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**The Diocese of St. Catharines
 60th Anniversary—1958-2018**
*“Put out into the deep water and let down your
 nets.” (Lk 5:4)*
Sunday, November 25th, 2018
**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 King of the Universe**

So Pilate said to him, “Then you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” — Jn 18:37

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Sat. Nov 24	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Nov 25	9:30am	✠ Robert Kurychak (Joan & Tim Crowther)
	11:00am	✠ Timothy Hunter (Ed Pizzo)
Mon. Nov 26	9:30am	✠ Doris Heukroth (Walters Family)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation Cancelled
Tues. Nov 27	9:30am	✠ Deceased Members of the Marfics Family (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
Wed. Nov 28	9:30am	✠ Anita Caskenette (Cargnelli Family)
Thurs. Nov 29	9:30am	✠ Christine, Michael & Paul Brykailo (Olga Rosinski)
Fri. Nov 30	9:30am	✠ Charlotte Czychun (Cargnelli Family)
Sat. Dec 1	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Dec 2	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Carole Price (Pat Vaillancourt)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.

Offertory November 17th & 18th, 2018

73 Envelopes	\$1,990.00
Loose Collection	\$ 50.50
Total Offertory	\$2,040.50
Deo Gratias	\$ 734.50

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 If you brought your child to the restroom during the Liturgy of the Word, you might walk away with one of two interpretations of Jesus as King. The first and second readings are bold and victorious. We see Christ coming on the clouds for the final judgment of heaven and earth. The Gospel sets a very different tone. Jesus is under arrest and facing death before Pontius Pilate. We know how this story will end. So if Christ is King, what does it mean? Is he a glorious conqueror or a suffering servant?

“My kingdom does not belong to this world.” Here is the heart of Jesus’ reign. He is a king — and his “subjects” are alive and well on earth — but, ultimately, Jesus’ kingdom transcends our earthly concepts of power. Jesus faced down the temptation of a solely earthly kingship. At the close of his 40 days in the desert, the devil offered him the kingdoms of the world. Jesus only had to sacrifice his heavenly values and worship Satan. The same temptations to distort the kingship of Christ are present to us today. Jesus’ invitation also endures. “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” It is important for us to belong to the full truth of Christ’s kingdom.

First, our own hearts must be transformed. Our own rebellions in favour of selfishness and against holiness must be conquered by God’s grace. Second, we must work to transform the world as best we can in our own corner of it. Like Jesus shows us by his life and death, this doesn’t mean domination. It means service, sacrifice, respect, and love. Our lives must “testify to the truth” of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his people. That is the true beauty of Christ the King!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The First Sunday of Advent will be **next weekend. Families or individuals are asked to volunteer to light the candles during each of the weekend Masses of Advent. The sign up sheet is at the back of the church. You may choose a mass during any of those weekends.**

Pope’s Prayer Intention for the Month of December:
Evangelization: *In the Service of the Transmission of Faith*—That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Children’s Liturgy During the Season of Advent:
 The **Jesse Tree** is a popular Advent tradition. Named for the father of David, it is a tree that is decorated gradually throughout Advent with symbols or pictures of biblical persons associated with the gradual coming of the Messiah, Christ. This includes, among others, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Joseph and Mary. The Jesse Tree tradition provides a wonderful teaching opportunity; reminding children about the preparatory nature of Advent. This tradition will be the focus of our Children’s Liturgy classes during Advent. **If your child has not received the Sacrament of First Eucharist, he/she is most welcome to attend during the 9:30 am mass.**

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
 We live in interesting times. Life is constantly changing. While this can be exciting on one hand, change also presents challenges. We live in an age of relativism where people can pick and choose the truths that suit them and build their own system of beliefs. While humans certainly have the freedom to choose, losing sight of long-standing universal truths is not such a healthy course. Jesus Christ our King is our universal truth! He is the God who is non-negotiable, our non-option! In Christ, we know what truth is. He alone points us to God, our true selves, our proper relationships with one another, and the world in which we live.

Catholic Women’s League
 A HUGE thank you to everyone for all the help with the bazaar - the perogy makers, those who donated wonderful basket fillings and those who wrapped them so nicely. Thank you to those who set-up the hall and baked delicious treats. Thank you to the cooks, and all who worked at selling baskets, baked goods, tickets, perogies and everyone who worked hard to create a warm and pleasant atmosphere. And thank you to those who supported us by making purchases. It was a great day! Congratulations to Deanie MacLean winner of the \$500 draw. (ticket #456) **Donna Larocque, CWL President**

Catholic Women’s League Christmas Gathering: CWL members are invited to join us for Mass on **Wednesday, December 5th at 9:30am** and have brunch (from the menu) at the Grill on Canboro following Mass. Please phone the office as soon as possible if you plan to attend so we can let the restaurant know how many tables to set aside. Or, email Donna Larocque.

CWL Membership: Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated **Nov. 4th, 2018 or you may use a plain envelope. FEES ARE \$25.** Please ensure your FULL MAILING ADDRESS OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS is included on your envelope with your payment. If you are joining us from another parish, please include that info as well as the year that you joined. We look forward to your active participation in our league!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

During the Advent season (beginning next weekend), the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting **gift card donations for Pelham Cares**. The age group Pelham Cares has determined to be the most in need is teenage boys. Therefore gift cards for places such as Giant Tiger, Old Navy, Sport Check or Canadian Tire would be most welcome. The cards can be in any denomination up to \$25. If you wish to make a donation, you can place a gift card in the collection basket, or in the Saint Vincent de Paul box at the back of the church. Receipts are available from Pelham Cares - please include the activation receipt with the gift card, as well as your full name and address. Pelham Cares is also accepting teen hygiene gift packs. If you wish to donate one of these, please place them in the baskets at the back of the church. *Non-perishable items will also continue to be accepted, and can be placed in the baskets at the back of the church.* **Please make your donation on or before the weekend of December 16/17** in order that Pelham Cares receives them in time for distribution before Christmas. **The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message of serving Christ through the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.**

This year the feast day of the patroness of our Diocese, St. Catherine of Alexandria falls on Sunday, November 25, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King). Since St. Catherine is our patroness, in our diocese, her feast has been transferred to Monday, November 26. Since this is a diocesan patronal celebration, it is raised from an optional memorial to a Feast. We encourage parishioners to celebrate this feast with great joy and solemnity. St. Catherine of Alexandria, pray for us. **St. Catherine of Alexandria is the patron of philosophers and scholars and is believed to help protect against sudden death.**

Parish Calendar

November	
Nov 24/25....	2019 Offertory boxes will be ready for pick up
Nov 25th....	Christ the King
Nov 26th....	Diocesan 60th Anniversary Mass 5:30pm, Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines
Nov 26th....	Holy Hour Cancelled
December	
Dec 2nd.....	First Sunday of Advent
Dec 4th.....	Advent Day of Recollection for parish priests. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am
Dec 5th.....	Last Youth Ministry session before the new year
Dec 13th....	Final bingo session before the new year
Dec 19th.....	St. Ann School Advent Mass 9:30am
Schedule of Christmas Liturgical Celebrations will be in next weekend’s bulletin.	
Bible Study—Tuesdays 7-9pm	
2019 Offertory Envelopes: are available this weekend in the church hall. Please note that there have been updates made to the offertory numbering system. FOR THE YEAR 2019, PLEASE USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR. This will ensure that donations are credited to the proper person. If you do not find a box prepared for you, please phone the office. Also, please do not begin using your new envelopes until the new year. Thank you!	

A short update on our Syrian families
Our first family, (Elias, Maissa and Monica) have been here for over a year and the parish sponsorship period is now complete. The family is adjusting to life in Canada. Elias has had a few part time jobs and Maissa is now working full time. Monica is no longer taking English classes and is a regular student attending high school and achieving very good grades! They are managing on their own and were prepared to take over the financial responsibilities previously covered by the parish. We will keep in touch with them all and wish them well as they continue their new life here in Canada. **Our second family,** (Rimoun, Marlin, Charl and Chantal) have been here since May and are experiencing their first taste of Canadian Winter. The sponsorship funds from the church have provided funds for winter jackets and boots which were much needed given the recent cold weather and early snow. The family do not have a lot of warm clothing. Rimoun and Marlin have been attending English classes and Rimoun has a part time job. Marlin is also working part time, and both continue to look for new full time opportunities. Charl has been working for several months now and since his English is quite good has not had to attend English classes. He is hoping to be accepted into the spring classes at Niagara College. Chantal is attending ESL classes and improving her English while attending high school where she is achieving very good grades. The family is setting goals and preparing for their future. Both of our families continually thank the parishioners of St Ann for their help and generosity. They are so very thankful for the new lives they have here in Canada.

While the basic needs of both families are being met, both could benefit from contributions to enrich their Christmases. If there are parishioners wishing to donate, we are suggesting cash (for which a tax receipt will be provided) or gift cards. With these, the families would be able to purchase the special things they would enjoy most. Your gift should be put in an envelope marked Syrian Christmas and dropped into the regular collection basket. If you plan to make a donation, please do so soon as we would like to forward the money to them in time for Christmas. On behalf of the families ... a very warm thank you in advance. **The Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee.**

