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**CHRIST THE KING**  
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Year A



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**Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30AM—4:30PM**

**Holy Mass Schedule:**  
The Day of the Lord begins Saturday: Vigil 4:00PM  
Sunday: 9:00AM  
Weekdays: 8:00AM or as announced

**Sacrament of Penance (Confession)**  
Saturday: 3:00-3:45PM  
Sunday: 8:00-8:45AM  
By appointment

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:**  
Please contact the parish priest during serious illness or before surgery.

**Sacrament of Baptism:**  
By appointment. “Parents are obliged to see that their infants are baptized within the first few weeks of life.” (C.867.1)

**Sacrament of Marriage:**  
Please contact the parish priest as soon as possible. Pre-marriage classes are mandatory.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
First Friday of the Month: 8:30—9:30  
First Saturday of the Month: 8:30—9:30

**Catholic Women's League:**  
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## CHRIST THE KING

November 26th, 2023– Year A

### Mass Schedule & Intentions: Nov 26th– December 3rd

<b>Sunday</b> 9:00AM	<b>Nov 26th—Christ The King Sunday</b> Missa pro populo
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov. 27th</b> — ferial No Scheduled Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00AM	<b>Nov. 28th</b> — ferial †Tammy Morrison by Pat & Lynn Dyson
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00AM	<b>Nov. 29th</b> — ferial †Patrizio & Delia Mattiazzo by Also Bonomi
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00AM	<b>Nov. 30th—Saint Andrew the Apostle, Feast</b> †Ella Szakaly by ASC
<b>Friday</b> 8:00AM	<b>Dec. 1st</b> — ferial †Souls in Purgatory by Derek & Diane Miller
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00AM	<b>Dec 2nd– 1st Saturday</b> † Delia Mattiazzo by Irene Sinko
<b>4:00PM</b>	Missa pro populo
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00AM	<b>Dec 3rd– First Sunday of Advent</b> † Raoul and Elaine Breton by ASC

### COATS FOR KIDS



The Knights of Columbus is once again collecting new and gently used winter coats for needy children and adolescents in our community. If you wish to donate, please place your coat(s) in the box at the rear of the church during the month of November. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make cheques payable to the Knights of Columbus. For more info or monetary donations please contact: Josef VanRuyven - 289 969 9369

### PARISH OPPORTUNITY

Our parish is seeking an organist-soloist, who might be open to becoming a choir director for 4 p.m. mass on Saturdays and seasonal liturgical celebrations. If interested please call the parish office at 905-834-4645

### ANNUAL DEO GRATIA COLLECTION

Last weekend, our parish took up the special *Deo Gratias* collection to support our Priests' monthly benefit through the Clergy Aid Society. We are happy to report that your gifts already total \$340.00. The St. Catharines Clergy Aid Society pays a monthly benefit and health insurance for retired priests at age 75. Many of our Diocesan priests live independently during their retirement years, and they use their benefit for basic needs, such as food, housing, and transportation. If you have already made a gift to the *Deo Gratias* special collection, please know how much we truly appreciate your support. If you have not completed and returned your envelope, you may still do so at mass or by returning it to the parish office. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The **Offertory envelopes for 2024** will be available for pickup at the front door of the Church starting from December 3rd. They have been sorted alphabetically for your convenience. If you are a parishioner without envelopes and would like to receive them or need to update your information, please contact the office. Please refrain from using the envelopes until 2024, as some numbers have changed. Remember to clearly print your name and address on the 2024 envelopes when using them.

The Gospel of the last Sunday of the liturgical year concludes Matthew's eschatological discourse presented in previous Sundays. The central character in the parable is the Son of Man, the one in the Old Testament invested with the authority to pronounce the final judgment on all of humanity. He holds a royal power symbolized by His throne. In the parable, after the separation of the righteous and the wicked, the Son of Man blesses those on His right, emphasizing their state of happiness. This blessing is the result of their acts of corporal mercy, done freely and in response to God's sovereign initiative, revealed as the Father. On the contrary, those who refuse to show mercy to those in need are cursed and separated from God.

The remarkable novelty of this parable lies in its Christological dimension, as Jesus identifies Himself with the least of these, whom He calls "His brothers." This identification is why those who recognize the Son of God and the Son of Man in solidarity with the needy receive the Father's kingdom as their inheritance. In other words, recognizing Christ in the needy and acting accordingly is the path to receiving God's kingdom. (Fr.. Daniele)

### FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY OF THE MONTH



On the first Friday and Saturday of December, specifically on December 1st and 2nd, following the morning Mass, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour, from 8:30 to 9:30 am.

### RECOLLECTION FOR ALL PRIESTS.

Advent Day of Recollection & Diocesan Fall Study days are scheduled for Dec 5-7, 2023 Father Daniele will not be available on those 3 days Mass intentions scheduled for those days will be celebrated by Father Daniele at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre.

### 2024 MISSALS

The **2023-2024 missals** are available for purchase. Cost is \$5.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

### Hosted by the CWL



December 9 & 10 sale of apple pies in the vestibule following Sat. 4:00 p.m. and Sun. 9:00 a.m. Masses. Order early by calling Mary 905-834-9520 or Irene 905-834-

6820 so as not to be disappointed. Price \$10.00.

Last year, working with St. Therese school, we delivered 14 gift boxes to families in need before Christmas. These gift boxes contained **socks, mitts, hats, scarves, some toys, none perishable food items and a gift card** for groceries. During the month of November we will be collecting those listed items. Baskets will be at the entrance of the church for your donations. Gift cards please see Mary Nan or Mary Van Ruyven. With your help we hope to fulfill our goal of filling 15 gift boxes

There are **Pro-Life Christmas** cards for sale at the Religious items counter. 10 cards for \$11.00.

Remember to safe your CAN TABS

Next meeting Dec. 13, Christmas Party more info forthcoming.

### SUNDAY OFFERING

Nov. 12th, 2023: \$ 1045.00

Nov. 19th, 2023: \$ 1305.00

*Thank you for sharing your gifts with the Lord and the faith community of St. Therese. May God bless you for your faithful stewardship.*

E-TRANSFERS Thank you to everyone for their contributions to St. Therese Church either by offertory envelopes or E-transfer. We would like to remind everyone to use celineincarmel@gmail.com for any e-transfer. We cannot accept any e-transfers at thereselisieux@cogeco.net Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 8TH



Every year, during the Advent season, we are called upon to commemorate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Saint Paul serves as a reminder that each of us has been selected to strive for holiness and purity. Mother Mary was holy and immaculate from the moment of her conception, making herself a symbol of our ultimate goal in heaven. The Immaculate Conception is also the patron saint of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, the religious congregation to which Father Daniele has belonged since 1973.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Special Christmas flower envelopes are now accessible in your weekly offering boxes. If you wish to make a donation in memory of someone, kindly write their name on the back of these envelopes. For those who don't have envelopes, please reach out to Agnes at the office or speak to Father Daniele after the masses. We deeply appreciate your generous contributions. Thank you for your kindness and support.