

November 25, 2018 - Christ the King

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Today's Gospel: John 18:33b-37 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

Vangelo di Oggi: Giovanni 18, 33-37 » *In quel tempo, Pilato disse a Gesù: «Sei tu il re dei Giudei?». Gesù rispose: «Dici questo da te, oppure altri ti hanno parlato di me?». Pilato disse: «Sono forse io Giudeo? La tua gente e i capi dei sacerdoti ti hanno consegnato a me. Che cosa hai fatto?». Rispose Gesù: «Il mio regno non è di questo mondo; se il mio regno fosse di questo mondo, i miei servitori avrebbero combattuto perché non fossi consegnato ai Giudei; ma il mio regno non è di quaggiù». Allora Pilato gli disse: «Dunque tu sei re?». Rispose Gesù: «Tu lo dici: io sono re. Per questo io sono nato e per questo sono venuto nel mondo: per dare testimonianza alla verità. Chiunque è dalla verità, ascolta la mia voce».*

Heart of the World – An Ignatian Retreat for Young Adults

Heart of the world retreat is for men and women, ages 18-40, who would like to have an experience of Jesus Christ through Ignatian contemplation, and learn tools of discernment and prayer for everyday life. A retreat to kindle hearts to go set the world on fire on Fri, Nov 30, at 6:30 pm and Sat, Dec 1, from 8:30 am to 8 pm at St Peter's Parish, New Westminster. Led by retreat leader: Fr John O'Brien, SJ. Cost: \$30 (Saturday lunch and dinner included). No overnight at site. On Fri, Nov 30 at 6:30 pm there will be a Reception and Opening Talk, evening prayer. On Sat, Dec 1, 8:30 am to 8 pm is the retreat, please bring a Bible, journal, and generous hearts, and arrive punctually. To register visit <https://rcav.org/event/heart-of-the-world>.

Pro-life Mass and Prayer Vigil St Patrick's, Vancouver is having a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children on Saturday, December 1 at 9 am and followed by the Rosary. For upcoming dates please visit <https://rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil>.

St Francis Xavier Parish Celebrates its 85th Anniversary St Francis Xavier Parish welcomes Archbishop Savio Hon, SDB and other bishops who will celebrate the Thanksgiving Mass of the Feast of St Francis Xavier on Sunday, Dec 2, at 4 pm at 438 Great Northern Way, Vancouver.



"Are you the King of the Jews?"

The exchange between Pilate and Jesus is about kingship. In Jesus' response to Pilate it is easy to side with Jesus, to confess him as King and to realize that his kingship is something quite different than what Pilate understood. The problem for us is not proclaiming Christ's kingship. Rather, it is living as if we believe that Jesus is King. We suffer from the same malady that plagued Pilate who looked for ways to manoeuvre through situations in order to preserve his power and avoid difficult decisions. He mocks Jesus when he presents him to the crowd saying, "Here is your King!" We do the same when we pray "Thy Kingdom come" we don't really mean it unless we have Christ enthroned as King of every area of our lives.

Youth Ministry Collection There will be a second collection next weekend, December 1/2, to assist the work of the Ministries and Outreach Office in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministry. Youth ministry in our archdiocese continues to grow, as evidenced by the number of parishes with youth ministry programming, and the number of participants at diocesan events and training opportunities. Parishes with active youth ministry programming will receive a rebate from this collection.

Prayer for the Church Everyone is invited to come to the church on Friday evenings to pray for the worldwide and local church. It is a time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Every Friday from 8 to 9 pm. Drop in for a few minutes or stay for an hour.

Love in Marriage Date Night Before the busy season of Christmas take some time together and come hear the inspiring messages from the 2018 World Meeting of Families on Tuesday, Dec 6, at 6 pm at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. Dinner and an evening of celebrating the Joy of Love in Marriage. Come hear the inspiring messages from the 2018 World Meeting of Families. To register, visit <https://rcav.org/event/date-night-love-in-marriage>.



Pancake Breakfast Today The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Nov 25 after the 9 am and 10:30 am Masses. Cost: \$5 per person or \$3 per child (children under 10 years old) The meal includes pancakes & sausages; coffee, tea or juice. Everyone is welcome!

New Missals Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year and new Sunday Missals in our pews. If you would like to have a personal copy of the Missal, please purchase one from the back of the church. \$5 each.



Christmas Giving Tree Next Week Our Giving Tree will be at the back of the church fully loaded with tags for all who wish to participate in sharing with the less fortunate in our community starting Dec 2. To share the gift of giving, please pick a tag off the tree and

purchase either a Christmas present for a child or food for our Christmas hampers. Please wrap and label the gift (boy/girl, age __). Kindly bring all donations to the church or office by Monday, Dec 17. Thank you.

School Christmas Concert SFA Elementary School's Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, Dec 6, at Templeton Secondary. All of our school has been working hard and this promises to be an enjoyable and entertaining concert. Everyone is welcome to attend the matinee at 1 pm

Mt Carmel Retreat All are invited to join the Mt Carmel Society for their annual retreat on Saturday, Dec 8. The retreat will be held on site at SFA. The schedule of the day is: 10 am Confession; 11 am Mass; 12 pm lunch; 1 pm Adoration and 2 pm Benediction.

Sacred Music for Advent Evening presented by the cathedral's own musicians: organist Denis Bedard and the Cathedral Choir, assistant organist Catherine Walsh and the Holy Rosary Women's Choir, the Contemporary Choir with director Chito Laccina, and the Spanish Mass Choir with director Alejandro Frias. Choral music ranging from Renaissance polyphony to contemporary praise songs. Friday, Nov 30, at 7:30 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Event is free.

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel!" Where Are We Going? Bethlehem's Answer A three-day Advent mission. Topics of the talks will be the Four Last Things, preached by Fr John A Perricone. There will also be confessions, Holy Mass, and adoration. Nov 30 - Dec 2 at Holy Family Parish, Vancouver. For more details on the schedule for the parish mission, please contact the parish office at 604-255-5026 or visit <https://rcav.org/event/o-come-o-come-emmanuel>.

3rd Annual Christmas Craft Fair All are welcome to come and enjoy Holy Family's 3rd Annual Christmas Craft Fair with special guest performance by Mark Donnelly. Sat, Dec 1, at 10 am at Holy Family Parish, Vancouver.

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Nov 24	5:00 pm	Special Int Faganello family † Manuela Santavenere
Sun Nov 25 Christ the King	9:00 am	† Angela Morena & family † Joe Di Lorenzo
	10:00 am	<i>Pancake Breakfast</i>
	10:30 am	† Giuseppe Bevilacqua † Cristina Fiorante
	11:30 am	<i>Pancake Breakfast</i>
	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Welcome Aria Whitter</i> SFA Parish and School
Mon Nov 26	8:00 am	† Guido Pallotto † Famiglia Bruno
	6:30 pm	<i>PREP</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>Symbolon faith study</i>
Tue Nov 27	6:30 pm	<i>Rosary</i>
	7:00 pm	Novena Mass - St Anthony
	8:00 pm	<i>Knights of Columbus Meeting</i>
Wed Nov 28	8:00 am	Special Intention † Tessone Family
	7:00 pm	<i>RCIA</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Choir practice - Sat 5pm</i>
Thu Nov 29	8:00 am	† Andrew & Matthew Moeller Donna Machuga
	11:00 am	† Immaculata & Nicola Figliuzzi † Giuseppe Pisani
	11:00 am	<i>SFA Over 50 Club</i>
	5:15 pm	<i>Legion of Mary meeting</i>
Fri Nov 30 Saint Andrew	8:00 am	Mylard Moyo † Francesco Fiorentino
	9:00 am	<i>Discovery Faith Study</i>
	10:00 am	Funeral for Bruna Danieli <i>Requiescat in pace</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>Choir Practice - Sun 10:30</i>
	8:00 pm	<i>Prayer for the Church</i>
Sat Dec 1	9:00 am	Our Lady of Sorrows † Mannella & Ariganello Family
	9:30 am	<i>Confession</i>
	9:30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	5:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sun Dec 2 1st Sunday of Advent	9:00 am	† Salvatore Tomassoli † Renaldo Di'Lullo
	10:30 am	† Settimia Fregolent † Natalino Aiello
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Baptisms and Weddings The first step in arranging for baptisms and weddings is to call the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with Fr Eugenio. Please call 604-255-8855.

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