

REFLECTION for the Feast of Christ the King.

Fr. Don.

Did you ever dream of being the king of your own country, sitting on a throne, and having others address you as royalty? Well in the 1920's Pope Pius XI faced such a possibility. The Papal States were about to become part of Italy. As a concession to our Church, it was agreed that Vatican City be declared an independent state. This would make it the smallest country in the world. So in reality it could have a king. In anticipation of this declaration and to address the issue of a possible king, the Pope was moved by the Spirit to proclaim to all the world that there really is only one King- Jesus, King of the Universe, the Lord of lords, and the King of kings. Thus, this Feast day was created and has been celebrated ever since.

In proclaiming this Feast, the Pope said this: *'not one part of our being is exempt from His reign. He must reign in our minds ...to revealed truths of Christ. He must reign in our wills... to obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts ...to urge us to love God above all things. He must reign in our bodies ... to serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls.'*

That's the history and theology of this Feast but pray God we never lose our vision of the reality of it. Our King is no ordinary earthly king. Jesus chose a cross as His throne. This reality has been called the secret/the scandal/the mystery of the cross. After all, what type of king would choose a cross as his throne? This sounds like utter foolishness to most people. It just does not make sense in human terms.

However for us, believing Christians, it represents God's selfless human and divine act for the sanctification of humanity. By His enthronement upon that cross at Calvary, all humans have been redeemed and saved. No nobler human or divine deed has ever been accomplished by any king.

He came not as a dominant conquering hero but as a humble suffering servant. He was a King who, though having the power to crush nations/peoples into submission and establish His Kingdom, humbled Himself and submitted to human authority. By His death, Jesus established an everlasting Kingdom here on earth. To be one of His subjects, as He rules from His throne in heaven, we must follow the WAY.

The reign of Jesus is the reign of Love, God's love embracing every one of us. Jesus says in Mark 1:15, *'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'* His reign is ready to break forth whereby God's love will draw us all into a community of Love and change our lives. Jesus doesn't want everyone to be deprived. He wants us to enjoy and to celebrate, to rejoice in, and to be thankful for, the many gifts received from our King. It is boundless love.

For many people in our world this act of salvation by Jesus is incomprehensible. It just makes no sense to an unbeliever. For us who believe it makes perfect sense. In humble submission we bow to the almighty God. The awesome power of our King cannot be interpreted or confined by human thought; but, from what can be understood, we're know we are in good, safe hands. We can sleep well at night.

Jesus has our back. In the end, both for humanity and for our own individual lives, all will be well, and every manner of being will be well. Jesus is good, Jesus is King of the Universe, and Jesus is our redeeming hope for eternal salvation. His reign extends far beyond earth into the realm of heaven. PRAISE JESUS!

Sacred Heart Parish

A stewardship parish in love with Jesus

Parish Information

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses in Week Days:
Wed 7 pm
Thurs 10 am, Fri 10 am

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of the Month
at 2 pm

Reconciliation
Wed after Mass,
or by request

Marriages:
Six month notice is required.
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

November 22, 2015

The Feast of Christ King of the Universe

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Nov 14, 15

Collection	\$1,789.00
Building Fund	20.00
Mass requests	70.00
Fall Sale & Bingo [extra]	160.00
Refugee Crisis	\$60.00
Shepherd's Fund	295.00
Votive Candles	122.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 23 & 24	No Mass
Nov 25	Bernard Hayes
Nov 26	Carroll, Baker, Wilcott Family
Nov 27	Violet & David Dicks
Nov 28	Jack Neville/Dr. O'Connor
Nov 29	Parish Community

COMMUNITY ADVENT CONCERT

On the First Sunday of Advent, Nov 29 at 7pm at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church there will be a Scripture and Carol Advent Service. This event is sponsored by the Bay of Islands Ministerial Association and is open to members of all churches in the area.

OUR ADVENT CONCERT

On Sunday Dec. 13 at 7 pm here in our Church we will have an Advent Carol Service. Our Saturday (Folk) and Sunday (Adult) choirs will combine to bring us an evening of song and praise. Please come enjoy, be inspired, and also bring a Food Bank item to donate. Get in the Spirit of Christmas.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

On Tuesday Dec. 15 at 7 pm we will

celebrate our **Penitential Service** to prepare us for Christmas. Our service will follow the same format as last year. There will be a brief Liturgy of the Word, followed by an Examination of Conscience, and then priests will be available to hear private confessions.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Instruction has begun for our Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. We have 3 children in each class. We also have 3 candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation. These classes will begin after Christmas.

Are there more children out there who should be attending? Probably so. Please take the time to contact any family who have eligible children and may not have heard that we are offering these classes. Invite them, you would be evangelizing.

MENS GROUP

Just a reminder that the Appreciation Night/Christmas Social is scheduled for **Friday Nov. 27 at 7 pm** in the priest's house. All men in the parish are invited to attend.

SUNDAY MISSALS NOW AVAILABLE

The new missals for 2016, which actually begins in two weeks, are available at the back of the church. They cost \$5. Please take one; they contain the Sunday readings and can be a good tool to use to do a little praying at home.

PRAIRIE MESSENGER

This is a weekly Catholic newspaper printed in Saskatchewan. It is one of only two such publications in Canada. It contains

local, national, and international news of interest to all Roman Catholics. We have subscribed for 25 copies weekly for the next year. They will start appearing at the back of the church in a few weeks. We are offering them because some people have asked for such a paper with the latest church news.

Belated Thanks

for bingo donations for Nov.8 go to; Victoria Murphy, Kim Preston, Bernice Rowsell, Linda Tarbett, & Rita Woodman.

Fall Sale Report

Bingo--\$753.15, Basket donated by Margie Pennell--\$214.00, Dinners--\$1,540.00, White Elephant Table [Donna Beales]--\$160.00, Bake Table [Mary Gallant, Kay Musseau, Donna Eldridge]--\$1,345.00, Bucket List [Joan Penney & Veronica Stone]--\$240.00, Carrot Cake donated by Eileen Buckle--\$40.00, Craft Table [Patsy Hall, Amelia Dicks, & basket from Mona Specker]--\$1,040.00. Many thanks to all who donated food items, cooked, served, & cleaned or helped in any way. Together we raised **\$5,332.15** for our parish.

Parish Pot Luck All parishioners are invited to attend our Christmas pot luck supper which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the school cafeteria after evening Mass. Please bring a dish. Dec. 5th. is also the birthday of Mrs. Annetta Hackett who will be 95 yrs. young. Some of her family members will be attending the pot luck to help her celebrate her special day. Please stop by & offer her your regards.

Invitation

On Sunday, Nov. 22nd. at 6:30 pm. The First Baptist Church will be holding an information session on sponsoring a refugee family. All are welcome.

Tree of Memories -Wed., Dec.2, 2015

Tree lighting & Carol Sing will be at Remembrance Square beginning at 7 pm. A service will follow at First United Church, Park St. at 7:30 pm. followed by a social. Bulbs in memory of your love ones may be purchased at the Hospital Foundation office; you may drop by or call 637-5353.

Christmas Hampers St. Vincent de Paul will be accepting applications for Christmas hampers during the week of Nov. 30 to Dec. 4th. from 2 to 4 pm. daily & 7 to 8:30 pm. on Tuesday & Thursday evenings. Registration will be at the entrance of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer. Applicants need to bring MCP numbers of the applicant family.

Parish Bingo Dec. 6th.

No one will be called for a donation for this game. However, if you wish to give a monetary donation to help the parish buy hams or turkeys, it will be appreciated. A donation of a ham or a turkey is also welcome.

SYRIAN REFUGEE BENEFIT CONCERT

This event will take place Saturday Nov 28 at 7:30 pm in the Rotary Arts Center at City Hall. Tickets available at the door.