

26 November 2023

Christ the King, Solemnity

Saint Joseph's Passionist Church

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Sunday Mass: 9.30 am, 11 & 12.30,

6.30 pm (Saturday Vigil at 6:30pm)

Mon-Friday Mass at 8:30am; Saturday morning Mass at 11am.

Every Saturday before Mass:

Eucharistic Adoration: 10:30am.

Confession Saturday: 11.30 – 12.30 & 5 – 6 p.m. (or by appointment but **not** on SUNDAY 24Dec).

During the month of November:

Your Intentions for the deceased can be placed in the box in front of the Altar.

Young Adults Sat 25 Nov: YA Mass 6:30pm, followed by thanksgiving dinner. yagparis@yahoo.com

Teen Faith: Sat 25 Nov & 2 Dec: Talk 2pm to 4pm at St Joseph's. Contact Gabriella gabriella.iranifey@gmail.com

Pastoral Council online Wed 29 Nov 7:30pm

Collection 19 Nov: €3073,92; Coffee €109,03; Shrines €179,15; bookstall 115; Syrian Orthodox: 30; Flowers 50 and through ADP: €225

NB: French Tax Receipts 2023 for donations before 31st December 23 (from website or cheque to "St Joseph ADP"

US tax Receipts: donations of dollar cheques can get a St Joseph's receipt.

Thanks to all for your generosity.

Feed the Homeless: Sat 2 Dec at 11:30am on parvis.

Marriage preparation

Next course Registrations for Feb 2024 are open: stjosephparis@orange.fr

Parish Library Sundays in the entrance hall.

URL <https://stjosephlibrary.librarika.com/>

Clarence & Tom tomheneghan@gmail.com

Baptisms twice a month at 12:30pm.

Preparation once a month.

All Registrations via our website www.saintjosephs.fr

Bible Study: Wednesdays 10:30am Study of the captivity letters of St Paul.

<https://biblestudystjosephsparis.wordpress.com/>

Christmas Carols: Friday 15 Dec at 8pm

CCD : Christmas Nativity Play/Pageant on Sunday 17 Dec 3pm. Please note: To Parents: Rehearsal is at 2pm yagparis@yahoo.com

Bible Reading to Children (4+yr) 9:30am Mass, by the shrine of our Lady -except school holidays.

The Giving Tree: installed very soon; please place children presents labelled with age range and gender if relevant.

Christmas Masses: 24 Dec 5:30pm; 7:30pm; 10pm- 25 Dec at 11am

CCD HYGIENE & FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 2023

SEE POSTER FOR DETAILS



WHY THE OPTION FOR THE POOR?



Pope Francis began to experience the ire of many Catholics from his first day as bishop of Rome. He chose the name Francis because he felt called to be a defender of the poor people of the world. In this role, Francis pointed out that the economic system based on the unbridled pursuit of wealth means that people are sometimes sacrificed for the sake of profit. Jobs are lost, wages are cut, prices are raised creating even greater poverty. The wealthy and powerful advocates of the prevailing economic model did not like what Francis said and some of them have funded a fierce campaign against him. This is all public knowledge.

Why is Pope Francis such a champion of the poor? Why does the Church make a preferential option for the poor? Are the poor better, holier, more moral than others? Are the rich bad or immoral? This is certainly not what is implied.

God loves everyone, rich and poor, the strong and the weak, the lucky and unlucky, the fortunate and unfortunate. God has no favourites. However, God is always on the lookout for those who are being put down, whose infinite worth and dignity is not recognised or respected. When the good things of the earth are being appropriated by a few and leaving the many languishing without the necessities of life, God is moved and asks us to open our eyes, to be compassionate, and to do something about it.

The Kingdom of God is where nobody is ignored, neglected, regarded as dispensable or second class. Our God and King intervenes to rescue those people whose dignity and value is denied, ignored or negated in any way. He is the Good Shepherd who carries the weak, binds up wounds, and feeds the hungry. Our King is the lover of the poor.

