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“To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”

- Parish Mission Statement

Solemnity - Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

November 25, 2018

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, November 26, 2018

No Mass

TUESDAY, November 27, 2018

6:00-6:45 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

7:00 p.m. Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna

Intention: *In Thanksgiving / Felix & Lileena Mendis*

WEDNESDAY, November 28, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: *The Averia Family / Maria Averia*

THURSDAY, November 29, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: *+ Wally Oswald / Rebecca Skinner*

FRIDAY, November 30, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - **Feast - St. Andrew**

Intention: *+ Matilde Sorebillo / Maria Pagdato*

SATURDAY, December 1 - First Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. Liturgy

Intention: *In Thanksgiving / Lorna & Rudy Militar and Family*

SUNDAY, December 2 - First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: *+ Noelle desLauriers / Doug & Paulette Sutherland*

11:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: *For All Parishioners*



Remembering Those Entombed or Memorialized in Living Waters Columbarium:

November 27 - Celeste Flavia Greco

November 29 - Jeanne Marion

- Matilde Sorebillo

December 1 - Domingo Y. Naval

December 2 - William McCallan



"If you brought your child to the restroom during the Liturgy of the Word, you might walk away with one of two interpretations of Jesus as King. The first and second readings are bold and victorious. We

see Christ coming on the clouds for the final judgment of heaven and earth. The Gospel sets a very different tone. Jesus is under arrest and facing death before Pontius Pilate. We know how this story will end. So if Christ is King, what does it mean? Is he a glorious conqueror or a suffering servant?

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Here is the heart of Jesus' reign. He is a king — and his "subjects" are alive and well on earth — but, ultimately, Jesus' kingdom transcends our earthly concepts of power. Jesus faced down the temptation of a solely earthly kingship. At the close of his 40 days in the desert, the devil offered him the kingdoms of the world. Jesus only had to sacrifice his heavenly values and worship Satan. The same temptations to distort the kingship of Christ are present to us today. Jesus' invitation also endures. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." It is important for us to belong to the full truth of Christ's kingdom.

First, our own hearts must be transformed. Our own rebellions in favour of selfishness and against holiness must be conquered by God's grace. Second, we must work to transform the world as best we can in our own corner of it. Like Jesus shows us by his life and death, this doesn't mean domination. It means service, sacrifice, respect, and love. Our lives must "testify to the truth" of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his people. That is the true beauty of Christ the King!

CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"...and every tongue confess, to the glory of God the Father, that Jesus Christ is Lord."
- St. Paul

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We live in interesting times. Life is constantly changing. While this can be exciting on one hand, change also presents challenges. We live in an age of relativism where people can pick and choose the truths that suit them and build their own system of beliefs. While humans certainly have the freedom to choose, losing sight of long-standing universal truths is not such a healthy course. Jesus Christ our King is our universal truth! He is the God who is nonnegotiable, our non-option! In Christ, we know what truth is. He alone points us to God, our true selves, our proper relationships with one another, and the world in which we live. Christ directs us to the poor and vulnerable and teaches us what God's kingdom is meant to be. Christ is the king who serves others. He gets dirty. He ascends the throne of the cross. We are called to do the same.

KIDS' CORNER

Today is Christ the King Sunday. Instead of using his power

selfishly to get whatever he wanted, Jesus used his power to free people from sickness, from death, and from evil. Jesus came to tell us the truth about God. Now we need to listen to the voice of Jesus and follow his example.

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be our loving king.



Thank you to all parishioners who have renewed their Stewardship of Treasure Commitment for 2018.

Sunday's Offertory - November 18, 2018

Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 14,000.00
Noah's Buddies	\$ 8.90
Loose:	\$ 926.30
Votives:	\$ 238.95
Novena Mass	\$ 470.50
TOTAL:	\$ 15,644.65

Our minimum weekly offertory income requirement: \$20,000.00

Christian Stewardship acknowledges that everything we have and hold comes from God, given to us for our good and the good of the world. A Stewardship response calls us to return to the Lord the first fruits of all that had been given. Traditionally for many, this means the first hour of our weekly income. At St. Gianna's, all are asked to consider this measure of Stewardship as the beginning of their annual parish financial support. In Manitoba, the hourly minimum wage is currently \$11.35. Therefore, the starting point for our financial offering should at least reflect this minimum. If the household is a dual income family, then the starting point of our gift would be \$22.70. The goal of Christian Stewardship is to eventually grow toward true Christian Tithing, which means 10% of our total household income. All gifts that we give to God always comes back manifold.

New Offertory Cards for the New Liturgical Year



(Pre-Authorized Remittance Program)
These are available on the tables in the narthex, in alphabetical by last name.

We are pleased once again, to offer parishioners a series of personalized offertory cards for the new liturgical year to those participating in our Pre-authorized giving program. These cards can be placed in the Sunday offertory basket as a sign of your commitment to share your gift, as well as a tangible witness of your participation in our pre-authorized giving program. These personalized cards bear your name as well as identify the date of each Sunday of the year. It is our hope that the personalized, offertory card will ensure that each Sunday, our gift is more personal and real, proudly bearing each of our names as the giver of each gift that we bring.



Advent Carolling Campaign for the Statue of The Blessed Virgin Mary

The unveiling of the schematic drawing for the Statue of Mary, the Mother of Jesus proposed for our Worship space, has inspired a number of parishioners to brainstorm ideas in order to move our campaign forward.

There's no more wonderful way to launch our campaign than by bringing the spirit of Advent into the homes of fellow parishioners as Advent calls each of us to ready ourselves as Mary did for the birth of our Saviour.

Carollers Wanted: We are inviting anyone interested to join the *Advent Carollers*, who will set out to bring cheer to families preparing by special gatherings and celebrations for the great event of Christmas.

Host Homes Wanted: Carolling will take place on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays starting November 30 - December 23. Each visit will be approximately 30-45 minutes.

If you are planning a special gathering or event in your home during this special season, or simply wish to hear the glorious sound of Advent carols in your home, please book the time and place for our carollers to come and visit you. All donations received will be tax receiptable and can be given at the time of the carollers visit. Cash, credit card and debit will be accepted. More information and sign up sheets for carollers and host families are located at the information kiosk.



Knights of Columbus Gift Cards Program

Sobeys, Safeway, Superstore, Foodland gift cards are available for purchase every weekend at the Knights table. This initiative raises funds for the parish as we receive a 5% commission on each gift card sold.

Hampers for Families in Need



Food items are now being collected for twelve families sponsored by St. Gianna's through the Christmas Cheer Board. Please stop by the table in the Narthex after the liturgies on **November 24 and 25** to select a food items card with a particular food item to gift to one of our sponsored families. We ask that all food items be brought to the church **before December 16**. The families' Christmas Hampers will be assembled immediately following the 11:00 a.m. liturgy on December 16. Information on the process for providing gifts for the children will be forthcoming. Thank you for participating in this special initiative.

The Ministry of Fun



Building opportunities for fun and social interaction is an essential part of a healthy parish community's life. To bring parishioners together to share in good fellowship opportunities gives new life to all. At St. Gianna's, we would like to embark on a new ministry area that would work toward building opportunities for fun and social interaction. We are looking for a group of three to five people to form the organizing committee. If you are a person who takes delight in making these type of things happen, please speak with Fr. Darrin in person or email him at office@stgianna.ca. Together we continue to be a part of something great!

New Parishioners Orientation Session - November 28

Our next New Parishioner Orientation Session is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m.** in the narthex. This 90 minute session provides a wonderful way to learn more about our parish community, the opportunities for faith formation and ministry involvement, as well as to learn about the unique charism that we hold as a community of Christian disciples under the patronage of St. Gianna Beretta Molla.

Prayer Ministry Orientation Session - December 3

Our next Information / Orientation Session is on Monday, **December 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** The Perpetual Prayer Ministry invites participants to become part of a growing twenty-four hour a day prayer chain that keeps a prayer vigil in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!



Transitions at St. Gianna's

We wish Monique Gauthier the best in her future. For Columbarium inquiries, please contact the parish office.



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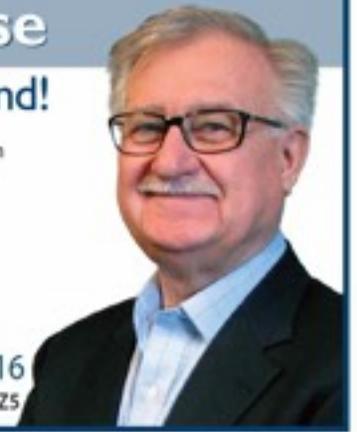
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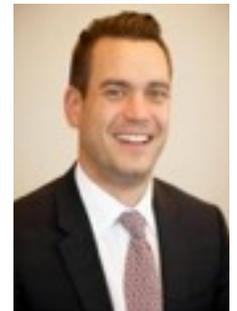
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