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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 24, 2019

### PARISH TEAM

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Deacon

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**John Eisma**

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**Romeo Suban**

Operational Business Manager

**Donna Sorokowski**

Columbarium Representative

**Reg & Jane Todd**

Custodial

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**MONDAY, November 25, 2019 - Ferial**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, November 26, 2019 - Ferial**

1:30 p.m. **Rosary Prayer**

6:00-6:50 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

Intention: + *Alfredo Gutierrez / Lupita Antonio*

**WEDNESDAY, November 27, 2019 - Ferial**

**9:30 a.m. Liturgy**

Intention: *Susan Hernandez / Jovita Ramirez*

**THURSDAY, November 28, 2019 - Ferial**

**1:30 p.m. Liturgy at Lindenwood Manor**

Intention: + *Culver Warren / Knights of Columbus*

**FRIDAY, November 29, 2019 - Ferial**

**9:30 a.m. Liturgy**

Intention: *Special Intentions / Contreras-Ramirez Family*

**SATURDAY, November 30, 2019 - First Sunday of Advent**

**4:30 p.m. Liturgy**

Intention: *Rosario Llanes / The Llanes Family*

**SUNDAY, December 1, 2019 - First Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 a.m. Liturgy**

Intention: + *Adam West / Ms. Loredana*

**11:00 a.m. Liturgy**

Intention: *For All Parishioners / Fr. Darrin*



### 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



"The rulers sneered... the soldiers jeered... one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus." Is this the King of the Jews, the King of the Universe? If it is so, perhaps his kingdom is not at all what we would expect! In his letter to the laity, St.

John Paul II spoke about how Christians share in the kingly mission of Christ. First, "they exercise their kingship as Christians, above all in the spiritual combat in which they seek to overcome in themselves the kingdom of sin." In other words, before we give any thought to transforming society, we must first allow God to transform us. Through daily prayer, regular self-examination, and frequent confession, we can recognize our faults more readily and choose love instead!

Second, St. John Paul II writes that the laity "make[s] a gift of themselves so as to serve, in justice and in charity, Jesus who is himself present in all his brothers and sisters, above all in the very least." Christ's kingship, and our own participation in it, requires us to look beyond the privileged of society. It goes beyond networking and struggles of power. It goes with Jesus to the Cross!

Still, the kingship of Christ ought to effect society. "The lay faithful are called to restore to creation all its original value ... ordering creation to the authentic well-being of humanity." Jesus does this in a radical way through his death and resurrection. We, too, are invited to bring new life to the world around us. This means holding the world and everything in it as sacred. It means advocating for civil policies that respect life and paying special care to the vulnerable and marginalized in every stage of life. It means being disciples of Jesus, inviting people into authentic love so that one day we will together "be with [him] in Paradise!"

#### CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"We love because He first loved us."

- 1 John 4:19

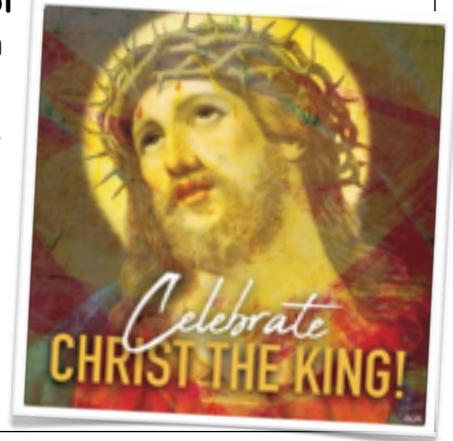
#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Are we looking for Christ to be our earthly king or our eternal one? We often go back and forth with God on this question. What we find in the content of our prayer usually reveals the answer. Because life can be difficult, we may desire that God cushion our earthly experience a bit, make it more tolerable, remove the crosses, and do the miraculous. Preserving our earthly lives can take too much precedence and be of too much concern. Christ the eternal king offers a different promise and hope. The eternal king offers us a way through suffering and hardship to the greater glory to be revealed when our journey is completed in heaven. The eternal king is not the king of earthly comfort but the king who advocates for the poor, vulnerable, lost, broken, marginalized, and hurting. We are asked to become like the eternal king, Jesus Christ, both in this life and in the life to come.

### KIDS' CORNER

When the soldiers hurt Jesus, they were only doing their job. They did not understand that they were killing God's Son. Jesus saw into the hearts of those soldiers, and he forgave them. A man next to Jesus on the cross had done terrible things. He knew he deserved to die on a cross, and he was truly sorry. This criminal believed that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus saw into that criminal's heart and Jesus forgave him, too.

**Jesus forgave the people who killed him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.**



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**  
**How Would You Rule Your Kingdom?** It would be kind of awesome to be a king or queen! Absolute rule, untold wealth, and people answering your every beck and call are things that wouldn't be half bad. Of course, I would be a benevolent monarch, and I would hope that all my subjects would love me. They could cheer me as I came out of the palace, and I think my popularity ratings in the polls would be through the roof. But if they weren't, that would be fine, too, because I would rule the kingdom. And that means no throwing me out of office. Talk about job security! As great as that sounds, the King of kings could have had all that as well, but instead, he chose quite a different path. He gave up absolute rule so all his subjects could have the free will to choose to follow him. He gave up untold wealth so he could be treated like a common criminal and receive a death sentence. He gave up having servants at his disposal so he could be the servant of all his subjects himself. Yes, he was the King of kings, but he was nothing like a typical king. As much as I think it would be great to be a king myself, I would rather emulate this King instead. Who would you rather be like? You could have it all or choose to give away everything. You could choose a path of luxury or a path of trial. You could be respected by many or find yourself in a culture that increasingly finds you objectionable. Who would you rather be like? Do you arrive at an answer quickly, or do you need some time to think about it? The King of kings awaits your reply.

## Christmas Hampers for Families in Need

Please consider donating food items for the twelve families being sponsored by our parish through the Christmas Cheer Board. Please stop by the table in the narthex after the liturgies to select a food item 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 as soon as possible as we are planning to assemble the Christmas Hampers on December 14. There is also an opportunity to buy a Christmas gift for the children in our sponsored families so please see us in the narthex and ask how. Thank you in advance for your support in this special initiative to help the less fortunate in our community!



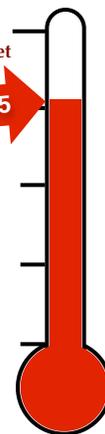
## WEEK 23 UPDATE:

\$ 87,000  
2019 Assigned target

\$67,455

As we now enter into week 24 of our Sharing God's Gifts

Appeal, we make a **special appeal** to all those who have not yet participated in this campaign. Each year, we have been very successful in reaching our goal, always exceeding the goal and therefore benefiting from a rebate of the overage back to the parish. This year, not only are we struggling to make our goal, our parishioner participation is half of last year. We currently need \$19,545 to make our goal of \$87,000. If we do not make this target, we will need to make up the shortfall from our already over-extended parish operations budget. Once more, we make a special appeal to all who have not yet contributed to Sharing God's Gifts. Approximately **300** households have not yet made a contribution, which means our potential to close the gap is tremendous. Please become a participant today so that we can once again celebrate our success and bring this campaign effort to completion. Thank you for being a part of something Great!



## Family Faith Formation - Registrations Still Accepted

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a unique and beautiful faith formation experience for children where they come to know more and fall deeply in love with God through the scriptures, liturgy and prayer. G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) is a family faith formation journey that brings parents and children (Gr.1-6) together to learn, live and love in Christ. Please contact Rachel at [rbanmann@stgianna.ca](mailto:rbanmann@stgianna.ca)



## Praying the Rosary - November 26

This Tuesday at **1:30 p.m.**, St. Gianna's Women's Faith Group will pray the Rosary in the worship space. All are welcome!

## Preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist



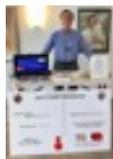
Preparing to receive God's forgiveness and the Body and Blood of Jesus through the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Eucharist for the first time is an exciting time. It is filled with faith, learning and fun as they come to deepen their relationship with God. All baptized parishioners who are in 2nd grade and higher are invited to begin the formal preparation to receive these Sacraments.

Preparation will begin soon and will be celebrated in the winter and spring of 2020. Please contact Rachel at [rbanmann@stgianna.ca](mailto:rbanmann@stgianna.ca) for more information.



## Knights of Columbus Gift Cards Program

Our goal for the year (July 2019 to June 2020) is to sell a total of \$200,000, generating \$10,000 for the operational needs of our Parish. (The grocery chains provide a discount of 5% of all sales.) This goal represents a 50% increase from sales from the last two years. Since less than 10% of our parishioners currently participate in the gift card program, this is a very achievable goal. Gifts cards are available at the Knights table. Cash, cheque or debit is accepted. Please join the effort!



**Visitor or Special Event Envelopes:** Please indicate ID # and/or street address with your name whenever possible.

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## Offertory Cards for the New Liturgical Year

(Pre-Authorized Remittance Program)



**These are available on the tables in the narthex, alphabetical by last name.**

Parishioners participating in our Pre-authorized giving program can pick up their personalized offertory cards for the new liturgical year in the narthex. Each week, a card is 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. The personalized offertory card helps 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.

## Sacrament of Confirmation - Apply before Nov. 30

Registered parishioners interested in the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to print the application form found on our website and **submit the completed form to Rachel Suarez-Banmann as soon as possible.** To learn more, please contact Rachel Suarez-Banmann at [rbanmann@stgianna.ca](mailto:rbanmann@stgianna.ca)



## Noah's Buddies - Forming our Children in Stewardship

*Noah's Ark*, located near the Altar, is a wonderful way to teach our children about the generosity of God in our lives. Each week the children of our parish are invited to place their own offertory envelopes in the *Ark* during the time of the Sunday collection. To enrol your children (Grades 2-6) in our Noah's buddies program, please see our Stewardship Team member in the narthex and obtain a special set of offertory envelopes especially for them.





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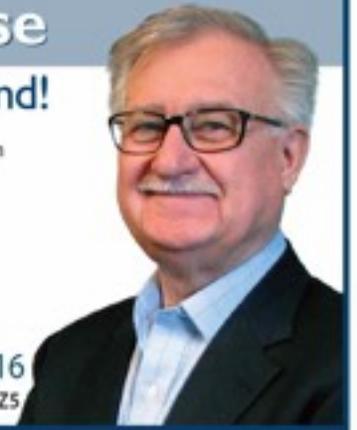
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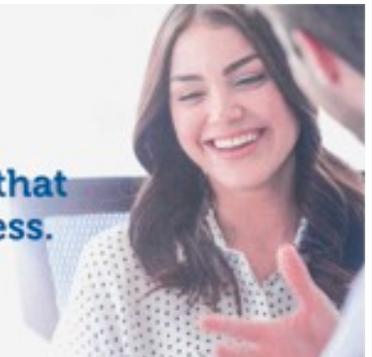
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