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Dear Friends in Christ, the Catholic Church often proclaims Jubilee Years as privileged moments of renewal, conversion, and rediscovery of God's mercy. As we celebrate this final Sunday of the liturgical year - Christ the King - I wish to reflect on the Jubilee of Hope inaugurated by Pope Francis at the end of 2024 and the last ordinary Jubilee held exactly one century earlier, in 1925, under Pope Pius XI. Though separated by one hundred years, these two Holy Years offer a powerful and unified message for our time.

In 1925, Pope Pius XI proclaimed a Jubilee during a period marked by deep global unrest. The world was still healing from the devastation of World War I. New political ideologies were rising, and many people felt disillusioned, unsure whether faith still had relevance in the modern world. In response to this cultural and spiritual crisis, Pius XI issued his encyclical *Quas Primas* (December 11, 1925), in which he instituted the Feast of Christ the King. Pius XI's hope was that the new solemnity would serve as a beacon of light for a world drifting into darkness. He wrote with urgency and conviction, "*We firmly hope...that the Feast of the Kingship of Christ...may hasten the return of society to our loving Savior.*" The pope insisted that Catholics had a responsibility to work for this renewal.

Through the Holy Year of 1925, Pius XI sought to restore clarity and confidence to a world shaken by confusion. He proclaimed that Christ, not earthly powers, is the true ruler of history; that Christ, not political systems, is the foundation of peace; and that Christ, not human achievement, is the world's enduring hope. His message was bold: only when humanity returns to Christ the King can justice, peace, and dignity be restored.

A century later, the Church finds itself again proclaiming a Jubilee in an age of anxiety. When Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on 24 December 2024, he inaugurated the Jubilee of Hope for 2025 - another Holy Year born from a world burdened by conflict, division, and uncertainty. Just as Pius XI saw the world of his time searching for direction, Pope Francis saw the world of our modern time searching for hope.

Francis has said that the primary purpose of the 2025 Jubilee is "*to rekindle hope, because every person needs hope in life.*" His emphasis was not simply on optimism or positive thinking but on the Christian virtue of hope: a confidence rooted in the Risen Christ who walks with His people. While Pius XI highlighted Christ's sovereignty over the nations, Francis emphasized the tenderness Christ has for the weary, the wounded, and the discouraged. Yet their messages converge. If Christ is truly King, then no fear, sin, or suffering is beyond His authority. If Christ truly walks with His people, then hope is possible even in the most painful circumstances. We can live with unshakeable hope because Christ is both Lord of history and our companion as we walk in this valley of tears.

As we come to the end of the Church's liturgical year, our attention naturally turns to the great final realities: the Second Coming of Christ, the Last Judgment, and the fulfillment of all creation. While many today look at these themes with great fear and trepidation, nevertheless, they echo the same truth proclaimed in both the 1925 and 2025 Jubilees: history is not a meaningless cycle of chaos, but continually moves toward Christ, who is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

The Feast of Christ the King - established by Pius XI and now firmly set as the final Sunday of every liturgical year - proclaims that Jesus will bring all creation to its completion. It reminds us that every Christian is called to live in joyful expectation of His return. As we celebrate this feast, it is good to ask ourselves: Where do I place my hope? What truly endures? Do I live as if Christ is truly my King? Am I preparing my heart to meet Him with joy?

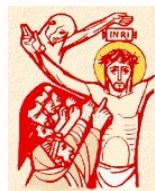
These questions also prepare us for Advent - the season that begins next week - a time of waiting, longing, and hope. As we enter a new liturgical year, may we allow Christ the King to reign more fully in our hearts and renew within us the unshakable hope that comes only from Him.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE ~ NOVEMBER 23, 2025

"Viva Cristo Rey!"

LUKE 23: 35 - 45



"The Solemnity of Christ the King was established by Pius XI in 1925 and, later, after the Second Vatican Council, it was placed at the close of the liturgical year. The Gospel according to Saint Luke presents, as in a great painting, the kingship of Jesus at the moment of his crucifixion. The leaders of the people and the soldiers taunt 'the firstborn of all creation' and put him to the test to see whether he has the power to save himself from death. Yet precisely on the cross, Jesus is exalted to the very 'height' of the God who is love. It is there that he can be 'known.' Jesus gives us life because he gives us God. He can give God because he himself is one with God. From the One who 'is before all things, and in him all things hold together,' the so-called 'Good Thief' straightaway receives forgiveness and the joy of entering the kingdom of heaven.... Jesus, from the throne of the cross, welcomes every human being with infinite mercy" (Pope Benedict XVI).¹

I membri del Sinedrio, che avevano consegnato Gesù a Pilato e ai soldati che dovevano crocifiggerlo, pensavano di essersi liberati di un uomo pio, certo, ma pericoloso politicamente. Ora, essi sono ai piedi della croce e lo scherniscono chiamandolo Messia, eletto di Dio, re. Ma Gesù, proprio in quanto Messia e Re nel compimento del piano eterno di salvezza, ingaggia sulla croce una lotta sanguinosa contro Satana, che aveva soggiogato l'uomo sull'albero del paradiso. Ora, sull'albero della croce, Cristo gli inferisce un colpo mortale e salva l'uomo. Gesù poteva scendere dalla croce e salvarsi; ma non l'ha fatto, perché altrimenti non ci avrebbe salvato. Ed ecco che raccoglie i frutti della sua passione: uno dei due ladroni crocifissi ai suoi fianchi confessa i propri peccati ed esorta l'altro a fare lo stesso, ma, soprattutto, professa la sua fede: Gesù è Re! Il Re crocifisso gli assicura in modo solenne: "Oggi sarai con me in paradiso". Adamo aveva chiuso a tutti le porte del paradiso, Gesù, vincitore del peccato, della morte e di Satana, apre le porte del paradiso anche ai più grandi peccatori, purché si convertano, sia pure nel momento della loro morte. Del resto, noi ben conosciamo molte conversioni simili.³

¹<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica-.html>

² Magnificat - November 2025 Edition | ³ <https://www.lachiesa.it/calendario/20251109.html>



The Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, the Month of Holy Souls, we invite you to record the names of your deceased family members and friends, who you wish to be remembered at Mass, in our Book of Remembrance.

Vocation Reflection... "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks you for your continued support. With your donation, we are able to help the less fortunate in our area.

In October we visited 22 families giving in food vouchers \$1,650. and provided 1 double bed and a sofa for a family in need. We have received multiple calls for Christmas Assistance.

Our Christmas Collection is on November 29 - 30. Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to sponsor a family this Christmas, please leave a message at 416-410-3589 or call Giovanna 416-759-1865.



Come and spend some quiet time in prayer

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

MON - THUR 9AM - 12PM (CHURCH)*
EVERY FRIDAY 9AM - 7PM (CHURCH)*
***IN CHAPEL, WHEN THERE IS A FUNERAL.**



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22ND - SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Rocchina e Carmelo Scarano

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23RD - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Joseph Selvanayagam

10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvia Fugaccia

Marino e Flavia D'Attolico

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Giuseppe Masellis

Giuseppe e Maria Doria

Emmanuela Rabitto

Luigi e Maria D'Addario

Benedetta Addorisio

Raffaele Pascarella

Angelina e Corrado Rabitto

Antonietta, Michele e Carmela Lamanna

11:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

1:00 P.M. Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Philomena & Valentine Fernandes

MONDAY NOVEMBER 24TH - LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. Romulo Abuan

12:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH - MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Kang Hua Hou

12:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26TH - MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. Roel Santiago

William Charles Keele - The Tchoi Family

Alexander & Dionisia Amizola

12:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27TH - GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:30 A.M. Anthony Lobo

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28TH - VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Juvylyn Millado

7:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Monique Collin

10:00 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory



OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$ 7,094.50

Shepherds' Trust: \$ 5,307.65

Thank you

Second Collection: [Climate Control Fund](#)

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE ~ NOVEMBER 23, 2025

FAITH FORMATION SERIES
IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS

SPEAKERS & TOPICS	
NOV 27, 2025 FR. THOMAS LIM	THE STORY OF SALVATION: CREATION, FALL AND REDEMPTION
DEC 8, 9 & 10, 2025 THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS	THE MANY FACETS OF ADVENT
JAN 8, 2026 FR. MATT MCCARTHY	THE CENTRAL THEME OF THE GOSPELS

SAVE THESE DATES THURSDAYS @ 7:00PM	Jan 8 & 22	Feb 5 & 19	Mar 12 & 26	Apr 16 & 30
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SLMC CRAFT GROUP
Warm Hearts Warm Feet
Now accepting NEW men's socks.
Please place them in the box at the entrance of the Church.
2025 Sock Collection: October 18th - Nov 23rd 2025

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA
Help decorate our Church for Christmas.
Sponsor a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving.
Available in Red & White

6"	\$15
8"	\$20
10"	\$30

To sponsor a poinsettia visit or Call the parish office.



The Many Facets of Advent

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins

December 6 | Mass @ 5:00pm
December 7 | Mass @ 8:30, 11:30am & 5:00pm
December 8-10, 2025
 Mass @ 7:00pm | Talk @ 7:30pm
www.stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/adventretreat

FAMILY Christmas PARTY

Saturday | Nov 29, 2025 | 6PM
Parish Hall

Dinner, Dance, Games, Silent Auction & so much more!

Tickets: Adult \$60
Children 12 & below \$30



Dinner Tickets

CHRISTMAS MARKET CAFE

December 13 & 14, 2025
After all Masses | Parish Hall

Specialty Coffee, Baked Goods, Plants, Crafts and More!

We are accepting donations for our Silent Auction table, and baked goods, plants, and crafts for the Market

Inquiries: slmparishfund2024@gmail.com
www.stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/christmas2025



PILGRIMAGE ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & IRELAND

With Fr. Thomas Lim
May 31 - June 14, 2026: 15 days
 Tour Coordinator:
 Theresia Sisca
 Tel. 416-731-8252
[Learn more here](#)

ASK A PRIEST Is It OK to Ask God for Something Specific?

Q: In the Surrender Novena, we are to surrender ourselves to Jesus and let him take care of everything? I have the impression that we are not supposed to ask for specific help with an issue or problem we may be facing. On the other hand, there are many novenas along with verses in the Bible (like Mark 11:24) and Matthew where Jesus says to ask for what you need in prayer and believe to receive. How would one use the Surrender Novena if there is a specific need in which one is seeking God's help on? Thank you. — Claudio

Answered by Fr. Edward McIlmail, LC:

I don't think this is a case of "either-or" — either you make a general act of surrender to God or you ask for something specific. You can do both: ask for something specific from God as well as make a general act of surrender to his will. Sometimes God will answer our prayers, not by giving us what we want but by giving us what we most need. In this sense we can imitate Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, who prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). Jesus at a human level didn't want the cross, but he was willing to accept it as his Father's will. This is where he surrendered himself to the Father ... which is what we should do, too. **Published by Regnum Christi. For more resources for spiritual growth visit www.regnumchristi.com.**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.

"Make sickness itself a Prayer"
 ~ St Francis de Sales ~