

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 23, 2025

*“Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom!”  
“Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” Lk 23:42-43*

### Reflection

It is painful when a person is not accepted, when they hear mockery and hurtful remarks. Jesus was ridiculed by members of the Jewish Sanhedrin, as well as by representatives of the local and occupying authorities - the Romans. Even the criminals crucified beside Him mocked Him. All of them jeered in unison: “If you are the Messiah, the King of the Jews, then save yourself!”

What a powerful temptation: to come down from the cross and show everyone who truly holds the power. Not to die on the cross, but to stand before them in full divine majesty and might. Yes, it would have been an impressive display of strength - but at the same time, a human defeat. Paul tells us that if Christ had not died and risen, our faith would be in vain and we would still remain in our sins.

Only one man, the Good Thief - whom tradition names Dismas - acknowledged Jesus’ innocence and divinity, as well as his own wrongdoing. That is why, in response to his plea: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom,” he heard the magnificent promise: “Amen, I tell you: today you will be with Me in paradise.” Today - even this very day!

### Parish News

**\*Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.** On this day one can obtain a plenary indulgence for oneself or for the deceased under the usual conditions, as well as by publicly (together in church) reciting the Act of Consecration of the Human Race: “*Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race...*”

**\*Sunday, Nov 30th is the First Sunday of Advent.** On this day, the Christmas wafers (oplatki) will be blessed and can be picked up in the sacristy. Rorate Masses will be celebrated every Saturday of Advent at 8 am. After Mass there will be breakfast and coffee. Please remember to bring your Advent lanterns. Children are welcome!

**\*The meeting of the Parish Charity Group** will take place on Sunday, November 30th, after the 12:30 p.m. Mass.

**\*During Advent, non-perishable food donations** may be placed in the baskets at the back of the church.

**\*The Mission Bazaar** will take place on Sunday, December 7: after the 9 and 10:30 am Masses - take-out lunch and lottery; after the 12:30 pm Mass - lunch. We ask for cakes, lottery items, and help. Sr. Maria 226-347-9447.

**\*The meeting of the Living Rosary Group** will take place on Sunday, Dec 7th, after the 10:30 am Mass, in the parish hall.

**\*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** on Monday, Dec 8 - the principal Patroness of our Diocese. The truth about the

Immaculate Conception of Mary is a dogma of faith. It was solemnly proclaimed on December 8, 1854, by Pope Pius IX in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.

**\*Friday, Dec 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** and a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

**\*The Building Fund** is designated to cover construction, renovation, and maintenance projects in the church, rectory, and parish grounds. We invite your support four times a year (in February, May, September, and November). Envelopes are included in your donation set and are also available at the church entrance. God bless you for your generosity.

**\*Donations November 16:** W-D \$ 4,275; B-F \$80; Flowers \$20; **Thank you!**

### Best Wishes

\*Baptism was received by **Stalin Xavier Poplawski-Castillo and Nova Zofia Poplawski-Castillo (Nov 15)**, children of Stalin Castillo and Aleeya Poplawski. May God bless their family.

**\*Thanks, from the Scouts and Cub Scouts:** We sincerely thank all the Parishioners for purchasing cakes and supporting our troop. Your kindness and generosity help us in our scouting service and in the formation of our youth.

### Other Announcements

**\*Come and Enjoy Delicious Soups!** Today, Sunday, after the 12:30 pm Mass, the Catholic Women’s League will be selling

hot, homemade soups. We warmly invite all parishioners - come, enjoy a tasty meal, and support this initiative!

**\*Advent Retreat for Young Adults.** We invite young people (ages 18-35) to a weekend retreat at the Holy Family House to deepen their Catholic faith and appreciate the beauty of Advent, both in the Church and in their daily lives. The retreat begins on Dec 5th at 7:15 pm and ends on Dec 7th at 1 pm. Cost: \$275. Registration at <https://dol.ca/advent-retreat-for-young-adults>

**\*Christmas Retreat for Young Adults.** Youth Teams of our Lady in Canada invites all young adults 18-30 to join us for a retreat from Dec 26th to 30th at the St. Ignatius Retreat Centre in Deemerton. This year’s retreat will focus on “*Treasure in Heaven: The Works of Mercy and Discernment*”. The cost for the retreat will be \$350, should there be any financial concerns please reach out. Karolina Jach: phone: 226-789-1228; email: [ytolcanada@gmail.com](mailto:ytolcanada@gmail.com)

**\*Catholic Men’s Retreat** in Holy Family Retreat House - Nov 28-30, 2025. Join us as we conclude the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee with a special retreat for men, led by Fr. John Shiha. The retreat includes inspiring conferences, the celebration of the Sacraments, quiet time for reflection, and uplifting fellowship. Cost: \$300 per person. Registration or info: 519-738-6136 or [www.hjrh.ca/upcoming-retreats](http://www.hjrh.ca/upcoming-retreats)

**\*Bulletin Ads:** We are accepting paid business advertisements for 2026. Mirka: 519-253-5863 or email: [htcwindsor@dol.ca](mailto:htcwindsor@dol.ca)

### Jubilee Congratulations

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Polish School at the Holy Trinity Parish in Windsor and the 60th anniversary of the service of the Ursuline Sisters SJK in Canada, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude. We thank all parishioners involved over the years for a century of care for Polish faith, language, and tradition, and we express our gratitude for sixty years of devoted service by the Ursuline Sisters for the good of the parish, families, and young generations. We wish continuation of God’s blessings, growth, and fruitful collaboration in the years to come in service to God, the Church, and the Polish community. May this double celebration be a time of joy, gratitude, and strengthening of our community.

### Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in Purgatory

*Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in union with all the Masses said throughout the world today, for the souls suffering in Purgatory, for the dying, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in*

*the universal Church, for sinners in my family, and also in my own house. Amen.*

### A Prayer for the Faithful Departed

*O Most compassionate Jesus, have mercy on the souls detained in Purgatory, for whose redemption Thou didst take upon Thyself our nature and endure a bitter death. Mercifully hear their sighs, look with pity upon the tears which they now shed before Thee, and by virtue of Thy Passion, release them from the pains due to their sins. O most merciful Jesus, let Thy Precious Blood reach down into Purgatory and refresh and revive the captive souls who suffer there. Stretch out to them Thy strong right hand, and bring them forth into the place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.*

### From the Diary of St. Faustina

On the Feast of Christ the King, St. Faustina shares a profound spiritual experience reflecting on the royal dignity of Jesus. She writes: ***“Today is the Feast of Christ the King. During Holy Mass, I prayed earnestly that Jesus would reign as King over all hearts, and that God’s grace would shine in every soul.”***

In this heartfelt prayer, she expresses her deep desire that Christ’s reign extend not only to her own life but throughout the world - through grace, peace, and mercy. For Faustina, the kingship of Jesus is a reign of love. She continues by describing a mystical vision: ***“Suddenly I saw Jesus as He is depicted in the image, and He spoke to me: ‘My daughter, you give Me the greatest glory by faithfully fulfilling My wishes.’”***

These words affirmed for Faustina that the true reign of Christ begins in the hearts of those who faithfully follow God’s will with love, humility, and devotion. She concludes this reflection with a moving expression of surrender: ***“O, how great is Your beauty, Jesus, my Bridegroom! Living Flower of life-giving power, in which the refreshing dew for the thirsty soul is hidden. My soul has sunk into You; You alone are the object of my longings and desires.”***

This passage is a prayer of total surrender to Jesus - the King who reigns not by power or force, but through love, mercy, and grace. (Diary, 83)

### For children

**\*Sunday catechesis** during Masses at 9 am and 12:30 pm,

**\*Preparation for Holy Communion** on Saturdays at 12:30 pm in church.

**\*Children’s Choir** A meeting for children who wish to praise God through singing will be held in the church basement every Sunday at 11:50 am.