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## Christ the King Pope Francis' Mass Reflection

November 26, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY

Monday to Friday 9 AM

#### WEEKEND

Saturday 9 AM | 4:30 PM  
Sunday 9 AM | 11 AM

FIRST FRIDAY 6:30 PM

#### SPANISH MASS

3rd Sunday of the Month 4 PM

#### EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday 3PM to 6:15PM

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### Saturday

9:30 to 10 AM | 4 PM to 4:25 PM

#### Sunday

8:30 AM to 8:55 AM  
10:30 AM to 10:55 AM

Monday to Friday – 15 mins.  
Before weekday masses  
By Appointment

### SACRAMENTS

#### BAPTISM

Baby and Child – 10:15 AM  
(2nd and 4th Saturdays)

Note: Contact Parish Office to register  
Adults – Please enroll in RCIA or contact  
Parish Office for more information.

#### MARRIAGE

Please do not finalize wedding plans  
prior to initial meeting with Fr. Rey Usman.  
A minimum of six months advance notice  
is needed.

#### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact parish office  
or if after office hours,  
email Fr. Rey at pastor@pbparish.ca.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good afternoon!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The great parable with which the liturgical year closes is that which unfolds the mystery of Christ, the entire liturgical year. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of history; and today's liturgy focuses on the "Omega", that is, on the final goal. The meaning of history is understood by keeping its culmination before our eyes: the goal is also the end. And it is precisely this that Matthew accomplishes in this Sunday's Gospel (25:31-46), placing Jesus's discourse on the universal judgement at the end of His earthly life: He, the one whom men are about to condemn is, in reality, the supreme judge. In His death and resurrection, Jesus will manifest Himself as the Lord of History, the King of the Universe, the Judge of all. But the Christian paradox is that the Judge is not vested in the fearful trappings of royalty, but is the shepherd filled with meekness and mercy.

Jesus, in fact, in this parable of the final judgement, uses the image of a shepherd, He picks up these images from the prophet Ezekiel who had spoken of God's intervention in favour of His people against the evil pastors of Israel (see 34:1-10). They had been cruel exploiters, preferring to feed themselves rather than the flock; therefore, God Himself promises to personally take care of His flock, defending it from injustice and abuse. This promise God made on behalf of His people is fully accomplished in Jesus Christ, the shepherd: He Himself is the good shepherd. He Himself even said of Himself: "I am the good shepherd" (Jn 10:11, 14).

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus identifies Himself not only with the king-shepherd, but also with the lost sheep, we can speak of a double identity: the king-shepherd, and also Jesus and the sheep: that is, He identifies Himself with the least and most in need of His brothers and sisters. And He thus indicates the criterion of the judgement: it will be made on the basis of concrete love given or denied to these persons, because He Himself, the judge, is present in each one of them. He is the judge. He is God and Man, but He is also the poor one, He is hidden and present in the person of the poor people that He mentions: right there. Jesus says: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it (or did it not) to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it (you did it not) to me" (vv. 40, 45). We will be judged on love. The judgement will be on love, not on feelings, no: we will be judged on works, on compassion that becomes nearness and kind help. Have I drawn near to Jesus present in the persons of the sick, the poor, the suffering, the imprisoned, of those who are hungry and thirsty for justice? Do I draw near to Jesus present there? This is the question for today.

Therefore, at the end of the world, the Lord will inspect the flock, and he will do so not only from the perspective of the shepherd, but also from the perspective of the sheep, with whom He has identified Himself. And He will ask us: "Were you a little bit like a shepherd as myself?" "Where you a shepherd to me who was present in those people who were in need, or were you indifferent?" Brothers and sisters, let us look at the logic of indifference, of those who come to mind immediately. Looking away when we see a problem. Let us remember the parable of the Good Samaritan. That poor man, wounded by the brigands, thrown to the ground, between life and death, he was alone. A priest passed by, saw, and went on his way. He looked the other way. A Levite passed by, saw and looked the other way. I, before my brothers and sisters in need, am I indifferent like the priest, like the Levite and look the other way? I will be judged on this: on how I drew near, how I looked on Jesus present in those in need. This is the logic, and I am not saying it: Jesus says it. "What you did to that person and that person and that person, you did it to me. And what you did not do to that person and that person and that person, you did not do it to me, because I was there". May Jesus teach us this logic, this logic of being close, of drawing near to Him, with love, to the person who is suffering most.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary to teach us to reign by serving. The Madonna, assumed into Heaven, received the royal crown from her Son because she followed Him faithfully – she is the first disciple – on the way of Love. Let us learn from her to enter God's Kingdom even now through the door of humble and generous service. And let us return home with this phrase only: "I was present there. Thank you!" or, "You forgot about me". [22.11.20](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/homilies/hf_20231126_01.html)

# Around the Parish

November 26, 2023

## Weekly Calendar

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**RCIA (Catechism for Adults)**  
 September to May  
 Parish Office - 604.574.4363  
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### Parish Schedule

<b>Mon, November 27</b> 9 AM Intention of Mike Schultz	SENIORS CARDS 10:30 - 2:30 PM, Columbus Rm.
<b>Tues, November 28</b> 9 AM Intention of Andrew and Karina Poelstra	SSVF FOOD DIST. PROGRAM 10 - 11 AM, Vestibule
<b>Wed, November 29</b> 9 AM Intention of Maria Ligeralde & Melissa Uy	ETERNAL REST SERIES 9:45 - 10:45 AM, Bushey Rm. PREP PROGRAM 6:30 - 8 PM, Auditorium
<b>Thur, November 30</b> <b>Feast: St. Andrew</b> 9 AM Intention of Vicente Gingone †	RCIA PROGRAM 6:30 - 8 PM, Bushey Rm.
<b>Fri, December 1</b> 9 AM Intention of Bernie & Cathy Hetzler 6:30 PM Intention of Stephanie Nweke & Family	9:00 AM—CCS SCHOOL MASS 3 - 6:15 PM Exposition  FILIPINO MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:30 PM, Parish Centre
<b>Sat, December 2</b> 9 AM Intention of Peter Verheul †  4:30 PM Intention of Charlotte D'Souza †	LEGION OF MARY MTG. 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Cenacle Rm. BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Columbus Rm.
<b>Sun, December 3</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 9 AM Intention of Precious Blood Parishioners 11AM Intention of Darin Chabot † & Family	UKRAINIAN MASS, 2PM by Exul. of the Holy Cross

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 3, IS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY. This is to support Archdiocesan youth programs. 50% is returned to the parishes for their youth programs.**

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR



*The sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Delorus Lee, Dawn Epaarachchi, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Bernadette Leclair, Dario Dira, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Christopher, Grace, Anna & Josh Lasell, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Andrea Haley, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Rosa Santos, Susan Harasyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O'Brien, Ney Antonio Villegas, Katherine, Polly Voon, Xenia Mallari, Peter Taillon, Ana Defrias, Richard Jones, Barbara Taylor, Stan Begley, Ed & Eleanor Carrol, Joyce Krahnbel, Gigi Swalehe & Dar Maddatu, Nelly Wiemer (Madeline's mom), Judy Bothwell, Craig Stevenson, James Borkowski, Roger Gagner, Catherine Tolmozoff, Barbara Naef, Wilson Borbon, Alma Zinger, Bob & Deanna Fernandes, Elaine Lauzon, Anne O'Hagan, Rose Javier, John Lloyd, Eladio Tria, Malcolm Da Silva, Dominik Basiak, Pablito Basit, Rosana Ruiz, Bonnie Watson, Deanna Maceda Silva, Katrina Craig, Norah Aucoin, Thelma Urbano & all who have asked for our prayers... May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.*

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The last Sunday of the liturgical year is always dedicated to the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. This solemnity, as compared to other solemnities and feasts, is quite new. This Solemnity honoring the Kingship of Christ was originally instituted in the year 1925 by Pope Pius XI. By instituting this solemnity, he sincerely felt that it would remind people of the importance of Christ's rule and help bring Christian values back into people's lives. The rise of totalitarian governments at that time in Italy, Germany and Russia cried out for a reminder that what was most important in society and politics was the rule of a loving God.

In his encyclical letter Quas Primas, establishing the feast for the universal Church, Pius XI sought to foster and emphasize recognition of the Christ's "rights" over our minds, hearts, and will as King. In reminding us of Christ's Kingship and in promoting the Lord Jesus' "rights" over us as "King," the Holy Father sought to overcome the rising tide of contemporary anticlericalism, laicism, secularism, and atheism that now controls the minds of so many people today!

Christ's rule or kingship demands that we render to others what they have a right to (justice), and that we treat others as we would want ourselves to be treated (love). Only when people treat each other justly, and when we treat each other the way we would like to be treated, will there be true peace. It is my sincere prayer that we all choose to deliberately reject any desires, urges, wishes, or drives that stand in the way of what needs to be done for us to truly possess Him, love Him, and serve Him. Long live Christ the King!

Have a blessed week!

Father Rey

### ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING SEMINAR SERIES

Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well is a four-part video series examining our "very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying and everlasting life through Eternal Rest."

Join us on November 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 9:45 – 10:45 in the morning (or after the morning Mass) at the Bushey Room in the Parish Centre as we examine "the origin of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life." The free video series will be followed by a guided discussion. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

### CHRISTIAN PRESENCE IS IN DANGER IN THE HOLY LAND

Christianity in the Holy Land made about 20% of the whole population 70 years ago. NOW they are less than 1.0%.

It is also a way of preserving a local cultural heritage which is in danger of being lost, as more Christians feel pressured to leave their homeland for economic and political reasons.

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These religious articles sold at your **Parish Bazaar** can be used as gifts for first communions, Christmas and other occasions.

**Please note that ONLY CASH, E-TRANSFER, OR CHEQUES are accepted as payment at this time.**

Thanks again for your support, and God Bless.  
**Holy Land Group**



**Precious Blood  
Filipino Ministry**

INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS  
GATHERING ON DECEMBER 1 AT 6:30 PM.

A POTLUCK TO SHARE TO THIS FESTIVITY  
WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

Location: 17475 59 Ave, Surrey, BC V3S 1P3

### CCS PARENT FUND RAISING GROUP

Family Movie night returns to the CCS Gym on December 8th! Doors open at 5:30pm. Concession & Popcon all night long. Limited hot food unless pre-ordered - forms go home next week. All CCS + Precious Blood families welcome!

Purdy's Chocolate Pick up is also on December 8th from 3-5pm. Order before the 25th to get your chocolates!

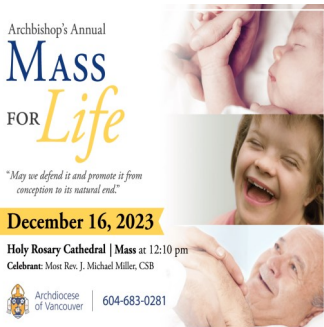
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1591586-108021>



## Advent Retreat: Choose the Better Part

Join us on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver for a transformative Advent retreat inspired by the words of Luke 10:41: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." This message beckons us to reassess our priorities, making this event a perfect opportunity to pause, reflect, and rejuvenate our spiritual lives during the Advent season. Registration is only \$25, offering you a chance to delve into spiritual reflection, strike the perfect balance between contemplation and action, and foster connections within our Catholic community. This retreat is open to all who lead and serve in ministry. Don't miss this chance to rediscover the true meaning of Advent and welcome Christ into your life with renewed enthusiasm

## Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life



Join Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB for Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral. We begin with the Rosary at 11:30 a.m. and then Mass, with a reception to follow. We recognize and celebrate all life from conception to its natural end and the people who witness and volunteer in this field.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

We are thrilled to invite you to be a part of our upcoming **Catholic Educators Conference** as a valued vendor partner that will be held on **Thursday, February 15, 2024**, at the prestigious **Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, located in the heart of downtown Vancouver, BC**. Our event promises to be a fantastic platform for showcasing and promoting your products and services to a diverse and engaged audience. Here's why you won't want to miss this opportunity:

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- **Promotion:** Benefit from our extensive marketing efforts that will promote your presence before, during and after the event

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For more information on how to become a vendor and sponsor of the event, please visit the following link: <https://cisva.regfox.com/cec2024>

**Don't miss the chance to be a part of something truly special and grand. Your presence at the 2024 Catholic Educators Conference will be a highlight, and we can't wait to have you on board!**

Best regards,

Catholic Educators Conference

## Holy Cross High School Spring Break Basketball Skills Camp

Who and When: January 2nd-5th 9am-11am Boys and Girls currently in Gr. 4-7

Where: St. Matthews Elementary Gymnasium 16065 88Ave, Surrey, BC V4N1G3 Why: to improve overall basketball skills, meet future classmates and have fun.

How: email Head Coach/ Teacher Matthew Le Chasseur [hcboysbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:hcboysbasketball@gmail.com) to confirm your child's spot in the camp. It is limited space and first come first serve. Download and fill out a registration form at [www.hcboysbasketball.com](http://www.hcboysbasketball.com) and bring a cheque/cash and completed registration form on the first day of the camp.

Cost: \$100.00 includes daily Gatorade and prizes.

## CPC Breakfast Fundraiser Announcement

Catholic Pacific College would like to invite you to our Breakfast Fundraiser hosted at St. Matthew's Parish Hall on Monday morning, December 4. There will be Mass at 8am in the parish, and the program will begin at 9am. Our guest speaker is Fr. Deacon Andrew Bennett, a member of our Board of Governors and Program Director for Faith Communities at Cardus. Fr. Deacon Andrew is a fantastic speaker and I know you will enjoy the morning program we have lined up. We will have live Sacred Advent Music, student testimonies, and a word from our founder, Tom Hamel. Tickets are \$30 each. Tables hold 6 people, so consider purchasing a table for \$180 and inviting friends. Deadline to register is November 27. Register at [catholicpacific.ca/fundraiser](http://catholicpacific.ca/fundraiser)





**DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS?** ...come heat up the snow and ice at the Cloverdale Winter Ice Palace on Saturday, December 30, 11-12:30pm. **FREE FOR FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS!** If you have family in town they skate for free (no donation necessary). Bring a small donation and cash if you need rentals (skates \$5 or Helmet \$5). Under 13 must wear a helmet. **IT'S TRADITION TO BRING EXTRA CHRISTMAS GOODIES TO SHARE.** Our Parish's Skating Christmas Celebration Fundraiser is going to be so fun. All proceeds will go toward helping to replace our Parish heating machine.

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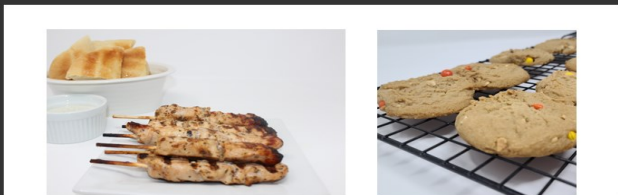
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