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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE November 26, 2023

SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY

5:00PM

DAILY MASS:

SUNDAY

9:00AM & 11:00AM

MONDAY

9:00AM

TUESDAY — FRIDAY

8:00AM

SATURDAY, HOLIDAYS

9:00AM

CONFESSIONS:

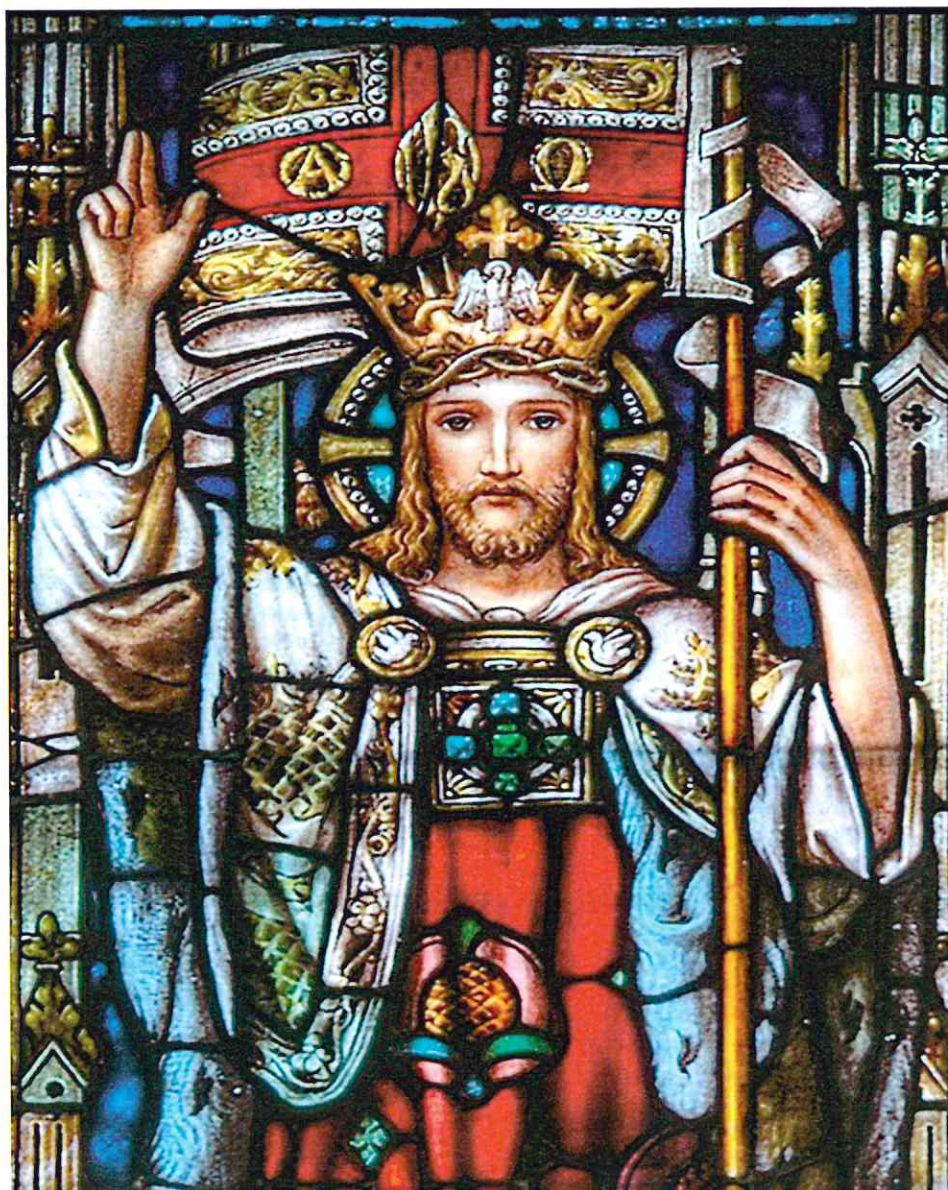
SATURDAY

4:00PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION:

EVERY FRIDAY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS

AND ENDING WITH BENEDICTION AT 2:30PM



Christ our King

The whole notion of Christ as King seems less acceptable in many nations and cultures today. Much of this rejection of the image of Christ the King arises from the modern-day rejection of kingship and kingdoms in general. On the other hand, it is difficult to find a common term that describes those individuals who lead various countries. We would smile, for example, if we were to be proposed a Solemnity of Christ the Leader, or a Solemnity of Christ the President!

What we are called to recognize in this solemnity is that whatever form leadership takes today, Jesus Christ is the ultimate model of leadership. Indeed, all true leadership must be based on him in some way. To clarify, we Christians are not advocating a return to kingship as the normal form of leadership in our modern world.

The Scripture readings today describe what true leadership is about. The true leader is the one who consistently seeks out those in his care and tries to do what will really help them. The Prophet Ezekiel compares the people to a flock of sheep. Sheep are notoriously stupid and can also be very stubborn. We are sort of like that in our lives. Yet the Lord comes looking for us and never wants to lose us. A true leader looks after all of his flock, protecting and caring for them.

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians speaks clearly about the kingdom that the early Christians were expecting. It is manifestly not a kingdom based here on earth but based on the life to come. True, the kingdoms of this earth, the countries of this earth, the leadership of this earth, must all eventually come to Jesus and acknowledge him as supreme. Precisely how that can or will happen, we have no idea. It really must happen all the time, not just at the end of the world. Anything that pulls our societies away from the Lord truly destroys our humanity.

The parable in St. Matthew's Gospel describes what the earthly kingdom is supposed to be like and how we are supposed to live during this earthly life. It is so very simple, and yet it always seems to evade us: Love one another by serving one another – when we encounter others who are hungry and feed them, when we find others who are thirsty and give them drink, when we meet strangers and welcome them, when we see them naked and clothe them, when they are ill or in prison and we visit them. It is all so simple, so easy to understand. And yet we do not live in this way consistently. But is anything preventing us from trying?

May Jesus Christ be our King today. May he lead us to live as he lived, and to love all peoples as he loves them.

Adapted from a reflection from the Benedictine Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Abiquiu, New Mexico

SPECIAL THANKS:

To everyone who donated their time, talents, and efforts to our Christmas Craft Fair. The fair was a huge success and all those who attended had a wonderful time!

PRO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Are now available for purchase at the back of the church. Cost: \$10. per pack or 3 packs for \$25. Please put your funds in the envelope provided.

ADVENT RETREAT AT ST EDMUND'S PARISH:

Living, Celebrating, Proclaiming our Faith

Saturday, December 2nd. Begins with Mass at 4:30pm and concludes at 9pm. All St Pius X parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.



CWL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Wednesday, Dec. 13th
Live Music, Singalong,
Dancing & Prizes
Eat, Drink & Be Merry
7 pm Meeting Room

All Ladies of the Parish are invited

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The Synod on Synodality synthesis report is available at: <https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/assembly/synthesis/english/2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report.pdf>

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PROJECT ADVANCE 2023 ***Empowering Our Parish Vision***

All funds raised that are in excess of the parish goal set by the Archdiocese (\$29,400, plus the cost of materials needed for the appeal) will be dedicated this year to the commission of an Ambo to complete our sanctuary. The marble ambo will complement our marble altar in design, detail, and proportion. The total estimate for all components of this project – materials, construction, installation, and labour – is \$27,000. No donation is too small. Every pledge counts. Every gift matters. Every gift is important. Your gift is vitally important. All gifts are tax receiptable for 2023.

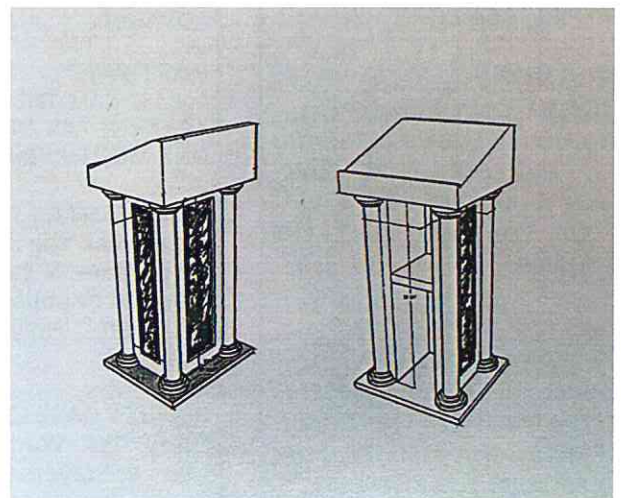
Thank you to everyone for your generosity!
Our total to date is \$42,315.00



SPX PARISH **CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROJECT**

In the spirit and tradition of giving, we are collecting new toys, books, games, kitchen and bathroom items such as towels, shampoo, cleaning supplies, teenage and adult PJ's, gloves, socks, and gift certificates for Tim Hortons, Superstore, Save-On, Subway, Starbucks, or certificates that a needy family would need/love to receive.

There is a labelled box in the vestibule for your donation, or you can drop off your gift at the parish office Monday—Friday, 10am-1pm. Please: no used items. We also donate items to Domestic Abuse Services that are not needed in our hampers. St Simon's United Church accepts used toys and clothing for their weekly sales. Safeway has a food bank bin. The North Shore homeless shelter at 705 West 2nd Street accepts new or used blankets, winter jackets, and backpacks. Thank you for your kindness. A little goes a long way.





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OUR SCHOOL IS A VIBRANT FAITH AND LEARNING COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF EACH CHILD USING CHRIST AS OUR CENTRE. WE ARE BLESSED WITH CARING AND DEDICATED EDUCATORS COMMITTED TO INSPIRING LIFE LONG LEARNERS IN ALL AREAS. WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE MANY ENRICHING LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
10AM-1:30PM
604-929-1404
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REGISTRATIONS AND DONATION ENVELOPES:
REGISTRATION TO THE PARISH AND REQUEST FOR DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OR YOU MAY CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

REQUESTS FOR MASSES:
FOR THE LIVING AND DECEASED. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. SUGGESTED MASS STIPEND IS \$10. MASS CARDS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. FOR A COST OF \$3.00

MARRIAGES:

TO BEGIN THE SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE CONTACT FR JEFF AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

BAPTISM:

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Please call the parish office when a parishioner or family member is hospitalized or housebound to arrange visitation, Holy Communion and Anointing.

BERKLEY CARE CENTRE:

Every 1st Wednesday at 1:30pm. Mass or Prayers with Communion.

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PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACT INFORMATION & TO VOLUNTEER:

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

DELPHINE MONSURATE

604-929-7775

LECTORS

CECILIA MCLAREN

604-729-4543

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

DAVID BOYER 604-929-6430

DAVID HOLSWORTH 604-929-5180

GREETERS

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE USHERS/GREETERS

AT ALL THE MASSES

PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE

TO VOLUNTEER

604-929-1404

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*To volunteer for Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament please contact Lisa Miiller
adoration.spx@gmail.com*

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Come and pray the Rosary every Saturday morning before Mass at 8:30am

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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

FOLLOW US – See what's happening!
Check out our Bulletin Board in the Church vestibule.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

Our Lady of Good Counsel: 604-640-7543

BIRTHRIGHT:

MONDAY—FRIDAY,

110-207 West Hastings St. 604-687-7223

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: 604-525-0999