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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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." - Jn 18:37

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Sacraments of the Church

Masses: Saturday Vigil – 4:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. (Creole)

Daily Liturgy: Monday through Wednesday 12:10 p.m. **Communion Service** Friday 7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:00p.m. in Chapel or contact the Rectory to schedule an appointment

Charismatic Prayer Sponsored by the Haitian Community: Thursday 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Infant Baptism: By appointment. Please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

Inquirers:

Find out what it means to be Catholic while considering Baptism or Confirmation. If you are an adult whom has not received these sacraments and are considering doing so, please call Fr Joe MacCarthy at the Rectory.



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Saturday, November 20, 2021		
4:00 p.m.	Francis J. Casey, Jr. Edward Casey	Birthday Memorial Memorial
Sunday, November 21, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	Michael Wahl	Anniversary
	Joseph Alicandro	6 Month Anniversary
11:00 a.m.	George, Sr., George, Jr, & Gertrude Olson	10th Anniversary
Monday, November 22, 2021		
12:10 p.m.	Carmine Mancuso	Memorial
Tuesday, November 23, 2021		
12:10 p.m.	Omer Surette	Memorial
Wednesday, November 24, 2021		
12:10 p.m.	Robert Gerbrands	Healing
Saturday, November 27, 2021		
4:00 p.m.	Daniel & Paul O'Brien	Anniversary
Sunday, November 28, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	Ann Sheahan	Memorial
11:00 a.m.	Yvonne Gallant, Lucy & Val Gallant	Memorial
	Joan Swarms	Memorial



Please remember our sick, their families, and caregivers, in your prayers. May God's healing presence be with them.

Mary Wall, Vinny Nguyen, Arlene Hinsley, Larry Higgins, Rick Gerbrands, David Barry, Patricia Gillan, Cyril MacDonald, Pat Fisk, Lawlor Family, Bobby Rudolph, Bill Baril, Josie Woodwell, Jean McCarthy, T.M., Joan Melanson, Elaine Rossignol, More Family, Luther Family, John More, Andrew More, Normile Family, David O'Hearn, James Higgins, Dani Steininger, Johnson Family, Mary Clarke, Thomas Fisher, Gerry Luongo, Lee-McCarthy Family. Joan Gianino, Helen Dixon, Christina Sicari, Bob Cyr, Amber Healy Bassett, Antonio Pinto, Don Coram, Alexia Jones, Lorretta McQuade, Joy Sanders, Maria Frazier, Mary White, Michael White, Terry Sullivan, Paul G. Levesque, Elsa LaTorre, Sue & Bob Bullen , Izilda Lopes, Barbara Glick, Mary Corbett, Pamela Nadeau, Mary Hurley, Theodore (Teddy) Coughlin, Margaret Pedro, Sephora Rubim, John MacIsaac, Sr. Phyllis Doucet, Karen Whittaker, Chip Paoletti, Bob Gerbrands Perrone Family, Carol Drummey, Betty Mitchell. Oreste Luongo, Katie Quinn, Alice Ronchetti.

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(U.S. Air Force)



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(U.S. Air Force)



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(U.S. Marines Reserves)

Staff Sergeant Riley Higgins
(U. S. Army)

L Cpl Alexander J. Casey
(U.S. Marines)

Our prayers go out to all men and women who are serving our country may God protect them.

CHRIST THE KING

PASTORAL STAFF

To reach our pastoral staff please call 617-547-4880 and choose one of the extensions listed below

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Thank You for your Continued Support During this Difficult Time

Parishioner's donations for Nov. 13th & 14th

\$2,596.00. from the English community

\$1,221.00 from the Haitian community

\$Due to early transmission no data available

\$3,817.00 Total

If you have forgotten your envelope or are visiting, please use one of the yellow "Welcome" envelopes found in the information centers at the entrances of the church

Are you new to the Parish or just visiting

Welcome! Thank you for joining our parish in celebrating

Mass. Whether you are visiting, or in the

area for studies, or new to the community, please know that we are delighted to have you among us.

We would like to meet you. Please say hello to any priest, minister or staff after Mass, or call

617-547-4880 or e-mail info@stjohncambridge.org

We are here to serve you!

This Week's Second Collection Retirement Fund for Women Religious

This weekend the Archdiocese will take up the Collection for Retired Sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact the, Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637

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Weekly Reflection

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, a question worth asking ourselves today is, "Is Jesus my King?" Is Jesus the center of my life? What can I do to remain close to Jesus with him at the center of all that I am and all that I do? These practices will keep you centered on Christ: Take time every day for prayer. Make it a practice to go to regular confession. Receive Christ, the Bread of Life, in Holy Communion at every Mass. Reach out to others through some charitable action. Begin this new year with more than resolve, begin it by taking these action steps!

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Gingerbread Bake-Off



The Young Adults Group is hosting the St. John's **Gingerbread Bake-Off!** Come view and/or bring your own gingerbread creations on November 20th starting at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall, eating will begin at 6pm, with an award ceremony at 6:30pm. There will be prizes for the '**Best Decorated!**'; '**Best Tasting!**'; '**Tallest!**' and '**Most Innovative!**' So even if you aren't as comfortable baking or living arrangements are not conducive to baking, there are prizes to be won if you want to buy some cookies and just decorate! We will also need taste testers! Families with young ones could have an early dinner and come for dessert or for late eaters, it is a chance to have dessert first! Everyone is of course welcome to stay on after to continue socializing. This event will be family friendly and so we invite one and all to join! Note that there will be a sign-in sheet at the door for contact tracing.



Saint John's Parishioners & the Cambridge Fire Department once again are partnered with the United States Marine Corps Reserve to collect toys for children for our annual "Toys-For-Tots" Drive. The "Toys-For-Tots" program brings our entire community together especially during this special season of the year. New, unwrapped toys will be collected at the church beginning on Saturday, November 20th 2021 thru Sunday, December 12, 2021. Collection boxes will be located at the front of the church and the lower level across from the elevator. If you have any questions, please call Caron or Bill Courier at 617-492-7607. Thank you very much for your donations. GOD BLESS!

Mark Your Calendars!

Here is a quick list of upcoming events at St. John's to help you "mark your calendars"!

November:

- **Book of Reembraces** – Located at front of church.
- **Gingerbread Bake-off**– Sat. November 20th 5:30 pm Parish Hall
- **Thanksgiving Mass** - Thursday Nov. 25th 9:00 am
- **Toys for Tots Boxes** - Boxes will be at back of church from Nov. 20th thru Dec. 12.th.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord of all the blessings you have bestowed,
source of all life, giver of all grace:
We thank you for the gift of life:
for the breath that keeps us alive, the food of this earth
that sustains life,
for the love of family and friends
without which there would be no life.
Father, we thank you for the mystery of creation:
for the beauty that the eye can see,
the melody that the ear may hear,
also for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the
universe with wonder,
for the reaches of space that draws us beyond the
definitions of our selves.
We thank you for setting us in communities:
for families who foster our becoming,
the friends who love us by choice,
for companions at work, who share our burdens and
daily responsibilities,
also for the strangers who welcome us into their hearts,
for people from other lands who call us to expand in
understanding,
the children who brighten our moments with delight,
and for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.
Lord, we thank you for this day:
for life and an extra day to love,
the opportunities and one more day to work for justice
and peace,
for the neighbors and one more person to love
and by whom be loved,
also for your grace and one
more opportunity to experience your presence,
for your promise:
to be with us,
to be our God,
and to give salvation.
For these, and all blessings,
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,
through Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen."

Thanksgiving Dinner Prayer

"O Glorious Father, we give you thanks for your infinite generosity to us. Lord thank you for the blessings of the food we are about to eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those present here. Thank you for our health, our work, and our play. Father Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen."

Mary Cronk Farrell

Pastor's Corner

The Gospel selection taken from John for proclamation on this Sunday celebration of Christ the King presents a contrast between the Kingdoms of this world and the misunderstanding within the political realm that Jesus is seeking to claim such a crown and the reality of which Jesus is speaking which is the spiritual realm of the Kingdom of God. Pilate, the representative of the Emperor, calls Jesus into the praetorium because he has heard, wrongly, that Jesus is claiming to be King of the Jews and therefore a threat to the overseeing Roman Empire. He must interrogate Jesus to identify the truth and whether the threat is real. Pilate questions Jesus regarding the reason for His being handed over to that authority which has power to prosecute Him. "Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus is quick to clarify that the kingdom of which He speaks is not an earthly realm with claims of power against the Roman rule. "My kingdom is not here!" But Pilate accuses Him still of claiming to be a king, even though he misunderstands and believes it to be an earthly one. Jesus refutes him and clarifies with a final powerful proclamation. "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." It is important to remember that John has described Jesus as the Word of God, who has come into the world to offer salvation through sacrifice once and for all on the Cross. His voice is the Word, the reality of God Incarnate and the announcement of the truth as the already and not yet achieved Kingdom of God. This truth supersedes any claim to an earthly throne, no matter how temporarily powerful the claimant. Pilate and the Roman Empire, as all earthly things, will fade to black, but the truth offered in Jesus will extend into eternity, defeating even time itself.

We experience the Kingdom of God's truth as already available in the now in our humble acceptance of His grace and our willingness to belong to the truth. We will one day experience those aspects of the Kingdom for which we await in hope, which are not yet. While God is present to us now in and through the Incarnation of Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit, we will be present to Him one day in the fullness of truth where there will be no need for faith or even hope. As we participate in the already of the Kingdom so we, by that participation, will one day be called to the Kingdom of the not yet in eternity.

We want to thank all those who enjoyed the Christmas Fair! Thanks for your generosity as it satisfies some of the needs of our parish. We thank those in

particular who worked so hard behind the scenes and on the weekend itself. The names of those volunteers have been listed in last week's bulletin. Thanks to all. We continue to head toward satisfaction and perhaps overreach of our Grand Annual Collection, the entirety of such remains in our parish to be applied to satisfaction of needs. If you have not yet given, we ask each family to consider a gift of \$350.00. Please consider a gift prayerfully, and we thank those who have already given. On behalf of the priests and staff of Saint John's I wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving! We have so much for which to be thankful and among those thanks are those offered to those who bring food to the rectory porch to be distributed to those who have less.

As we are brought to the edge and beginning of the celebration of Advent, we look forward to increased opportunities for prayer offered during the season. Please try to be a part of some or all of our increased activities and step away awhile to consider the coming of the Christ child. Thanks and have great week!
God Bless, Fr. Joe

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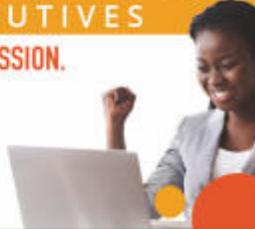
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