

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Look up at the night sky. Remember we live on a small planet spinning around our yellow sun. It sits on a spiral arm of our +150,000-light-year-wide Milky Way galaxy. Our galactic home holds an estimated 200 billion other stars. Recent calculations place the number of galaxies in the known universe at two trillion. Each of these could contain billions of stars, together totalling more than all the grains of sand on the earth. And each star likely hosts a planetary system. The sheer vastness of creation staggers the mind. Yet this presents just the tiniest inkling of the majesty of God.

Today's feast, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, ends our liturgical year. From Ezekiel, through Paul to Matthew, Jesus is characterized as king and shepherd, glorious and humble at the same time. While today these regal and agrarian images seem distant, perhaps even alienating, they are certainly far less challenging than the cosmic reality that science opens our eyes to. Whatever images we choose from our triune deity – the Alpha and Omega, the prime mover of all creation – God remains the centre of our cosmic story. And the grandeur of the universe is linked directly to how we behave towards one another. "Just as you did it to one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did to me."

Michael Dougherty; Whitehorse, YT

First Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46

Holy Rosary

The schedule of which Rose leads the rosary before the evening Mass is currently placed on hold.

Rosary Intention for November

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and hostility against the Church. Today reminds us that while governments and ideologies come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and in many parts of Europe, atheistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Pope Pius XI said that Christ "reign[s] 'in the hearts of men,' both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (*Quas primas*, 7).

Quas primas continues to ring true. The Holy Father speaks directly to the problem of what he referred to as "anti-clericalism," by which he meant the attitude of those who were seeking to extirpate Christian influence from political life. We see a version of this same attitude today, for example, when it is suggested that belief in Catholic teachings renders a person unfit for a judicial appointment. And in recent years, aggressive secularist campaigns have sought to marginalize the Church and other religious institutions.

When our nation is beset by civil unrest, racial tension, and a pandemic, we do well to turn to Our Lord, who reigns over every people and nation.

Confession

Sacrament of reconciliation is available from **Monday to Saturday at 7:30 a.m.** and from **Monday to Friday at 6 p.m.** for those who have registered to attend Mass. For others, confession is available from **Monday to Friday by appointment only.** An updated confession schedule will be available next week on the parish website and MyParish App.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners who wish to marry in the Roman Catholic Church must contact the parish office to open a wedding file and obtain all necessary information. This must be done **one year** prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. In addition, all couples must take a pre-marital course and provide recently obtained baptism certificates from the church where they were baptized.

COVID-19 and Our Parish

As of Tuesday, November 24, 2020, all parishes in the Peel Region must restrict attendance at all liturgical celebrations to 50 worshipers in the entire building, excluding those who are involved in ministry (priest, organist, lector, ushers, etc.).

Those who wish to attend Mass will have to book a ticket through the parish website. Tickets are free of charge. Of the 50 tickets per Mass, 10 will be reserved for those who requested Mass intention and 10 for seniors who do not have internet access and cannot book tickets on-line. They will need to call the parish office to book a spot.

Important: If you have purchased a ticket, you must arrive 30 minutes before scheduled Mass. Latecomers will not be accommodated, and the church door will be closed at the beginning of Mass.

Altar servers who wish to serve during Mass must sign up with Fr. Tomasz. Only one altar server (or siblings) may serve during Mass.

- According to the new rules, everyone must wear a mask. Those who cannot wear a mask for legitimate medical reasons, must sit in a designated area in the parish hall.
- We sit in designated spots and only with people who live in the same household.
- When receiving Holy Communion, everyone must wear a mask, receive Communion on the hand, step aside, remove the mask, and receive Communion right away while still in the presence of the priest.
- Congregational singing is not permitted at this time.

Once again, we call for understanding and a serious approach to all norms and recommendations. Please do not gather in groups in the parking lot, neither before nor after Mass since social distancing rules apply there, too. We are responsible for everything that takes place on our property.

Advent Retreat

Advent Retreat will take place next weekend during all Sunday Masses and on Monday. It will be led by Fr. Adam Filas OMI. Please tune in through our parish TV at www.kolbe.ca

Parish Office

Parish office is currently closed to the public. Please call (905) 848-2420 for inquiries or to schedule an appointment. Continue to check our parish website www.kolbe.ca and MyParish App for the latest information concerning our parish.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to act as greeters before weekday Masses. If you would like to help out, please call the parish office.

Marriage and Family Counselling

Free marriage and family counselling is available at our parish. If your family needs guidance, please call (647) 677-1142 and leave your name and phone number. A qualified counsellor will call you to schedule a meeting.

2021 Calendars

Religious calendars highlighting the life and missionary work of Brother Antoni Kowalczyk are available for purchase at the parish office at \$5 each. Exact change, please.

Sunday Collection

Sunday collection may be placed in a basket as you leave the Sunday Mass or deposited into any of the collection boxes placed at the front of the church or by the church door. Next week's second collection is for the Building Renovation Fund.

Change for Life Bottles

Change for Life Bottles in support of Pro-Life will not be collected in December as originally scheduled. A new date will be announced once it becomes available. Thank you for your understanding.

Mass Intentions

There are no more individual Mass intentions available for the year 2021. Intentions for Wednesday evening Mass should be submitted by phone.

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

If you can devote one hour a week to the adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the new coordinator: Malgorzata Podolak at (647) 888-7487 or by email at margaret.podolak@gmail.com **Please wear a face mask while praying in the chapel!**

Offertory Envelopes for 2021

Offertory envelopes for 2021 are available in the parish hall. To avoid large crowds and maintain social distance, we encourage parishioners to pick up their envelope set on a weekday. The church and the parish hall are open on weekdays from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5:30 p.m. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful in the current pandemic

This year, in the current circumstances due to the "Covid-19" pandemic, the **Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful will be extended throughout the entire month of November, with adaptation of works and conditions to guarantee the safety of the faithful.**

The Apostolic Penitentiary, on the special mandate of His Holiness Pope Francis, willingly establishes and decides that this year, in order to avoid gatherings where they are forbidden:

a. the Plenary Indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased, even if only mentally, normally established only on the individual days from 1 to 8 November, may be transferred to other days of the same month, until its end. These days, freely chosen by the individual believers, may also be separate from each other;

b. the Plenary Indulgence of 2 November, established on the occasion of the Commemoration of all the deceased faithful for those who piously visit a church or oratory and recite the "Our Father" and the "Creed" there, may be transferred not only to the Sunday before or after or on the day of the Solemnity of All Saints, but also to another day of the month of November, freely chosen by the individual faithful.

The elderly, the sick and all those who for serious reasons cannot leave their homes, for example because of restrictions imposed by the competent authority in this time of the pandemic, in order to prevent numerous faithful from crowding into the holy places, will be able to obtain the Plenary Indulgence as long as they join spiritually with all the other faithful, completely detached from sin and with the intention of complying as soon as possible with the three usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, recite pious prayers for the deceased, for example, Lauds and Vespers of the Office of the Dead, the Marian Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, other prayers for the deceased dearest to the faithful, or occupy themselves in considered reading of one of the Gospel passages proposed by the liturgy of the deceased, or perform a work of mercy by offering to God the sorrows and hardships of their own lives.

This Decree is valid throughout the entire month of November, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary.

Given in Rome, from the seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 22 October 2020, memorial of Saint John Paul II.

Maurus Card. Piacenza
Paenitentiaris Maior
23.10.2020

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 23rd

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Celina & Antoni Motyczynski – daughter
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jakub Glowinski and deceased members of the Bogusz, Mendela, Powalowski families
 - In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's continued grace for the Rogala family on their wedding anniversary

TUESDAY, November 24th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Lucyna Kedziak (18th anniv.) – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued blessing for Anna & Stanislaw on their 28th wedding anniversary – children
 - ✠ Father, mother, and sister Madeleine Leung Hung – family

WEDNESDAY, November 25th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Teresa & Jan Hul – daughter with family
 - ✠ Jozefa Hnatyk (10th anniv.) – daughter
- 19⁰⁰ Group intentions

THURSDAY, November 26th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Alina Zmiejko & Bazylia Jaganow – children
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Stefan Kalin, parents Anna & Piotr, brother Miron – wife with children
 - ✠ Henryka Bednarczyk and Jozef & Marianna – husband and son

FRIDAY, November 27th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for God's blessing for Monika & Bernard on their 14th wedding anniversary
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Zdzislaw Stopa (8th anniv.) – wife with children
 - ✠ Franciszek Kowalczyk (1st anniv.) – dzieci

SATURDAY, November 28th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Michal Puzio – daughter with family
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Janina Wos – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased members of the Kawa & Rzepa families

SUNDAY, November 29th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef and Marian Mis – son and brother with family
- 9³⁰ ✠ Maria Jankowska – son and daughter
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimierz & Kazimiera Pakulski
- 14³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Janina Kania on her 80th birthday – daughters with families
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Filomena Bednarczyk & Franciszek Kurnat

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Honey

Kolbe Youth has some light honey for sale. If you would like to purchase a 1kg jar at \$10, please call the parish office.