

# St Joseph's of Stratford Parish

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Weekly Bulletin



**Solemnity of Christ the King**

**November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

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Dear Parishioners,

INRI is prominently displayed on the crucifix in every Catholic Church and home. It is an abbreviation of the Latin, "Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum" which translates to "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews" as found in the Gospel of John chapter 19, verse 19. This was not an honorary title, it was meant to ridicule Jesus, as if a king could be crucified. And that is precisely the point. The Son of God freely chose to suffer and die for us. An army of angels at his command and yet he offered himself as a sacrifice to atone for our sins. As we enter the season of Advent let us be mindful of this great mystery of faith that is about to unfold, that Christ humbled himself to share in our humanity, that we may come to share in the divinity of Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tom

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:30 am

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## PARISH CALENDAR

### November

#### **Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>**

YMSR egg sandwich breakfast: 11/25 - 12/16

### December

**Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> 9am to 3pm** – Annual Christmas Fair

**Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup>** There will be a meeting of the Ladies Society after Mass.

**Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>** 1st annual Christmas Tree Trimming Buffet Breakfast - Invite Friends

#### **BY THE WEEK**

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
12:30 - 2:30 pm  
Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm  
Irish Dance, 5:30 – 7:00pm  
Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

*For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact Father Tom by Wednesday: [frtpwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:frtpwalsh@gmail.com)*

## READERS ROSTER

November 25    December 2    December 9

Ray Morrison    Nancy Anzalone Ed Slonina



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Darlene praying for God's blessing on **Conner Owens on his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Meg Krasko praying for **all our military on their day. Special prayers for Major Krasko.**

Carol Murdzia praying for **Veronica Solomon.**

For those intentions that we hold in our hearts known to God alone.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### **Donation of Walmart Gift Cards**

For the past several years member churches of the Stratford Clergy Association have collected \$25 Walmart gift cards for distribution to the regulars at the Lord's Kitchen. The goal this year is for each member church to consider donating 10 gift cards, at a total cost of \$250. It is estimated that 100 cards are needed this year. If you would like to donate to this cause, please see Fr. Tom.

### **Winter is Coming!**

The cold weather is coming and there are many people who need warm clothing. If you have winter items you won't be using, please bring them here to St. Joseph's. Your extra clothing, boots, blankets, etc., will be brought to Blessed Sacrament Church and will help the less fortunate stay warm. Thank you for your generosity.

### **St. Joseph's Christmas Fair Saturday, December 1, 9am – 3 pm**

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching! Saturday, December 1, will be here before we know it, and your help is needed to make this fun day successful. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for you to indicate how you are willing to participate. Please be sure to spread the word of the Fair around to your family, friends, and neighbors. For more information, see Joe Pelland or contact him at 203-377-4655 or [joepell639@aol.com](mailto:joepell639@aol.com).

It was decided to have a Tag Sale Table at the Christmas Fair for the benefit of our church. If you have any gently used or new items you would like to donate (no clothing please), please leave them in the classroom with a note "for the Christmas Tag Sale." Thanking you in advance for helping to make our fair a success.

### **Christmas Baskets**

The Ladies Society is collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the Christmas Baskets. Please bring your donations to the classroom. Thank you for your generosity!

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## Sunday Readings

### First Reading

**Daniel 7:13-14**

#### A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

**The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

#### Responsorial Psalm

The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.

### Second Reading

**Revelation 1:5-8**

#### A reading from the Book of Revelation

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

**The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**

### Gospel

**John 18:33-37**

#### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Pilate said to Jesus,  
"Are you the King of the Jews?"  
Jesus answered,  
"Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"  
Pilate answered,  
"I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"  
Jesus answered,  
"My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."  
So Pilate said to him,  
"Then you are a king?"  
Jesus answered,  
"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

**The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

