

November 25th, 2018
Thirty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Christ the King



The classic religious rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar*, continues to be performed on stages around the country. During Holy Week many of us find ourselves putting on the album or humming some of the music. What has always struck me is the portrayal of Pontius Pilate. The actor who created the original album role went on to portray Pilate on Broadway and on film.

Pilate is interested—for his own reasons—in the accusation that Jesus claims to be King of the Jews. There is a peculiar intimacy in the scene—captured well, I think—in the musical. Pilate can relate to the concept of kingship. He's a politician, and understands power and position. He presses his questions, even as he misunderstands Jesus' true kingship. For a brief instant, Pilate even seems interested in "truth." But in the end he falls back into his own limited notions of earthly power, and does what is expected of him as a functionary in the Roman system of government.

With dramatic irony however, the scene in John's *Gospel* highlights a very different kind of kingship. Jesus stands before the world, testifying to the truth. He has come to reveal the truth about God, and invites us into his reign—which is not of this world. Rather it is a relationship, one in which we receive the very life of God.

Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M.

Pre-authorized Debit

We are offering pre-authorized debit as a way to simplify your Mass donation on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please pick up a pre-authorized sheet from the Church foyer (wall) and hand it in to the parish office with a void cheque.

Advent Reconciliation Services

Tues. – Dec. 4th – 7 pm – Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sun. – Dec. 9th – 2:30 pm – St. Mary's Church

Tues. Dec. 11th – 6:30 pm Christ Our Saviour

Fri. Dec. 21st – 7 pm Immaculate Conception Church

Senior's Christmas Luncheon

Noon Sunday, Dec. 2nd

You are cordially invited to our annual Christmas luncheon in the Church Hall. A time of fellowship and a delicious lunch of soup, sandwiches and goodies. Invite someone you know who is in need of some Christmas cheer. There may even be a few surprises!! If you are in need of a ride, please let us know and we will provide transportation.

To all parishioners: If you would like to help by offering some Christmas baking or sandwiches, please contact Tonya Kruger at 250-964-2939 or email tkruger@cispg.ca. We had a wonderful turnout last year, and so donation of sandwiches and baking and your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Any Immaculate Conception School Alumni that would like to help serve lunch, please contact Kate Schenk at kschenk@cispg.ca

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Dec. 8th

Mass will be at 9 am followed by a gathering in the hall after Mass. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite snack to share.

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Immaculate Conception School News

School Mass 9 am Friday, Dec. 7th.

The Word Made Flesh: An Advent Meditation

Start your Advent in the right spirit! Please attend the retreat, "*The Word Made Flesh -- An Advent Meditation,*" at the Domano Renewal Centre beginning with check-in at 6:00 PM on Friday, November 30 and ending after lunch on Sunday, December 2. The retreat will have a special focus on walking with the Blessed Mother, who was the first one who most truly and deeply prepared for the coming of Jesus. The retreat director will be Fr. Basil Burns, PhD.

Date: November 30th – December 2nd, 2018

Time: Registration and snacks from 6:00 – 7:15 PM Fri., Nov. 30th;

Departure at 1:30 PM Sun., Dec. 2nd

Location: Domano Renewal Centre

Registration: Please register online at <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/drc-registrations/> or contact Vanya at 250-964-4475 to register. Registration **deadline** is **noon Tues., Nov. 27.**

Cost: \$150/retreat, meals with accommodation;
\$90/retreat and meals (no accommodation)

Participants are encouraged to stay as there is little doubt that this will provide a more meditative spiritual experience.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store [1645 Third Avenue] is in need of a handy-person who can offer a couple of hours per week to check out donated items to see if they need new batteries, handles, or adjustments. You choose the day and time. If you are available, please contact Colleen, the Store Manager at 250-562-5136.

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend our next St. Mary's Youth Group on Wednesday, **Nov. 28** from **6:30-8:30 pm** in the St. Mary's School Gym.

ST. MARY'S NOON HOUR ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Facilitated by Sisters Irene Baker and Dorothy Ryan. **Noon to 1:30 pm** in the St. Eugene Room at St. Mary's. Please use the Freeman Street Entrance.

Monday, December 3rd Theme of Hope

Monday, December 10th Theme of Faith

Monday, December 17th Theme of Joy

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join them in a time of Prayerful Reflection on the Themes of Advent as we prepare for the great feast of Christmas. Everyone is welcome!

Wanted

We are collecting stamps with 1/2" border and postcards. The proceeds from the sale of these items are used to provide cancer dressings to those patients in need, free of charge. Please place your stamps/postcards in the small black basket on the table in the church foyer.

Women United

Third Interdenominational Prayer Event

7 pm – Nov. 30th
at Cedars Christian School



Please remember the Church and School in your Will.