



Reflection

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He believed that acknowledging the kingship of Jesus Christ was the best remedy to counter destructive forces. The genius of celebrating Christ's kingship year after year is a grace and a reminder that Jesus' kingship comes from above, rising above all cultural, political, social, academic, familial forces – or the “news of the day.” Jesus is, was, and will be King of the Universe until the end of time.

In today's reading Jesus has been arrested and questioned by Pilate. Jesus refuses to answer Pilate's question, “Are you the King of the Jews?” A mystical tension arises. Jesus wants Pilate to think. Jesus' words, “My kingdom is not from this world” reframes our thinking.

Jesus' kingship is countercultural and shocking. He washed his disciple's feet. Despite being a healer and miracle worker, he was scourged and crucified. For us, it is inconceivable that a king would have to suffer these atrocities. Jesus rose from the dead. Miraculous. He is alive today and feeding us today at Mass with his body and blood. Supernatural. We are invited to rejoice, meditating on Jesus' words: “For this I was born, and for this I came into the world: to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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First Reading: Daniel 7.13-14

Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.*

Second Reading: Revelation 1.5-8

Gospel: John 18.33b-37

God's blessing to Sister Halina Pierozak MChR and all the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for Polonia on the occasion of their feast day!

Christ the King Sunday

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King, a feast which brings to an end the current liturgical year. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas*, to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism.



This day is also a feast day for Sister Halina Pierozak MChR and all the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for Polonia.

The Congregation was inspired by Cardinal August Hlond, the founder of the Society of Christ, who said: “Religious sisters can play a beautiful role as an aid in pastoral work.” Fr. Ignacy Posadzy, a priest of the Society of Christ, took it upon himself to make the late Cardinal Hlond's wish a reality.

In the second half of 1958, Fr. Posadzy placed the first candidates with the Salesian Sisters in Rokitno. At the same time, he contacted the Superior General of the Congregation of Felician Sisters, “because this Congregation has beautiful achievements in apostolic activity among the Polish diaspora.” The General Council of the Felician Sisters agreed to the affiliation of the new institute to its Congregation as a separate Province under the name: Felician Sisters - Missionaries. In July 1959, Father Ignacy admitted 17 women to the postulate. The Sisters' first house was the manor house in Morask, handed over to the new Congregation by the Society of Christ.

Currently, the Sisters work in 33 foreign institutions: in Great Britain, Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Iceland, Canada, Germany, the United States, Hungary, Italy, Belgium and Greece. Their mission varies, depending on the type of Polish community and its needs in a given country.

Currently the congregation consists of 189 sisters with perpetual vows, 14 junior sisters, 12 novices, and 3 postulants. Of these, 108 Sisters work in the Congregation's foreign missions.

Commitment Mass

Commitment Mass for students preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation will take place this Sunday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Andrew Mateo Wojnowski,
son of Lina and Marcin.

We welcome Andrew to our Church community and congratulate his parents and Godparents.

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 a list of required documents. This must be done one year prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. In addition, marriage preparation course is mandatory for all couples intending to be married in the Roman Catholic Church.

Confession

Sacrament of reconciliation is available 30 minutes before each Mass. Face masks are mandatory.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus (4th degree) will meet in the parish hall on **Tuesday, December 7** after the evening Mass.

2022 Calendars

2022 religious calendars highlighting selected Eucharistic miracles from around the world are available for purchase in the sacristy after each Mass. The cost is still \$5 per calendar.

Group Mass Intentions

Wednesday evening Mass is celebrated in multiple intentions. These can be submitted by calling the parish office on weekdays before 5 p.m.

Altar Servers

If you're in grade 3 or up and would like to become an altar server, please pick up a registration form from the sacristy, fill it out, and hand it in to any one of our parish priests.

Kolbe Youth Meetings

High School students:
Thursdays at 8:20 p.m.

College/University students:
Fridays at 8:20 p.m.

A Message regarding
the John Paul II
Polish Cultural Centre



When our parish church was completed about 30 years ago, its pastor Fr. Stanislaw Bak began to realize his next dream – the building of a Polish Cultural Centre. It was to be a place for everyone who cared about their roots and valued the language and culture of their forefathers. Thanks to the generosity of many – some are still among us – the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre was built.

Now, after lack of income due to Covid 19, the necessity of replacing the leaking roof, and loss of many tenants – particularly the Credit Union – the Centre finds itself in a very grave financial position. A line of credit necessary to pay for the roof and other needed repairs, and the lack of income to pay it off raises the question of how the Centre can survive.

Therefore, we must ask for help from all those who value the work of the Centre in preserving the Polish heritage for themselves and future generations. We desperately need this help. We can not let the Centre close, as has been the case for other similar Polish Centres throughout Ontario.

On two consecutive Sundays, November 21 and 28, we will be conducting a fundraising blitz at the Centre. Members of the Maximilian Kolbe Foundation will be at the Centre to answer your questions and accept donations. Income tax receipts will be issued for any contributions in excess of \$50.00.

Disposing of Blessed Items

What should be done with old or damaged icons, crosses, rosaries, and other items used for veneration? This is a common concern. Once a religious object is blessed and dedicated for divine worship or veneration, it must be treated with reverence and not be used in either an improper or profane way (cf. Code of Canon Law, no. 1171). Items that have been blessed but are now old or damaged should be disposed of in a dignified way. They should never just be laying around the house or thrown into the garbage. Traditionally, the item should be burned, while rosaries, crosses, etc. should be buried. If the item is large, it should be disposed of in water, such as in a lake. Holy water may be poured out in a place where it will not be stepped on.

Our Church is Open

Our church is open for in-person celebrations. All Masses are held indoors.

• For sacramental celebrations, in Step 3, there is no capacity limit for places of worship. However, physical distancing of 2 metres is still required between parishioners attending Mass who are not from the same household.

• **Livestreaming** of services and dispensation from physical participation in the Sunday Eucharist continues. The elderly, those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions should be encouraged to exercise extreme caution about any outings, including attendance at church.

• **Funerals** take place from Monday to Friday in the morning.

• **Baptisms** take place outside of Mass, on Saturday mornings.

• **Meetings** in parish halls or other indoor spaces are permitted in Step 3. Attendance may not exceed 50% of meeting space capacity. Participants must be masked and physically distanced. In addition, a sign-in sheet for meetings should be provided for the purposes of contact tracking. Meals and food services at meetings is discouraged at this time.

• **Most up-to-date information** is always communicated at the end of Mass. Please listen carefully.

• When leaving a message on the parish answering machine, remember to include your name and phone number.

• **Local municipal by-laws remain in place – the use of face masks inside all public places is still in effect, even for those who are fully vaccinated.**

Gaudium Press

Gaudium Press, a Catholic media platform run by the Congregation of the Heralds of the Gospel, is looking for people to help translate articles from English to Polish or to check Polish translations for their website. If you would like to get involved and help, please contact the editor-in-chief, Brother Gustavo at: editor@gaudiumpress.ca You don't need to know English well.

Offertory Envelopes for 2022

Offertory envelopes for 2022 will be available soon. If you do not have a set but wish to have one, please contact the parish office.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, November 22nd St. Cecilia

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Teodozja & Kazimierz Komiazyk – granddaughter
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jakub Glowinski and members of the Bogusz, Mendela, Pawalowski families – family
- ✠ In thanksgiving for 25 years of marriage of Helena and Krzysztof and for God's continued blessing for the Rogala family

TUESDAY, November 23rd St. Clement I / St. Columban

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For the conversion of son, daughter, and grandchildren – mother
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Lewczuk – wife and children with families
- ✠ Steven Zelek & Theodore Zelek – mother and grandmother

WEDNESDAY, November 24th St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef Chmielewski (11th anniv.) – Barbara
- ✠ Lucyna Kedziak (19th anniv.) – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, November 25th St. Catherine of Alexandria

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued grace for Katarzyna & Daniel Kawa and brother Jan
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszek Kowalczyk (4th anniv.) – children with families
- ✠ Teresa & Jan Hul – daughter with family

FRIDAY, November 26th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Wanda & Wladyslaw Ostapowicz – daughters Krystyna & Ewa
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Leszek Piatkowski – wife and children
- ✠ Zdzislaw Stopa – wife and children

SATURDAY, November 27th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Aniela & Antoni Chmiel
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Gustaw Zelek – wife
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Janina & Aleksander Grabowski and Emilia & Zygmunt Dobrowolski – children with families

SUNDAY, November 28th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ Special intention for God's blessing for Dorota & Robert Wetoszka on their 30th wedding anniversary
- 9³⁰ ✠ Anna Karp, Joanna Krys, Joanna & Jan Bodys – family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Agnieszka & Zygmunt Maroszek
- 14³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Mariusz on his birthday and for his family – mother
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Bogdan Charow (7th anniv.) – wife with family