

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“My kingdom is not from this world.”

John 18.33b-37

Reflection

Today, as we mark the end of the liturgical year with a feast highlighting the kingship of Jesus, we can ask: what kind of king is Jesus?

In today's Gospel, Jesus is far removed from conventional kingship – in fact, he is a prisoner. And yet the interplay of words between Jesus and his interrogator is telling. Pilate's flippant reply (“I am not a Jew, am I?”) is not the response of a self-assured leader. Pilate represents the power of the colonizer, and so he shows little respect for Jesus. Who is more kinglike – the insecure Roman functionary, or the humble servant-leader? Who testifies to the truth? From our vantage point in history and in faith, we believe Jesus' testimony that his kingdom is not of this world and know him to be truth incarnate.

These days, we live in confusing times; many voices claim to speak the truth, but their words do not ring true. This can cause us to question our faith, to have doubts about what is true, what is truth. “Fake news” is a phrase that can quickly heighten our anxiety levels. As we gather in our eucharistic communities this weekend, let us support one another in our belief that Jesus is Christ the King, and give thanks to God for Jesus' true and humble leadership.

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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

*Moved? Please keep us up to date.
Not registered? Please sign up.*

– PARISH NEWS –

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 atheism. He recognized that attempting to “thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law” out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

This day is also a feast day for Sister Halina Pierożak MChR and all the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for Polonia. On the occasion of their feast day, we thank Sister Halina for her presence among us and wish all the Sisters an abundance of God's grace as they continue to serve among us.



Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for God's blessing for the following couple as they celebrate Holy Matrimony. ♥

Renata Kuzma,
daughter of Renata and Jan
& **Grzegorz Banasik,**
son of Marzena and Marek

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, the following children will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We pray for God's blessing for them and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Austin Adam Jaremko
son of Sabrina and Robert

Nicole Ella Targonski
daughter of Julie and Bogdan

– PARISH NEWS –

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2025 are arranged in alphabetical order in the parish hall and can be picked up today. Please check if the number on the label matches the number on the envelope. If there are any discrepancies, let the parish office know. Please hold off on using the envelopes until January 2025.

Pope's Rosary Intention – November –

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Rose #44 leads the rosary this week.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

November 24 – Oblate Youth
December 1 – The Rosary Family

Second Collection

This weekend's second collection is for the Building Renovation Fund. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Parish Calendar 2025

New 2025 Parish Calendar is now available. It features beautiful sacred art and excerpts from Pope Francis' *Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025*. As always, it includes Church feast days, solemnities, holy days of obligation, patron saints, and lots more. The calendar is available in the parish hall and in the parish office at only \$5 each.

Silver Jubilee

Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir will be celebrating its silver jubilee next year. If any former choir members would like to share photos or stories from past years, please speak to Sister Halina before the end of the year.

Communion Albs

If anyone has a communion alb they would like to donate, please speak to Sister Halina before the end of the year.

Meetings

Grade 8 and 9 Students

Tuesdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

Grade 10, 11, and 12 Students

Thursdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

College and University Students

Fridays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

– SACRAMENTS – – AT OUR PARISH –

Matrimony

Couples wishing to be married at St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church must contact the parish office at least one year prior to the anticipated date of the wedding in order to open a wedding file and obtain a list of required documents. In addition, marriage preparation course is mandatory for all couples. Our parish offers in-person marriage preparation courses in English in February/March and in October/November of each year. Please keep in mind that our priests can only officiate at marriage ceremonies of registered members of our parish who reside within the geographical boundaries of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Otherwise, permission of the local ordinary is required. For more information, couples may e-mail the parish office at kolbemagda@gmail.com.

Baptism

Parents who are registered members of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and would like to baptize their child must contact the parish office at least six weeks before the anticipated date of baptism. Preparation course is mandatory for all parents and Godparents. Baptisms take place during Mass:

- on Saturday at 5 p.m. in English
- on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Polish

Godparents must meet all requirements outlined in Canon 874, paragraph 1:

- be at least 16 years old
- be fully initiated into the Catholic Church
- be in good standing with the Church (not married outside of the Church and not cohabitating)

Anointing of the Sick

• A hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is employed full-time at local hospitals and is on-call 24 hours a day. To arrange a **hospital visit**, please ask a nurse to call the priest on duty.

• Please contact the parish office if you or your loved one require a **home visit** from a priest.

Reconciliation

Confession takes place every day, 30 minutes before each Mass in the confessionals. There is no confession during Sunday Masses.

– IN MEMORIAN –



The following parishioners passed away recently. Let us keep them in our prayers.

- ✠ Zofia Kosak, 93
- ✠ Wanda Bryk, 87
- ✠ Bronislawa Stadnik, 85
- ✠ Tadeusz Szymanski, 74
- ✠ Krzysztof Tomczyk, 67
- ✠ Marek Chojecki, 67
- ✠ Adam Marcinczuk, 63
- ✠ Sławomir Suszek, 60

Mass for the faithful Departed

Thirty Masses for all faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes are being celebrated in the month of November in the Provincial House of the Missionary Oblates in Toronto.

Memorial Candles

Please remember that for safety reasons, candles may only be lit by the statue of John Paul II. No candles should be lit near the Missionary Cross or by the Divine Mercy statue.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

YTOL Retreat

YTOL (Youth Teams of our Lady) Canada is inviting young adults ages 18-28 for a retreat from **December 28, 2024 to January 1, 2025**. This year's retreat entitled “A Deeper Dive into the Eucharist” will focus on the true presence and implications of Mass and Adoration, their importance and the graces we receive from them. For more details, please contact Natalia at (647) 517-2541.

Radio Maria Banquet

Radio Maria Christmas Banquet will be held on **Sunday, January 12, 2025**, at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. and banquet will begin at 1:30 p.m. The event includes a concert by Kinga Mitrowska. Tickets at \$75 are available from: Health from Nature Store (416) 532-9805; Joanna Szydlowska (905) 818-1040; John Paul II Centre (905) 306-9900 ext. 22. For details, contact Joanna Strzezek at (905) 845-3553.

Additionally, on Saturday, December 7, Fr. Jacek Cydzik will celebrate the 7 p.m. in the intention of all supporters of Radio Maria.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY November 25

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz, Katarzyna, grandparents, and deceased from Polatanski family – Miroslaw and family
- ✠ Bronislawa and Wacław Papuga
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszek Kowalczyk and family

TUESDAY November 26

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszek Kowalczyk, Malgorzata and Jakub Rabiński
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Motyka – Krystyna
- ✠ Deceased from Praniuk, Burzynski, Stodolnik, Wojcik families

WEDNESDAY November 27

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Stanislaw Gradowicz, deceased from Gradowicz family
- ✠ Regina i Maksymilian Jasinski
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY November 28

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from Kurek, Solarz, Menns families – Aldona and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Oscar and Oliver on their birthday – parents
- ✠ Teresa and Jan Hul – daughter

FRIDAY November 29

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from Chrzanowski and Krawczyk families
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graced received and for God's continued blessing for Jadwiga and Jan Bubacz on their 50th wedding anniv.
- In thanksgiving for graced received and for God's protection blessing and health for Bogumila, Dariusz, Julia, and Sebastian

SATURDAY November 30

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Bazyli Jaganow; Alina, Henryk, Wiktoria, Stanislaw Zmiejko; Janina, Bronislaw Roszkowski – family
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Michalina Kowalska
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Wieslaw Seter – friends

SUNDAY December 1

- 8⁰⁰ ○ Members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9³⁰ ✠ Andrzej Rowinski (29th anniv.) – family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Krzysztof Kaczmarek (20th anniv.) – parents and family
- 14³⁰ ✠ Pawel Chrzaszcz – parents
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia and Marta Krejca

Please inform the parish office of any errors in the spelling of the above names.