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Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 8:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions
 Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 905-881-2786

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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the Liturgical year, is a feast day that focuses on the authority of Christ. Today's gospel reading presents us with the image of the judgement, an image based on our love and care for others, especially for those who have the most needs. It teaches us that all human beings are equal, and that He will show love to those who have shown love in this world. As we worship our God in this celebration, we recognize our worth as human beings and we rejoice in our call to become signs of God's goodness and love!

The kingship of Christ is made real by allowing God to do his work in us and through us. It is a life-long process involving a daily invitation to conversion. He calls us, who are his subjects, to take his side in the struggle of furthering the growth of his kingdom.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Joyce Jones-Turk
Tuesday	Soul of Char Lee Yun Tsu Soul of Edita Papa Soul of Jeffery Smith Soul of Yap Siew Fui Soul of Teresa Kwall
Wednesday	Deceased members of the Bintinger Family
Thursday	Soul of Charito Tamayo
Friday	Deceased members of the Kwok Family

Please pray for the sick in our community, especially:

Tony da Camara Jr., Jairus Papio, Nicholas Lepone, Marita Salvosa, Mary Holt, Angie Cappriccio, Austin Delaney, Edana Pelliccione, Angela Missaghian, Rosalina Bustamante, Claude & Rebecca Hau, Stuart Wright and baby Rebecca Grace Silva

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

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Pope Francis' New Encyclical

The following is taken from **Ron Rolheiser's** column **On Oct. 4** Pope Francis released a new encyclical entitled *Fratelli Tutti - On Fraternity and Social Friendship*. This encyclical lays out reasons why there is so much injustice, inequality and community breakdown in our world and how in faith and love these might be addressed.

The encyclical challenges us to see what our present political, economic, and social systems are doing to the poor. It submits that in many ways our world is broken and the poor are ending up suffering the most. The rich are getting richer, powerful are getting more powerful, and the poor are growing poorer and losing what little power they had. *"Some parts of our human family, it appears, can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others. Wealth has increased, but together with inequality."* In speaking of inequality, the encyclical twice highlights that this inequality is true of women worldwide. *"It is unacceptable that some have fewer rights by virtue of being a woman."*

The encyclical goes on to warn that in the face of globalization we must resist becoming nationalistic and tribal, taking care of our own and demonizing what's foreign. It also states unequivocally that Christians must oppose and reject capital punishment and take a stand against war. *"St. John Paul II stated clearly and firmly that the death penalty is inadequate from a moral standpoint and no longer necessary from that of penal justice and the church is firmly committed to calling for its abolition worldwide. All Christians and people of good will are called to work not only for the abolition of the death penalty but also to work for the improvements of prison conditions"* As for war: *"We can no longer think of war as a solution, because its risks will probably always be greater than its supposed benefits"*

The encyclical has drawn criticism based on its title "All brethren" and on the fact that it never makes reference to women authors. There is some fairness in the criticism regarding the choice of the title. The title while beautiful in an old classical language is in the end masculine. This insensitivity to inclusive language is not an *inculpable* oversight, but it shouldn't detract from a very prophetic encyclical which has justice and the poor at its heart. *Ron Rolheiser*

The use of inclusive language is important. We should not forget that our words carry weight. Words not only express our thoughts - they also shape our thoughts. Having said that, Pope Francis is prophetic and has justice and the poor at its heart and we need to take those words to heart. *Natalie Doucet*

Points to Consider Before Coming to Weekend Mass

1. **Our washrooms are closed.**
2. Masks or face coverings are now mandatory.
3. Sanitizer is required when **entering** the Parish. You are welcome to use your own sanitizer but please apply it in front of our greeters.
4. An usher will escort you to the next available seat.
5. Please stay in your seat once seated except for communion.
6. **Please no singing during mass.**
7. Communion is still being distributed in the hand only.
8. There will be no collection during mass. Offerings may be left in the baskets in the narthex or you can donate on-line or drop off in the mailbox at the north doors.
9. No handshakes during the sign of peace.
10. No touching of statues.
11. Holy water fonts will be empty.
12. Bulletins are now available but are not permitted in the sanctuary. Please pick up a copy on your way out.
13. You are welcome to contact the Parish office on weekdays to purchase Missals, Mass Cards or if you require Holy Water refills.
14. Most areas of the parish building remain closed including the hall, our washrooms, the kitchen and the north entrance. Please do not enter any of these areas without permission.
15. When mass is over we ask that you leave the building immediately to permit sanitizing for the next mass.
16. Please follow the directions of our ushers and volunteers at all times. Thank you for your patience.
17. Due to limited spacing, please only attend mass once each weekend.
18. If you are not feeling well, please do not come to the parish.

MASKS

Masks or face coverings are mandatory **inside** all public places in York Region. Upon entering the parish building, please wear a mask or face covering and wear it correctly – **covering your mouth, nose and chin** for the duration of time you are in the parish.

If for any reason you are unable to wear a mask or face covering, please do not enter the parish.

The Little Blue Book of daily Advent devotions is now available for purchase in the narthex after mass or contact the office during the week. **\$4.00**

Good Shepherd Casserole Program

The Good Shepherd Casserole Program remains suspended due to the COVID-19 virus, however bagged lunches are still being prepared to help feed the many hungry people in Toronto. Your donations of **Mayonnaise, Mustard, Canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, Bottled Water, Small Juice Boxes, Sliced Bread and Individually Wrapped Cookies** are greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to the parish North West doors by the office.



St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Baskets

As we prepare to enter the Christmas 2020 season and the end of a very challenging year for so many, we are constantly reminded of the less fortunate and how we can make a difference in their lives. Specially marked envelopes are available in the narthex for donations to the **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket** program. Your generous donations assist in providing gift cards to needy families in our community, enabling them to participate in this joyous season. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, December 6th. Thank you for your continued support.

* Tax receipts will be issued by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

2021 DONATION ENVELOPES

The 2021 donation envelopes are available for pickup. Please let Lois know your envelope number on your way into mass & they will be available in the narthex on your way out. You can also contact the office to pickup during the week.



ADVENT CANDLES

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