

## Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year C)

**Reflection:** "Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life..." (Gospel Luke). The 1<sup>st</sup> reading gives us hope, while the Gospel warns us that in order to be recipients of such hope, our lives ought to be nurtured and inculcated to increase ourselves spiritually heavenward. If you find yourself worrying and being anxious about the cares of your life and this world, it may be a sign (like the signs of stars & natural phenomenon of past weeks) of an attachment that you were unaware of. Let us ready ourselves for the Advent of our Saviour.

**Entrance:** 278 On Jordan's Bank

**Entrance Ant.:** *To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

**Ordinaries:** Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

**Psalm:** *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

**Offertory:** 638 Jesu Joy of Our Desiring  
646 Be Thou My Vision

**Communion Ant.:** *The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.*

**Communion:** 841 Beautiful Saviour  
**Recessional:** 296 Come O Long Expected Jesus

**Marian Anthem:** 471 Alma Redemptoris Mater



**Conductor:** Ben  
**Cantor:** Denyse  
**Organist:**  
**On Leave:** Ken, Chris  
**Pre-Mass Chorale:**

## November 2018 (Year B)

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# STS. PETER & PAUL CHOIR

## Christ, Our King

Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in his encyclical letter *Quas primas* of 1925, in response to growing secularism and in the context of the unresolved Roman Question.

*Quas primas* was a follow up to Pius's initial encyclical, *Ubi arcano Dei consilio*, in which he stated, "...as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations." The Pope then enjoined the faithful to seek "the Peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ".

*Quas primas* established the Feast of Christ the King which was Pope Pius XI's response to the world's increasing secularization and nationalism. It was written in the aftermath of World War I, which saw the fall of the Hohenzollerns, Romanovs, Habsburgs, and the Osmands. In contrast, Pope Pius XI pointed to a king "of whose kingdom there shall be no end".

According to Cyril of Alexandria, "Christ has dominion over all creatures, ...by essence and by nature." His kingship is founded upon the hypostatic union. "...The Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created."

"From this it follows that to Christ angels and men are subject. Christ is also King by acquired, as well as by natural right, for he is our Redeemer. ...' We are no longer our own property, for Christ has purchased us "with a great price"; our very bodies are the "members of Christ." A third ground of sovereignty is that God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion. "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Matthew 28:18)

The feast has an eschatological dimension pointing to the end of time when the kingdom of Jesus will be established in all its fullness to the ends of the earth. It also leads into Advent, when the Church commemorates the arrival of the newborn king.

## Announcements

### 1. Combined Rehearsals with the Orchestra Vivaldi's "Gloria" RV589

Please take note of the following dates where we will be having combined rehearsals with the Orchestra in SPP Church.

These sessions will be held on Saturdays after 5:30pm Mass, and a quick dinner.

**Saturdays, 7:30pm – 9:30pm in the Church itself.**

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
December 22<sup>nd</sup>, December 29<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for your dedication to studying and sharing this piece.

On the above dates, Nov 3 & 10; Dec 22:  
We will meet **3:30pm** for Christmas Repertoire Practices



### 2. Blessing of the Advent Wreath & Lighting of the Candles

Please take note there will be blessing of Advent Wreath on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.  
On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, there will be lighting of the Candles by one member of the laity.

## Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reflection:** The commandments given in Deuteronomy, as well as the many laws: should's and should not's during the time of Moses, and then increased in detail by the Judges of Israel, give us a complex & burdensome idea of "righteousness" as a person of God. Jesus came to simplify it. He gave us the real essence: that if we possess the love of God, and love for neighbour, we then possess the spirit needed to live out these ways of goodness. He reminds us that nurturing this spirit of Love for God and for Man supersedes even the deeds we make outwardly out of responsibility or culture habits.



**Entrance:** 590 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

**Entrance Ant.:** *Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!*

**Ordinaries:** *Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII*

**Psalm:** *I love you Lord my strength.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life; you have the message of eternal life.*

**Offertory:** 667 Faith of Our Fathers

**Communion Ant.:** *You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.*

**Communion:** 856 Abide With Me  
**Recessional:** 462 All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve Regina

**Conductor:** Chris  
**Cantor:** Jess  
**Organist:** Dorothy

**On Leave:**

**Pre-Mass Chorale:**

## Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> November: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reflection:** The lands were in severe drought and famine at the time Elijah had gone into the mountains. He was escaping for his life for the Queen had sent her temple guards to kill him. Likewise, the widow had resigned herself and her son to death because of the famine. Yet, what little she had, she still could give out of her generosity and kindness to Elijah. The parallels in the Gospel speak of the same generosity of the lady who gave 2 coins in the temple offering. And Jesus exhorts this virtue of generosity: we came with nothing, therefore let nothing hinder us from giving to others, and to God.



**Entrance:** 590 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

**Entrance Ant.:** *Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

**Ordinaries:** *Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII*

**Psalm:** *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.*

**Offertory:** 741 Holy Wisdom Lamp of Learning

**Communion Ant.:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.*

**Communion:** 572 Blessed By Your Sacrifice  
**Recessional:** 462 All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve Regina

**Conductor:** Ken  
**Cantor:** Denyse  
**Organist:** Jacq

**On Leave:** Chris

**Pre-Mass Chorale:**

## Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reflection:** Themes from the Book of Revelations surface: the stars falling, a new heaven & a new earth, the 4 winds from the ends of the earth to the heavens. A great natural phenomenon is said to occur – foretelling the coming of Christ. If one is attached to this world, then the situation seems dire. If one is fixed unto heaven, the scenario is a transition. The Entrance Antiphon assures us, that despite our lack of understanding of how things seem to appear, that God only wants goodness for us. As we anticipate the start of Advent, how ready are we for the real coming of Christ?



**Entrance:** 746 The Church's One Foundation

**Entrance Ant.:** *The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.*

**Ordinaries:** *Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII*

**Psalm:** *Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.*

**Offertory:** 741 Holy Wisdom Lamp of Learning

**Communion Ant.:** *To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.*

**Communion:** 572 Blessed By Your Sacrifice  
**Recessional:** 463 Hail Redeemer King Divine

**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve Regina

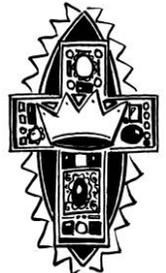
**Conductor:** Gabriel  
**Cantor:** Helen  
**Organist:** David

**On Leave:** Chris

**Pre-Mass Chorale:**

## Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November: Christ The King

**Reflection:** The visions of the prophet Daniel (1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Book of Daniel), and the Apostle John (Gospel, Revelations) details mysterious visions and allegories to the reality of what is happening in humanity. Many theologians and Christian philosophers had since attempted to decipher what the rhetoric means. If one understands the context for which the Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted into the Liturgy, then the focus would be on Christ being the King over all the earth, over all ages, and over all creatures: instead of the earthly / worldly kingdoms that Man has created.



**Entrance:** 461 Crown Him With Many Crowns

**Entrance Ant.:** *How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

**Ordinaries:** *Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII*

**Psalm:** *The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.*

**Gospel Acc.:** *Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!*

**Offertory:** 683 How Firm A Foundation

**Communion Ant.:** *The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

**Communion:** 572 Blessed By Your Sacrifice  
**Recessional:** 463 Hail Redeemer King Divine

**Marian Anthem:** 485 Salve Regina

**Conductor:** Ken  
**Cantor:** Roger  
**Organist:** Vincent

**On Leave:** Chris

**Pre-Mass Chorale:**