



PARISH BULLETIN
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- WEEKEND MASS SATURDAY 4:00pm SUNDAY 9:00am & (11:00am) (Livestreamed)
- WEEKDAY MASS - TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS - 8:30am – All are Welcome!
- EVENING MASS - THURSDAYS - 7:00pm – All are Welcome!

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ST. MONICA'S SOUND OF FREEDOM MOVIE FUNDRAISER

St. Monica's, it's time to take action! Inspired by Sister Irene's powerful message a few months ago about her mission to end human trafficking with the Sisters' Association in California, we are coming together to make a difference. Join us for a special *Movie Night Fundraiser* on **Friday, November 29th** to take the first step in raising awareness about this global issue.

We'll be screening *The Sound of Freedom*, a powerful, true-story thriller that shines a light on the human trafficking crisis—a \$152 billion industry affecting millions worldwide. Through this moving story, we aim to spark gratitude, vigilance, and awareness on the cause.

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for popcorn & refreshment purchases, and to take part in raffle and interactive booths. **The movie begins at 6:45 p.m.** and the event will end by 9:30 p.m.

For more information or to buy a **\$5.00 dollar entrance ticket**, seek Bianca at the back of the church.



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Access - East Side Entrance

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

This weekend, the universal Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This solemnity marks the end of the liturgical year, culminating in a grand finale that underscores Jesus' sovereignty over all creation.

Historically, this feast was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, amidst rising secularism and nationalism. The Pope sought to reaffirm Christ's dominion over all aspects of human life, emphasizing that Jesus is the ultimate authority, beyond human governments and institutions.

Biblically, the concept of Christ's kingship is rooted in the Old Testament, where God is described as the King of Israel (1 Samuel 8:7). In the New Testament, Jesus is proclaimed the King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:16). His kingdom is not limited to earthly realms but encompasses the entire universe.

The Feast of Christ the King underscores Jesus' universal authority, transcending time and space. It reminds us that our allegiance belongs to Him, above all earthly loyalties.

Liturgically, this feast marks the conclusion of the Church's annual cycle, wrapping up the narrative of salvation history. As we celebrate Christ's kingship, we are invited to reflect on our own role within this narrative.

Thereafter, the First Sunday of Advent, ushering in the new liturgical year, we will begin a new journey through the story of salvation. The Feast of Christ the King serves as a bridge between the old and new liturgical years, connecting the culmination of Jesus' reign to the anticipation of His coming.

This solemnity invites us to examine our lives, acknowledging Jesus as the center of our existence. We are called to surrender our hearts, minds, and wills to His kingship.

As we gather for Mass next weekend, let us reaffirm our loyalty to Christ, the King of the Universe. Let us acknowledge His sovereignty, submitting our lives to His loving rule.

Let us worship the One who reigns supreme, and let His kingship transform our lives. We look forward to celebrating this momentous feast with you! Come, let us adore our King, Jesus Christ, Lord of the Universe.

EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF ADVENT

As we begin the Advent season next weekend, our Church invites us to embark on a spiritual journey of preparation, reflection, and anticipation. This four-week period preceding Christmas is a time-honored tradition rooted in Scripture and enriched by centuries of Christian practice.

Advent's significance lies in its dual focus: commemorating the historical coming of Jesus Christ and eagerly awaiting His glorious return. Through Scripture readings, liturgical rituals, and traditional practices, we relive the experience of Israel's prophets and the Blessed Virgin Mary, who awaited the Messiah's arrival.

This season's themes revolve around hope, peace, joy, and love. Each Sunday's liturgy highlights these virtues, starting with hope on the first Sunday, as we reflect on the trust and confidence in God's promise of salvation, exemplified by Isaiah's prophecies. On the second Sunday, we focus on peace,

preparing our hearts for the Prince of Peace, as proclaimed by John the Baptist. The third Sunday is marked by joy, celebrating the nearness of our Lord's arrival, embodied by Mary's visitation. Finally, on the fourth Sunday, we contemplate love, embracing the selfless love of God Incarnate.

Throughout Advent, our liturgy emphasizes the prophetic readings from Isaiah, highlighting God's covenant and redemption. The Gospel accounts of Jesus' ancestors and precursors showcase faithfulness and preparation. The symbolic use of purple vestments signifies penance and royalty, while the gradual illumination of the Advent wreath represents Christ's increasing presence.

To celebrate Advent meaningfully, consider attending daily Mass or participating in Eucharistic Adoration. Engage in prayerful reflection using Advent devotionals or Scripture guides. Establish a family tradition, such as praying the Rosary or singing Advent hymns together. Practice acts of charity and kindness, embodying the spirit of generosity. As we prepare for Christmas, let us adopt an attitude of expectant hope, trusting in God's promise. May we be grateful for the gift of salvation and humility, recognizing our need for redemption. May our hearts be filled with joyful anticipation, welcoming the Christ Child.

In the words of Saint Paul, "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all" (1 Thessalonians 3:12). May this Advent season be a transformative experience, deepening our faith, hope, and love.

WARDENS ELECTIONS

On Sunday, December 15, immediately following the 11 a.m. Mass, our parish will hold an election to fill three positions on the Board of Wardens. The elected wardens will serve a three-year term.

To be eligible for this role, candidates must:

- Be a practicing Roman Catholic
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have been a registered member of our parish for a minimum of one year
- Reside within the Archdiocese of Montreal

As a warden, you will serve as a director and administrator of the church corporation, responsible for acquiring, possessing, holding, and administering property for the practice of the Roman Catholic faith. While not mandatory, professional or business experience and the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team are highly valued assets for prospective candidates. We look forward to your participation in this election.

MASS INTENTIONS – November 23 – 29, 2024

Saturday, 4:00pm – November 23, 2024: CHRIST THE KING

*Leonard & Terry Winslade
Aniello D'Addio
Ignazio Ciampini
Antonio Bei*

*Bob & Do Parsons
Franca & Children
Wife & Family
Gabriella Bei & Family*

Sunday, 9:00am – November 24, 2024: CHRIST THE KING

Maria Carmela Colatruglio

Giovanni, Luciano & Tony Ricciardi

*Olga & Natalino Cappello
Paola & Joe Pendenza*

*Anna & Mario
Anna & Marco*

Sunday, 11:00am – November 24, 2024 – CHRIST THE KING

*Evelyn Vincelli
Adelaide Fazi Francescangeli
Fausto Fazi
Leonilda Francescangeli*

*Gina & Family
Gino & Family
Francescangeli Family
Gino & Family*

Tuesday, 8:30am – November 26, 2024: Weekday

Living – Personal Intention Raymond & Hilary Jack

Family

Wednesday, 8:30am – November 27, 2024: Weekday

Living – Olivia, Adrian & Children

Georgia Bang

Thursday – 8:30am – November 28, 2024: Weekday

*Mario Matta
Angela Di Vittori*

*Olga Santini Matta & Son
Di Vittori Family*

Thursday – 7:00pm – November 28, 2024: Weekday

Soul of Robert Liautaud

Elizabeth & Family

Friday, 8:30am – November 29, 2024: Weekday

*Living – Personal Intention of Raymond & Hilary Jack
Carmela & Enrique Calderon*

*Family
Lara Brinckhaus*