



"MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD"!

November 24, 2024 SOLEMN FEAST OF CHRIST, THE KING

Tues., Nov. 26th 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 Wed., Nov. 27th 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 Thurs., Nov. 28th 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 Fri., Nov. 29th 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 Sat., Nov. 30th 5:00 pm VIGIL MASS OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 + St. Andrew, the Apostle
 Sun., Dec., 1st MASSES OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



FOUR SUCCESSFUL PARISH/GROUP EVENTS LAST WEEK

WREATH MAKING/BLESSING

The children will be making Advent Wreaths this Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass and will have them blessed at the altar after Communion!



OUR C.W.L. COOKIE WALK

Many parishioners volunteered, baked, donated and purchased delicious cookies for this special event which was planned, directed and sponsored by our Cathedral's Catholic Women's League last weekend!

OUR C.W.L. 'MITTS AND GLOVES' APPEAL

Eight fabric grocery bags were filled and overflowing with donated mittens, gloves and hats...from baby to adult sizes, hand knit hats and mitts/gloves as well as store bought ones!



GRIEF SUPPORT CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: 2024

On Monday, December 9th our annual Candlelight Prayer Service will take place at 7:00 pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

All are welcome to attend!



OUR KNIGHTS AT THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Father Baxter Assembly's Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Bill Vass and the Assembly's Faithful Commander, Sir Knight Larry Pankuch both attended the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the Fort William Gardens on November 11th and presented a wreath at the cenotaph on our behalf.

GRIEF SUPPORT IN WINTER?

If enough candidates register we will be offering this Program's sessions this winter. Please contact the Parish Office at 807-622-5389, if you wish to participate. There is no charge and all materials will be provided.



THE K.C.s IN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Led by Fort William Council 1447, our 6 City K.C. Councils took part in our City's recent Christmas Parade with a "Keep Christ in Christmas" themed float.

Last weekend, our Knights also ministered at our Sunday a.m. Masses.



DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 4,727.85
On-Line Donations	70.00
Missals/Calendar Sales	100.00
Votive Candles	86.00
St. Anthony Poor Fund	20.40

"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

Special One-Time Donation.....	\$ 5,000.00
Free Will & Online Donations.....	295.00
To Honour the Baptism of Edward Schoales..	20.00
In Memory of Fr. Henryk Augustynowicz.....	20.00



Donation Totals this Week \$ 5,335.00

TOTAL PLEDGED/COLLECTED TO DATE

*** \$ 1,288,908.00 ***



Q. At a time of the year when everyone is beginning to prepare for the joyful Feast of Christmas, why do we seem to sink into a time of sadness in our Advent Liturgies? Our Liturgical colour is a penitential violet and our Sunday Mass Readings are about preparing for the end of the world.

A. Your question is one that is often asked by parishioners and for Catholics around the world. The answer is this: the four week Advent Season for most Christians serves as

a twofold period of preparation: the first, to prepare for Christ's final future coming at the end of time and the second, to prepare for the anniversary of His first coming on Christmas Day. Penitential Violet?

You ask why our Liturgical colour for Advent is penitential violet. It really is not!

Actually, the colour we use in Advent for 3 candles on the Advent wreath and for the liturgical Mass Vestments is royal purple, which is a colour distinctly different from the *penitential* violet that is used during Lent. The Lenten violet reminds us of penance and fasting, while the the regal Advent purple, reflects the royalty of Jesus; the King Who was born to us at Christmas and the King of Kings who will return to earth at the end of time.

The First Two Weeks of Advent Beginning next Sunday and during

the first 14 days of Advent, we are encouraged to prepare ourselves for the *second* coming of Christ. To this end, the Scripture Readings, as you say, centre both on the expectation of this future event at the end of all time and on the preparation needed for the end of our own personal time on earth, whenever that may occur.

The Rose Joy Candle

Of the four symbolic candles of the Advent wreath, three are coloured royal purple and one is rose or pink coloured. After lighting the two purple ones on the first two Sundays of Advent, we transition to a new *Christmas* focus by lighting the rose candle on the wreath on the third Sunday of Advent, the

day which we call, 'Joy' or 'Laetare' Sunday. The rose Mass vestments worn on this Sunday also reflect this joyful anticipation. From this day to the end of

Advent, the Gospel themes also change, with accounts of John the Baptist and the Annunciation.



Catholic Women's League

THE 'COOKIE WALK' TEAM

A huge thank you to all who made delicious cookies and treats for this weekend's 2nd annual Cookie Walk. We were excited and grateful. Thank you as well to all who came and assisted the team at each Mass. Also: The Team thanks the anonymous donor who provided 2 grocery bags of bagged cookies for the Dew Drop.

THE 'MITTS & GLOVES' TEAM

It was overwhelming to see the generosity of our parishioners. We were able to fill eight fabric grocery bags overflowing with mittens, gloves and hats. Our CWL is so grateful for our parish community's generosity! Thank-you, Thank-you.

OUR NOVEMBER GATHERING

This Sunday, November 24 after the 10:30 am Mass. A time for fellowship, sharing and starting a joyful discussion for hosting the 2025 Diocesan Convention.



Knights of Columbus



Many thanks to our Knights of Council 1447 and the Fr. Baxter Assembly for participating in the Remembrance Day Memorial, and the Christmas Parade and to Grand Knight, Mike Spivak and the Knights for being part of the 'Membership Drive' which was held last weekend,



Development and Peace continues to partner with Caritas Morocco to improve the living conditions of victims of last year's earthquake.