

**Do you recognize that the Lord Jesus have been given all authority and power to reign over heaven and earth?**

Jesus was crucified for his claim to be the Messiah King (John 18:37) who would rule not only over his people Israel but ultimately over all the nations as well (Daniel 7:13-14).

**Jesus' claim to kingship**

Jesus came to deliver his people, and the whole world, from the worst kind of tyranny possible - from bondage to sin, condemnation and death, and to free us from Satan's kingdom of deception, oppression, and destruction. Jesus came to conquer hearts and souls for an unshakeable kingdom - a kingdom ruled not by force or fear - but by the power of God's righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17).

When Satan tempted Jesus during his forty day fast in the wilderness, he offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world (Matthew 4:8-9) Jesus knew that the world was in Satan's power. And this was precisely why Jesus came - to overthrow Satan's power and deception over the earth. Jesus knew that the way to victory was through submission to his Father's will and strategy for overcoming sin and Satan in the world. The Father sent his only begotten Son into the world, not to condemn it, but to save it through the atoning sacrifice which Jesus would make for us through the shedding of his blood on the cross of Calvary.

As Jesus was dying on the cross, he was mocked for his claim to kingship. Nonetheless, he died not only as King of the Jews, but King of all the nations as well. His victory over the power of sin, Satan, and the world, was accomplished through his death on the cross and his rising from the tomb on the third day - never to die again. Jesus exchanged a throne of glory for a cross of shame to restore us from slavery to sin to glory with God as his adopted sons and daughters. In the Book of Revelation Jesus is called King of kings and Lord and lords (Revelations 19:16).

Do you recognize Jesus Christ as your King and Lord?



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MASS INTENTIONS

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**Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

+Des Gilling  
Requested by Carol Brady

**Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

+Jane & Don Bechard  
Requested by The Bechard Family

**Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

+Frank Power  
Requested by Paul Power

**Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

+Sharon Vernon  
Requested by Paul and Claudia DeCourcy

**Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

+Richard Ainey

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REST IN PEACE

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In your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of:  
Richard Ainey  
All those in the Book of Remembrance

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

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The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of  
+Chang Bee Ming

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Ellwood Donnelly, Philip Teixeira, John W., Paul Holliday, Gerry Genuino, Baby Isaiah Liam, Baby Owen, Patrick O'Neill, Jacob McLean, Elaine Atwood



Please remember the St. Vincent De Paul poor box as you exit the church.



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**IN THE NEWS**

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**Advent Day of Confessions:**

St. John's Parish: Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM – 7PM  
 Corpus Christi: Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10 – 11AM or 6 – 7PM  
 Corpus Christi: Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10 – 11AM or 6 – 7PM

Every Saturday: 3:30PM – 4:15PM

**Friars Student Writing Contest**

Friars Student Writing Contest, 2025 (Nov 11, 2024-Jan 13, 2025). Theme: Do you believe this? (John 11:26) High School students, aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese, are invited to participate in this annual event. Email [ecumenical@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenical@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions or for more information.

**Vocations**

If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, call, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**Gift of Securities**

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with a gift of securities. When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publically traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. For more information, contact our office at [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)

**GLORIA! St. Michael's Choir School 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert at Massey Hall**

Saturday, December 14 at 7 PM: *St. Michael's Choir School presents GLORIA!* -A magical blend of secular and sacred choral repertoire to usher in this Christmas season. Tickets are now available at: [www.masseyhall.com](http://www.masseyhall.com). Promo Code: STARLIGHT. For more information, please call 416-397-6367.

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*In the manifold instances in which we experience darkness and despair, confusion and defeat - we are called to bear hope, the hope that never disappoints ~Archbishop Leo*

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**PARISH NEWS / EVENTS**

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**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**

<b>Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	
4:15PM	Christmas Children's Pageant
4:30PM	Mass – Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. Joshua
7:45PM	Prelude – Caroling
8:00PM	Mass Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. Joshua
9:45PM	Prelude – Caroling
10:00PM	Mass Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. Joshua

<b>Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	
11:00AM	Mass – Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. Joshua

<b>Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024</b>	
4:30PM	Mass – Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. Joshua

<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Wednesday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b>	
11:00AM	Mass – Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. Joshua

**2024 / 2025 Sunday Missals Are Available For Sale**  
 The cost for the adult missals is \$8 and the Children's missals remain at \$11.

**Book Of Names Of The Dead**

November is the month the Church traditionally remembers the faithful departed. We invite you to record the names of deceased relatives and friends in the Remembrance Book which will be placed near the Statue of Our Lady this month. We will remember them at all November Masses.