From the Pastor...

In this week's pastor's corner, I want to reflect on the significance of today's solemnity for disciples of Jesus.

Reflecting on the Feast of Christ the King

Established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, the Solemnity of Christ the King is a powerful reminder for disciples of Jesus to allow Christ to fully reign in their lives. Pope Pius XI emphasized that meditating upon the truths of Christ's dominion gives the faithful strength and courage to live out the true Christian ideal.

Embracing Christ's Reign in Our Lives

To honor Christ the King, disciples should recognize that Jesus has all power in heaven and on earth. By understanding that all are subjected to His dominion through His precious blood, we can appreciate that no part of our lives should be exempt from His rule.

- **Mind:** Assent with perfect submission and firm belief to the truths revealed by Christ and His doctrines.
- **Will:** Obey the laws and precepts of God, aligning our desires with His will.
- **Heart:** Spurn natural desires, love God above all else, and remain devoted to Him alone.

Body and Soul: Use our bodies as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, serving God's justice, as Apostle Paul advises.

Practical Ways to Incorporate Greater Love for God

1. Daily Prayer and Reflection: Start and end each day with prayers, seeking God's guidance and reflecting on His word. Reading Scripture or a devotional can help to keep Christ at the center of daily life.

2. Acts of Charity and Kindness: Perform small acts of kindness and charity, seeing Christ in others and serving them with love and humility. This could be as simple as helping a neighbor or volunteering at a local charity.

3. Sacraments: Regular participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, strengthens our relationship with Christ and the Church community.

4. Spiritual Reading and Study: Deepen your understanding of the faith by reading spiritual books, Church teachings, and the lives of saints. This helps to grow in faith and knowledge, bringing your heart closer to God.

5. Community Involvement: Engage with your parish or faith community through groups, Bible studies, and church activities. Fellowship with other believers reinforces the faith and provides support in living out Christian values.

6. Witnessing the Faith: Share your faith through words and actions in everyday life. By being a visible witness to Christ's love, you inspire others to embrace Him as well.

7. Personal Sacrifices: Make personal sacrifices and offer them up for the love of God and the benefit of others. Fasting, giving up certain luxuries, or dedicating time for prayer and service can be powerful ways to let Christ reign in our lives.

Conclusion

By actively allowing Christ to reign in our minds, wills, hearts, and bodies, disciples can transform their lives to mirror the true Christian ideal. Embracing these practical steps helps to foster a deeper love for God and live out the Catholic faith more fully.

- Fr. Roy

Upcoming Events

♦ **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH** - Annual Christmas Concert. More Details will follow.

♦ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND**

◇ **12 noon Mass** - Anointing of the Sick

◇ **1:00** - Senior's Christmas Luncheon hosted by the Maltese Canadian Cultural Association (MCCA).

Tickets for the luncheon are \$20.00 per person and can be purchased from the Parish Office during office hours at 416-767-7054, or from the back of the church after all Sunday Masses.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the sanctuary. Parishioners can add the names of deceased family members and friends to be remembered in our prayers. This is to honour our loved ones and those parishioners who have passed away with faith. May they rest in peace.

2025 Offertory Envelopes Are Now Available

The 2025 offertory envelopes are ready for pickup. Please collect your box from the back of the church at your convenience.



ALL SOULS CANDLES

Special All Souls candles are available for purchase from the back of the church. These candles can be lit in memory of your loved ones or as a sign of your prayers for them.



VOCATION REFLECTION: Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our God. He Who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well.

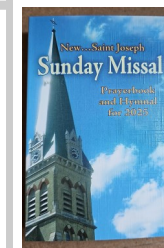
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SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals are available from the parish secretary during office hours. The cost for these missals is \$5.00 each. Priority will be given to those who pre-ordered a Sunday Missal.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION On this final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the great solemnity of Christ the King. Jesus always remains the King of the Universe, but does He also remain the king of our lives? Let us reflect on how we can enthrone Jesus in our hearts through our commitment to stewardship. Kings often receive the finest of things in order to showcase their importance. If we want to make Jesus our King, He too deserves our very best. We can do this by striving to offer Christ the "first fruits" of our time in prayer. When we set aside a portion of everyday for prayer, we are expressing the importance of God in our lives. We become loving and faithful servants who simply long to be in the presence of their master. Let us not try to fit in our prayer after all our other commitments are taken care of, but rather, let us schedule the rest of our day around our times of prayer so as to give our King the very best we can. Once we enthrone Jesus as King of our lives, we can then begin to serve Him as one would an earthly king. But what kind of service does our Divine King desire? The Lord desires the service of charity and sacrifice. St. Rose of Lima says, "When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we serve Jesus." As stewards, let us strive to use our gifts to serve our fellow parishioners, and in turn, serve the King of kings.

On this solemnity of Christ the King let us reflect on how we can enthrone Jesus in our hearts through our commitment to stewardship. Firstly, we can let God rule in our lives by giving Him the "first fruits" of our time in prayer. We should then strive to use our gifts to serve our fellow parishioners, and in turn, serve the King of kings.

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