



Saturday, November 21: Vigil, Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

4:00 p.m. **Anthony Rapose (†)**, Birthday
Remembrance, req. by his family.

Sunday, November 22: Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. **Deceased Members of the Brien and Cartier Families (†)**, req. by Anne Brien.

10:00 a.m. **Geoffrey Doyon (†)**, Birthday
Remembrance, req. by the Migliozi family.

Monday, November 23: Weekday, Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 24: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac,

Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, November 25: Saint Catherine of

Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 a.m. **Gertrude Kulig (†)**, Fourth Anniversary,
req. by the Bard family.

Thursday, November 26: Weekday, Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. **Ernest and Lodila Bourque (†)**, req. by the
Benton family.

Saturday, November 28: Vigil, First Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. **Walter F. Richardson Jr. (†) and Marilyn J. Richardson (†)**, req. by
Walter and Karen Richardson.

Sunday, November 29: First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. **Therese Dube (†)**, Eighth Anniversary, req.
by her family.

10:00 a.m. **John Conaty (†)**, req. by the O'Brien family.

There are Mass Intentions available for weekdays and weekends. Call the office to reserve your intentions for the Living or the Deceased.



The sanctuary lamp is available for memorializing your loved ones in prayer. Call the office to reserve your week.

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Thank you!

November 14 & 15: \$1,723.00

November 14 & 15, Electronic: \$539.00

Nov., M-T-D, Ctk Building Maintenance Fund: \$743.00

November 21 & 22: Campaign for Human Development



For your Safety and the Safety of **All** a face covering needs to be worn upon entering the church and at all times during the Mass.



CTK 25 WEEK CLUB

Congratulations...
Winner Bonus Week #20,
Ticket #464
Donald Labonte

This year's **ANNUAL BAZAAR** has been reduced to the **Major Raffle** only. Your support is truly appreciated.

MAJOR RAFFLE DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

Grand Prize—\$1,000.00

2nd Prize—\$500.00

3rd Prize—\$250.00



Daily Prayer Guides for Advent

We have Daily Prayer Guides available this weekend (at the church exits) for your use during Advent and the Octave of Christmas. The booklet provides daily readings and reflections. Feel free to take one for yourself and one for a friend!

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2020

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-3

Responsorial Psalm ~ November 22, 2020

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Faith Formation

Virtual Faith Formation Classes are ongoing. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Gina Vessella, Faith Formation Coordinator at gvvessella.ckww@gmail.com, call the parish office at 401.821.9228, or visit our parish website, ctkwwri.org!



Be the Change/Project Hand Up

is in need of non-perishable food items, paper products, and toiletries. Donation bins are located at the church exits.

Once again this year "CHRISTMAS IS" will be having their annual toy distribution for the needy families in West Warwick. This year the distribution will be held Saturday, Dec. 19th. In lieu of "The Giving Tree" we will be placing large boxes in the Church in which to place any **UNWRAPPED TOYS**. The boxes will be in place from Nov. 21st to Dec. 12th. There will be no Christmas tags this year. We will be donating toys to children ages infancy to 12 and are especially in need of items for girls ages 6 to 12, arts and crafts for boys and girls ages 5 to 12, and any Lego items. Thank you for your support.



Scout Troop 31 / Cub Scout Pack 13 The Annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Fundraiser

will be held at the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, 11 Ventura St., West Warwick (near the intersection of Main St. and Wakefield St.) The stand will open Friday, Nov. 27 at 1:00PM and remain open through the last weekend before Christmas. **Trees are fresh, premium quality, local, and reasonably priced!** The boys and girls appreciate your support!!!

Beginning Monday, November 30th SS John and James & St. Mary Mission churches warmly invite you to the celebration of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. Adoration will be held on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 8:30am and 1pm. at **St. Mary Mission Church**, 70 Church St. West Warwick. **We are in need** of individuals who would be willing to **commit** to **1 hour** of adoration on either or both days. If you are interested, please contact Liz Wright at 1-401-338-9177 to schedule your hour of prayer.

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



Thanksgiving Blessings to All!



The Church Office will be Closed
Thursday and Friday, November 26th &
27th in Observance of the Holiday.

Some random thoughts

The development of the idea that God is a *king* coincides with the social and political concept that a king is a necessity, and comes late in Jewish history. Before this concept, God creates covenants that announces firsthand how God relates with the Israelites. The Israelites – once a new generation is born – forgets and the process repeats. (The saying, 'God has no grandchildren.' is readily accepted.) This makes the loose confederation of semi-nomadic tribes (who worship YHWH) vulnerable to the more cohesive socially and politically developed tribes. Relying completely on God creating covenants with them and maintaining small communal groupings is not efficient. We see (in the Book of Judges) that whenever an outside tribe threatens a tribe of Israel, it takes a charismatic person to rally the tribes (usually one or two tribes) to defend against the invaders. Once the invaders leave, the experience of God making a covenant remains fresh for that generation. Then they forget and need another firsthand experience of God making a covenant with them. God creating covenants continues after Israel chooses a king, but an intermediary (the king) is the *only* one who experiences God relating. The upside to having a king is that Israel is more socially and politically stable and efficient (always with a standing army and often at war). The downside is that a hierarchy develops and God is distant. We go through the same process when the first disciples experience the death and resurrection of Jesus. The experience of God is immediate. As time progresses and a human hierarchy evolves, the immediate experience of God is lost, and a hierarchy of intercessors develops. This peaks when Jesus is declared Christ the King. The emphasis stops being an immediate experience of God (God-with-us) to experiencing God second or third hand. Mistrust permeates the atmosphere and fear replaces love. The concept of God supplants the experience of God. Liturgy and the development of canonical saints follow. Mass is sacrifice and not community. God prefers virgins and male clerics. Pope John XXIII opened windows long closed (with his decision to call for the 2nd Vatican Council), and many in our generation experienced God firsthand. Many in the next generation have forgotten. What will it take for us to again experience God firsthand? God is good.

Parish Updates: CTK is once again supporting this year the work of the *Christmas Is* organization. Boxes are available near the St. Joseph altar. Please place the unwrapped item in one of the boxes. Thanks! We will offer a second 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass in the church hall. This will allow extra room and a better chance for all who want to celebrate on the Eve of Christmas.

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