

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1- We will resume the "Recycled Bottle drive" for the Church Altar Flowers: We are requesting your generous hearts to donate your empty bottles and cans. Please put them inside the toolshed besides the garage. Thank you.
- 2- For those who are using the following un-registered envelope numbers: 325, 396, 111, 145, 233, 78, 315, 225, 77, 178, 215, 238, 90, 339, 807, 203, 364, & 797, Please send us your complete Name, Address and phone number for tax receipt purposes.

### ST. PAUL PARISH

### 2018 CONFIRMATION

#### SCHEDULE:

**WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 28,  
7:00 PM**

**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 29,  
7:00 PM**



### *Simbang Gabi/ Novena Mass*



A Filipino Christmas tradition, it is a series of nine masses, the mass starts at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Church. It begins on December 15<sup>th</sup> and ends on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December. All are welcome to attend and bring their own favorite food!

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## November 25, 2018 – Christ the King

### Liturgy Schedule

Monday-Thursday

Rosary & Mass 8:40 am

Friday Adoration after Mass at 7:00pm

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

The *Sacrament of Confession* is available 30 minutes before the start of each Mass.

### Parish Staff

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### COLLECTIONS

(Weekly—November 18, 2018)

Loose Bills & Coins	\$ 944.90
Envelopes	2,893.90
PAP	2,388.25
<u>Special Collection</u>	<u>95.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,322.05</b>



THANK YOU!



**St. Paul Parish-**  
Fort McMurray

**12 Hr. Adoration**  
**will resume**

Every Friday  
9am to 9pm

Adorers pls. see sign up  
sheet for time slot  
Contact Syriac & Celin -

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**St. John The Baptist Parish**  
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# CHRIST THE KING

# SUNDAY



## Catholic Women's League Welcomes you!

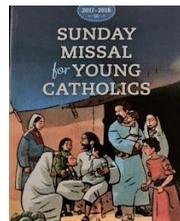
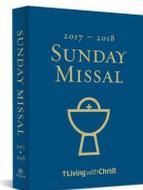
### Why belong?

- CWL is a gift of faith, friendship and support, offering leadership development and affirmation.
- CWL is the voice of Catholic women expressing their values and promoting dignity and justice for all.
- CWL gives members the opportunity to serve God and Canada. Through standing committees, members can feel the pulse of what is happening in church and society.
- CWL invites all Catholic women (16 and over) to share their gifts and make a difference.

Come Join Us!

spirituality      sisterhood  
hospitality      education  
social justice

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## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe B - His truth is marching on 25 Nov 2018

by: **Deacon Raymond Chan**

The closing hymn picked for last Sunday's 9:00 am mass was so appropriate - **Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.** This is also the hymn sung by the candidates of the Live-in weekend when they let go of everything, literally everything, including wallets, watches, phones to enter into an unknown territory. Is it true that we are going to see the King or is it just a dream?

The feast of Christ the King is a relative newcomer to the Church's liturgy – established by Pope Pius XI in his encyclical letter *Quas primas* (1925) in response to growing secularism. There is a certain irony in the fact that when it was established, earthly kings and queens had become little more than just figureheads. The gospels of the liturgies of this feast in the three year cycle, however, make it clear that this symbolic theme still invites us to deepen our appreciation of the role of the Saviour in the design of God. This year's gospel reading from John takes us to the drama being enacted before the Roman governor – as, according to the words of Jesus at the Supper, **the 'Son of Man' is being 'glorified', and in him God is being glorified.**

In the first reading (7:13-14), Daniel prophesies about a kingship that cannot be destroyed: **"A Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship... His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed"**, and in the Gospel, John (18:33b-37) recounts Pilate questioning Jesus before He suffers crucifixion: **"Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world... 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."** Both of these realities are true. Perhaps the hardest thing to believe in our life of faith is that God is as present and powerful in death as in life. When people we love are taken from us, when we face our own dying, when dreams we thought were from God crumble, we often feel abandoned.

What are we suffering right now? What are our doubts? What troubles threaten us? Each reading this week is a powerful proclamation of God's power to heal, revive and resurrect us! We may not see it yet, and it may take days or months or years, or it may be just a dream. But God has conquered death. **God's "Kingship is one that shall never be destroyed." He is the "Alpha and the Omega", the beginning and the end, the One "who is and who was and who is to come."** It was for our lives, our struggles and our pain He was born and came into the world to testify to the truth, that we would know His glory. Jesus will reign, but he assures Pilate that his kingdom – 'not of this world' – is not in competition with the earthly powers Pilate represents. He will establish God's reign, not by power and violence, but **by bringing his 'truth' to the world**, the truth that is one of the principal themes of John's gospel (17:17) **"Father, sanctify them (my disciples) in the truth, your word is truth"**, and (14:6): **"I AM truth and life"**. This truth is a sharing in the wisdom of the Father, the personal truth in which we come to know who we are in the plan of God, the truth **that 'sets us free'** (John 8:32). The Kingdom announced and inaugurated by Jesus is a renewed creation, ruled by the ways of God - shaping all things, liberating them and leading them to their fullness. When Jesus teaches this reign of God, he is telling us that we can know something of this final achievement of God, when the truth he has brought to the world shapes our lives. What Jesus foretold early in his ministry has been realized: **'The Son of Man must be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life'** (John 3:14). The symbol of kingship may have become history, but what it speaks of in the Scriptures, concerning the role of the Saviour in the reign of God, has an everlasting relevance, far removed from the politics of this world.

At the end of the Church year, we celebrate Jesus as King, a King with a power that is proclaimed in dying and rising again. We are going to launch into anticipating His birth again, but we should pause to feel the grief of loss. Let us cast our cares on Him, cry out at the foot of the Cross, declare our hope in Him and our trust that He will carry us into new life, now and in the future. God authored our life. Make a decision to let Him do it. Passion and Resurrection are the anchor and source of our lives. **May we embrace all the parts of living – and dying – as paths to the King who made and loves us, no matter what comes. And may the King of Creation, Redeemer of Death, teach us to trust in the rhythms of living and dying. Meet us in the ashes as much as on the mountain tops, and teach us to follow you in difficulty.**

**"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on. Glory, Glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on."** (Lyrics, *Battle hymn of Republic*)

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*Baptism preparation* on every  
THIRD Tuesday of the month. Next one  
will be held on **December 18th** at 7 pm,

The *Sacrament  
of Baptism* is  
celebrated On:  
**December 9 & 23**  
at 2:00pm.

