



# Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

2024 November 24

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

**Monday, November 25** *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*  
(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Holy Souls & Marlon Roldan

**Tuesday, November 26**  
(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Holy Souls & Joe Futino

**Wednesday, November 27**  
(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Holy Souls & Jackie Hallabanish

**Thursday, November 28**  
(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Holy Souls & Douglas Collee

**Friday, November 29**  
(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Holy Souls & Cecilia Acob

**Saturday, November 30** *St. Andrew the Apostle*

5:00 p.m. † Holy Souls & Sr. Marina S.M.I.

**Sunday, December 1** **First Sunday of ADVENT**

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. † Luigi Curcio

5:00 p.m. † John & Elena Forte



34th Sunday Year B John 18:33-37 24 November



This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.

## LEGION OF MARY



### Our Lady of the Assumption Praesidium

Legion of Mary meet every Wednesday at 5:00pm at the Church. Come and pray the Rosary.

**Please note the time change for the winter season.**

The Legion is an organization of lay men and women who work to bring Glory to God through the sanctification of its members and those we serve.

*Give me Lord, a full faith, a firm hope and a fervent love, a love for you incomparably above the love of myself.*  
--St. Thomas More

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!

Sunday Collection

November 17 \$5,898



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of November**  
*For anyone who has lost a child: 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.*

## UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS

November 24	6:00 pm	Practice Children Christmas Play
November 28	6:30 pm	Hospitality/Ushers
November 29	6:30 pm	Youth Group Movie Night
December 21	4:00pm	Church Hall /Children's Christmas Skit

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## COFFEE SUNDAY SOCIAL

First Sunday of the month after the 9 and 11am Mass St Thomas more hosts a family coffee social in the Parish Hall All are welcome - young and old, single, or married. Come for a few minutes or stay an hour. Meet fellow parishioners and get reacquainted with your neighbours. Enjoy a hot cup of coffee, tea, juice, water, cookies, pastries

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## ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Envelopes for 2025 are now available for pickup in the front foyer. Please take a moment to collect yours as soon as possible. This is particularly important, as some parishioners have been assigned new envelope numbers for the upcoming year.

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

We've worked to reduce, consolidate, and recycle envelope numbers, so some of you may have a new number for 2025.

If you have received a new envelope number, please be sure to cross out the old number and clearly write your new number, along with your full name and address, on all envelopes for 2024.

Important: For 2025, please do not use old envelopes with previous numbers.



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## THINKING OF STUDENTS IN NEED AT CHRISTMAS

Poverty is often associated with developing countries when in fact, it exists right here at home. Every day in Niagara, a very large number of students goes to school hungry and waits in line for breakfast. According to recent statistics, nationally, more than 17 percent of Children in Canada live in poverty. The Niagara Region combined is just over the national average at 18 percent; however, when looking at the micro level, those numbers increase, especially in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Niagara Centre.

According to Food Banks Canada, which maps the vulnerability to poverty according to ridings, St. Catharines riding had 22 percent of children living in poverty, while Niagara Falls and Niagara Centre ridings had a little more than one in every five children, or 20.7 and 20.4 percent respectively, living in poverty and lacking proper nutrition. **The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is a registered charitable foundation that assists students in need who attend Niagara Catholic District School Board schools. Your donation to purchase food cards will help brighten Christmas for students in need and their families. Receipts are issued for tax purposes. Mailing address 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 7C1. Donate on line through PayPal on the Foundation's website at [www.nfce.org](http://www.nfce.org). Phone (905) 735-0247 ext. 210**

## THE PURPOSE OF MASS

The Holy Mass could be described as the ritual celebration of what Jesus fulfilled only once in history: The Last Supper on Holy Thursday, His Death on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The celebration of the Mass can be divided into four parts:

1. Gathering rites
2. Liturgy of the Word of God
3. Liturgy of the Eucharist or Meal sharing
4. Rite of Commissioning: sending out to live our experienced in the Mass.

Part 1: Gathering Rites:

The purpose of this part is to assemble or gather together, in order to bring the people of God into one body, to listen to His Word and to share the Body of Christ together.

**Greeters/Ushers:** When we usually gather for any celebration or when friends gather together for a meal, they are greeted at the door and welcomed into the house. The Ushers, who are also called greeters are our volunteers, who do this great job in the vestibule, as you enter the Church.

**Use of Holy Water:** One of the first things, Catholics do when they enter the Church, is to dip their right hand in the Holy water and make the sign of the Cross. This ritual is a reminder of your Baptism; we were baptized with water and signed with the cross.

**Genuflection:** It has been a custom in the medieval time to go down on one knee or genuflect before a king or a person of high rank. This secular practice of honor has gradually entered the Catholic Church, in order to honor the presence of Jesus Christ present in the Tabernacle. Today many people express their reverence by bowing as an accepted practice.

**Entrance song:** When the Mass begins, everyone stands up and sings. Standing is a sign of readiness to begin and much more a sign of welcoming with respect the priest/s, who is/are going to celebrate the Mass. Singing an entrance song helps us to unite our thoughts and voices for the celebration.

To be continued....

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## ST. THOMAS MORE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM THE CHRISTMAS STORY PLAY



For children and families

December 24 at 4:00 pm

Children of all ages are invited to participate in various roles in the

Christmas Story Play prior to the 5:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals and practice will be scheduled for the children that plan to attend. To register or for further information, contact Anna Racine at 905-358-3412 or [rracine37@cogeco.ca](mailto:rracine37@cogeco.ca).

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**OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL** is hosting our second youth event on Friday November 29th at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. This will be a Movie Night and is open to youth from Grades 7 to 12. Please register by November 22, 2024 by contacting Anna Racine at 905-358-3412 or [rracine37@cogeco.ca](mailto:rracine37@cogeco.ca)