

Solemnity of Christ the King

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- [Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17](#) • [Psalm 23](#) • [1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28](#) • [Matthew 25:31-46](#) •

In today's readings we are invited to reflect on the image of Christ – our King. This may evoke different ideas for us. For some, it reminds us of a story we read in our childhood, while for others it brings to mind their study of kings of a past historical era. The idea of a king may seem paradoxical given our society's emphasis on equality. Yet the idea of someone with the ability to rise above, who can grant special favours, is also a part of this idea.

Imagine a king so capable of granting gifts and requests that other kings seek him out. A king of kings ready to answer our deepest desires. While holding this image in mind, consider the words of Christ the King in the Gospel today. "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Is it possible that through these words he is granting us a favour we are seeking in the form of an answer to these deepest desires?

Today, let us reflect on Christ as our king. Jesus rises above the everyday and is capable of granting us special favours – if only we have the courage to approach the throne of God and ask for what we want.

John O'Brien, Oakville, ON

"Jesus, King of kings, reign in my heart today and always."

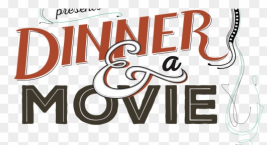
"There is no great merit in doing good to one who is loving and grateful to us in return."

St. John Vianney

Community Nights Sunday 3rd December

Join us on the first Sunday of every month for our community nights, where you can get to know your fellow parishioners over dinner, then watch and discuss interesting, faith-based short videos.

Please register on the noticeboard to allow us to prepare enough food. Dinner will be by cash donation. Next meeting **Sunday 3rd December at 5:30PM** at Our Lady of the Mountains.



The Season of Advent Begins Saturday, 2nd December

with Evening Prayer at 4:30 pm



At every Mass, we acclaim in our Eucharistic acclamations: "we proclaim your death ... until you come again". But is that coming something we ever even think about ... much less long for? Our Advent liturgies sound a wake-up call if only we could hear. The Lord will come **whether we are ready or not.**

Mass Times

Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Saturday	5:00 pm	Rosary at 4:30 pm
Our Lady of the Mountains	Sunday	9:00 am	Rosary at 8:30 am
St. Christopher's Mt. Currie	Sunday	11:30 am	
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Sunday	1:00 pm	

Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Monday to Friday at 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Wednesday and Friday at 11:00am

Our Lady of the Mountains

Rosary before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays: for those who have left the Church
Bible Study on Tuesdays at 5:00pm – all welcome

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux
Cell: 1-778-257-4203

Missals Available at the Church Office

Copies of the new Missal are available for purchase: \$5 or \$10 for Children's Missals.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The last Sunday of the season is reserved for marking Christ's title as King of the Universe (26th November). The political campaigns of the year are mostly ended, the debates of government still wage on, and people everywhere disagree about affairs of state, but today we acknowledge that all of that means nothing unless we look to the face of God and rely on the Lord's strength and dominion over all to bring us home rejoicing. As with every solemnity, but specifically with those that fall on Sunday, there should be a marked difference – a heightened sense of importance – in these celebrations (for example, additional candles at the altar, more festive vestments, paraments, the use of incense, a sung Gospel, etc.)



How will our parishes honour Christ the King?

Catechesis About Liturgy

End/beginning of the liturgical year: The liturgical year concludes at the end of this Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Christ the King. The motif of Christ's Second Coming which we have been focusing on especially these last weeks of the Liturgical Year comes to a climax as we celebrate Christ's victory and coming to glory on the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. But celebrating the victorious Christ does not end with this liturgical year nor with this solemnity. An eschatological motif continues into the first part of Advent which begins, not with looking to Christ's first coming, but with looking to Christ's second coming. In this way the liturgical year presents to us a seamless rhythm of passion and victory, death and new life. The liturgical year constantly presents to us the most positive motivation to remain faithful to the demands of discipleship throughout the year: we participate in a never-ending rhythm of dying to self and rising to new life. To fullness of life.

To eternal life.

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Rachel's Corner

“Hasten to answer me, Lord; for my spirit fails me. Do not hide your face from me.” - Psalm 143:7

Did you feel like you hid your face when you got involved in an abortion decision, which you have come to deeply regret? Is everything inside crying out to God for Him to strengthen you? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and get the healing relief you need. www.rachelsvineyardkamloops.org or Tel: 250-267-508



Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm
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Pledge Forms in support of building the new church are available via this QR code and on our website at <https://whistlercatholicchurch.ca/>

MASS LECTORS



Our Lady of the Mountains

Sat. 2nd Dec Alyssa

Sun. 3rd Dec Rebecca

St. Christopher's

Sun. 3rd Dec Volunteer required

St. Francis of Assisi

Sun. 3rd Dec Katie
Volunteer required

COFFEE & COOKIES

Sun. 3rd Dec Rebecca

