

St. Joseph's Church
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November 21st, 2021

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered,
"You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a



Pilato le dijo: "¿Conque tú eres rey?" Jesús le contestó: "Tú lo has
dicho. Soy rey". - Jn 18, 37

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Saturday, November 20th-4:00pm

For all of our Priests who help and guide us in keeping our Faith strong.

Sunday, November 21st-10:00am

*Peter Brock from the King Family
Ian Moreau's 29th birthday from Family*

Monday, November 22nd

No Mass

Tuesday, November 23rd

No Mass

Wednesday, November 24th

No Mass

Thursday, November 25th

No Mass

Friday, November 26th

No Mass

Saturday, November 27th-4:00pm

Dwight Gorham by the Lacque & Roberts Families

Sunday, November 28th-10:00am

Elsie Etu by Bob & Gayle Smith



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." — *Lk. 19:12*

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

Helping Hands Poor Box:

Please remember the poor and needy! We have specially designed "helping hands boxes" located at the entrances of the church for donations. Your gifts are used to help the less fortunate in our community. You would be truly amazed to know how many people call and stop in for food, shelter and other basic needs, especially with the upcoming holidays. Thank you all for your gifts for helping those in need.

If you or anyone you know would like to be placed on our prayer line please call Pat Turner at 747-4994



LIVESTREAMING MASS

St. Joseph's is live streaming the 10:00am Sunday Mass. You may view the mass every week at: www.rcda.org/livemass When you are on the site just scroll down the right side to find St. Joseph's Church in Fort Edward



COVID GUIDELINES

As of this weekend we have not changed any of our COVID policies. We ask that you wear a mask when entering and exiting the church.. You may take your mask off during services; however, you must wear it during communion. If you are not vaccinated, we ask that you wear your mask at all times, removing it only to receive Communion. With COVID still among us, we want everyone to be as safe as possible. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Liturgical Ministers— November 27 & 28
Saturday-4:00pm

Cantor: Kaaren Evens
Lector: Julie Leonelli,
Communion: Colleen Carpenter & Kathy Huntington

Sunday- 10:00am

Cantor: Pat Frederick
Lector: Gayle Smith
Communion: Larry Konopka & Colleen LaPan

Liturgical Ministers— November 20 & 21
Saturday-4:00pm

Cantor: Kate Lanci
Lector: Pat Goodspeed
Communion: Barbara & Todd Wicks

Sunday-10:00am

Cantor: Mary Lou Strode
Lector: Gary Evens
Communion: Theresa Gillis Bonnie Herbaly



Next week, November 28th, is the First Sunday of Advent. If you or your family would like to light the Advent candle at the beginning of one of the masses of advent, please call the church office at 518-747-5117.



Readings for the week of
November 21, 2021

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/
Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
[52b]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/
Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn
3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73,
74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk
21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/
Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps
25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



FOOD PANTRY

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just a few weeks away. The food pany will begin stocking their shelves for these two holidays soon. They will be doing baskets and they are requesting bread mixes, jars of olives and pickles, stuffing mixes, boxed potatoes and vegetables, and any and everything needed to make these Holidays special for those less fortunate than ourselves here in our community. You may drop off your donations at the church entrances or you may bring them to the church office between 9:00 & 1:00 Monday thru Friday. Thank you all in advance for your thoughtfulness towards others.

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