



Saint Joseph's Passionist Church

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Christ King of the Universe
Solemnity

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Saturday: Mass 11am; Vigil: 6.30 p.m.

Sun Mass: 9.30, 11 & 12.30; 6.30 pm

Mon-Friday Mass 8:30am

Every Saturday before Mass: Eucharistic Adoration: 10:30am.

Confession: Saturday: 11.30 – 12.30 & 5 – 6 p.m. or by appointment.

CCD FHC Parents: Still some Baptism certs missing; Confirmations: a few still missing as well, please urgently scan to stjosephparis@orange.fr

CCD payments missing: please check with Chris on Sunday

CCD Children Christmas Pageant, 3 to 4pm on Sunday 15 December.

Parents: please check with your teacher if your child wish to participate. There will be 2 rehearsals : **Sunday 8 & 15 Dec, from 2 - 3pm**, you may also contact yagparis@yahoo.com

Talk 3 on Non Violent Communication by Fabienne: Sat 23 November starts at 1pm (Welcome and Refreshments at 12:30pm)

Magnificat for December available for 1€ at the bookstall.

Bible study Wed. 27 Nov : 10:30am
RCIA: Thursday 28 Nov at 8pm
Marriage preparation: Sun 1 & 15 Dec

EVERYONE NEEDS A PRAYER!
St. Joseph's Online Prayer Warrior will have an Online Prayer every Friday evening at 8.30pm starting November 22, 2024. Intentions can be sent to Venci @ stjoparis50avhoche@gmail.com Call him at St. Joseph's for more details.

CAKE SALE this Sunday morning :
A group of sea scouts will be selling home made cakes on the parvis. The money earned will contribute to renting a sailing boat for their summer camp 2025. You can also hire them for removal help or carrying heavy things: tel Rodrigue 0745242273. Thank you for your welcome and generosity !

Collection 17 Nov: 3023.25; cc 426 coffee: 61.10; ADP: 720; Shrines: 631.44; Bookstall: 60 . THANKS a lot.
NB: All "St Joseph ADP" (cheque or screen donations are 66% tax refundable, receipt is sent by the diocese of Paris. MANY THANKS to our donors for their great generosity
\$ cheques to "St Joseph's church": Tax receipts are available, ask the parish.

Feed the Homeless Sat 7 Dec at 11:30

Ya Mass is on Sat 30 Nov 6:30pm.

Next Pastoral Council on Wednesday 11 Dec at 7:30pm at St Joseph's

Christ the King

Reflection by Bernard Treacy O.P.

The Feast of Christ the King is relatively recent. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in the aftermath of the First World War and in the face of the rise of totalitarian regimes - Soviet Communism in Russia, the National Socialist movement in Germany, and Fascism in Italy. These movements claimed absolute loyalty from all citizens. In the face of such all-demanding philosophies, the Pope pointed to the Gospel truth that the Word of God as revealed in Jesus stands in judgement over all systems of economics or politics. Celebrating this feast in honour of the One to whom the title "king" was given during his lifetime, only in mockery and derision and, even more sinisterly, to bring about his condemnation and death, is to evoke a loyalty to Gospel truth, which transcends all other loyalties.

The same Pope went on to give distinguished witness to what it means to venerate Christ as our king. In 1937, he addressed an encyclical, written in German and entitled "On the Church and the German Reich".

In "Mit brennender Sorge", he condemned the "myth of race and blood" and the idolizing of the State. He also vigorously defended the Old Testament as an authentic part of the Christian inheritance. In the last months of his life, he had begun work on an encyclical, to be called *Humani Generis Unitas*, which would explicitly condemn anti-Semitism. Sadly, the work was not taken up or completed by his successor.

If Christ's kingdom is to come about, it can only be when his followers are so committed to truth that their witness will overcome the power of darkness which distorts our perception of ourselves and the world around us. Thus, love will overcome hatred and the suffering, the wars and the evil and hurt caused by hatred. This is possible because Jesus had not left us. He is with us "until the end of the age", guiding and helping us through the power of the Spirit of truth.