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Office Hours: Monday & Sunday - Closed

Tuesday to Saturday - 10:00am to 3:00pm

A collaborative ministry of the Carmelite Fathers and Lay Parishioners



November 23/24, 2024 Christ the King Sunday

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

Deacon in Training:

Cruzel Lacao

Office Assistant:

Rachael Ramaswamy

Administrative Assistant:

Fe Badajos

Bookkeeper:

Cindy Kreutzer

Hospitality:

Everyone in the Parish!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday to Saturday: 9:00am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am,

12:30pm & 5:00pm

Igbo Mass:

First Sunday of the Month:

2:00pm

Adoration:

First Friday of the month:

9:30am to Noon

Reconciliation:

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:

After the morning Mass

Saturday: 3:00pm to 3:45pm

Baptisms:

An initial appointment with

one of the Priests is required

before attending a session.

Confirmation:

Registration is open online.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

Christ the King

Today, as we mark the end of the liturgical year with a feast highlighting the kingship of Jesus, we can ask: what kind of king is Jesus?

In today's Gospel, Jesus is far removed from conventional kingship - in fact, he is a prisoner. And yet the interplay of words between Jesus and his interrogator is telling. Pilate's flippant reply ("I am not a Jew, am I?") is not the response of a self-assured leader. Pilate represents the power of the colonizer; and so he shows little respect for Jesus. Who is more kinglike - the insecure Roman functionary, or the humble servant-leader? Who testifies to the truth? From our vantage point in history and in faith, we believe Jesus' testimony that his kingdom is not of this world and know him to be truth incarnate.

These days, we live in confusing times: many voices claim to speak the truth, but their words do not ring true. This can cause us to question our faith, to have doubts about what is true, what is truth. "Fake news" is a phrase that can quickly heighten our anxiety levels. As we gather in our eucharistic communities this weekend, let us support one another in our belief that Jesus is Christ the King, and give thanks to God for Jesus' true and humble leadership.

Living with Christ: Nov. 24, 2024 Sr. Pat Carter, CSJ

Christ the King Sunday

Readings: First Reading: Daniel 7.13-14

Second Reading: Revelation 1.5-8

Gospel: John 18.33b-37

While Pilate begins as judge but is then judged by self-defense, the persecuted Jesus draws attention to "the truth." That truth is that which is real, the very foundation of all appearances. In Hebrew the word "truth" refers to stability, fidelity, integrity, uprightness.

- How do you recognize someone or something as "truthful" - full of stability, fidelity, integrity, uprightness?
- How do we explain truth to a world that worships relativism, where society discourages seeing anything as a truth?
- Which Saint, or holy person comes to mind as a person who was an example of following the "the truth"?
- What kind of kingdom is Jesus talking about?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

YOUTH FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

The Youth Followers of Christ Christmas Concert would be

On Thu., Dec. 12, 2024 at 7pm.

Tickets would be sold starting Sat., Nov. 23.

This would be in support of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Weekly Mass Intentions: Nov. 25 to December 1

Nov. 25	Mon	9:00am	Hunter De Wolfe (INT) Irene Roxas (INT) Robert Belen (INT)
Nov. 26	Tue	9:00am	Betty & Lonappan Kuriappun (RIP) Peter Heng & Mary Ng (RIP) Maria Roces (RIP) Kiely Oyeung (RIP)
Nov. 27	Wed	9:00am	Deceased Delay family (RIP) K./Jose/Paul/John Erinjerry (RIP) Nena Espiritu (RIP) Carmel Adviento (INT)
Nov. 28	Thu	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Michael & Rochelle Velasco (INT) Bessie Cabrera (RIP)
Nov. 29	Fri	9:00am	Fe Oriel (INT) Eduardo Blanco (INT) Serafia Trinidad (RIP)
Nov. 30	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Thanksgiving DeLeon Family (INT) Members Legion of Mary (RIP) Marites Maniaul (RIP) Alwyn & Venisha D'Silva (INT) Edna Aranas (INT)
Dec. 1	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Lily D'Silva (RIP) Donald Kenneth Balkwil (RIP) Phyllis & Stanley Fernandes (RIP) Bernardo Serquina (RIP) For the People (INT) Juan Cahiles Jr. (RIP)

Together in Action
The TIA 2024 is \$49,139.00
Collection up to date is \$40,422.40

**Saint of the Week - St. Andrew, the Apostle
November 30**

Andrew came from Bethsaida in Galilee. Like his father and his brother Simon, he was a fisherman. A disciple of John the Baptist, Andrew was present at Jesus' baptism. When John stated "Behold the Lamb of God," Andrew understood and followed Jesus. Going to his brother Simon Peter, Andrew told him that he had found the Messiah. Thus Andrew is known as the first disciple of Jesus. Later, when Jesus chose his apostles, Andrew was among the Twelve.

It is uncertain where Andrew preached or where he died, but ancient tradition associates him with Greece. Another tradition links him with Scotland, where his memory is said to have inspired the first bishop. The cross of Saint Andrew, which represents Scotland on the Union Jack, was first associated with Andrew in the 10th century. He is a patron saint of Scotland and Russia, of the Greek Church and of the fishing industry.

Living with Christ, Nov. 2024

Envelopes for Christmas flowers offering are in the foyer.
Your donations help beautify our Church.
Thank you for your generosity.

**St. Thomas More
Catholic Women's League
Christmas 2024 Raffle**



FESTIVE BASKETS
FAMILY BASKET
CHILD'S BASKET

December 7 – 8, 2024
December 14 – 15, 2024
(after Saturday & Sunday Masses)

Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00



**Knights of Columbus
Fundraising for the Knights**

The Knight of Columbus are doing a fund-raising for the council #7938, kindly support the Knights as they are doing a raffle for a Big Screen TV.

Your support goes a long way for the Knights.
\$5.00 for one ticket or five tickets for \$20.00.
Draw date: February 14, 2025.



**St. Vincent de Paul
Christmas hampers**

We will be preparing and delivering Christmas hampers in December for families in need. For families with children, we will be including gifts. If anyone is wanting to donate gifts for children, you may do so by picking up a gift tag in the foyer by the small Christmas tree and donating an unwrapped gift for ages 1-9 years old, or a \$25 gift card for ages 10-17 years old. These can be dropped off over the weekends of Dec. 1 and Dec. 8, in the foyer under the small Christmas tree.

Thank you for your generosity.

Mission Cards Ministry

Christmas cards are now available in the mission card stand. Thank you for your support.

Confirmation 2025

Registration is open and online only. Visit our website www.stthomasmore.ca. Children in grade 6 and up (aged 13 and above) are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Advent by Candlelight

Ladies, take a moment to embrace the spirit of the season with an evening of candlelit tea, an inspiring guest speaker, and time for socializing and relaxation. When: **Wed, Nov 27, 2024 at Ascension Parish.** Mass begins at 6pm and refreshments are served from 7pm. Tickets are \$10 and limited. Reserve your spot for this special gathering by calling 403-275-2240.