CHANGE OF CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS

Effective November 30, 2025 the church email address will be changed to stellamarischurch@yahoo.com. We will no longer be able to access the old email as Flow will be retiring the @cwjamaica.com domain. Please ensure any emails for the church be directed to the new yahoo email address. Thank you.

HURRICANE MELISSA RELIEF FUND

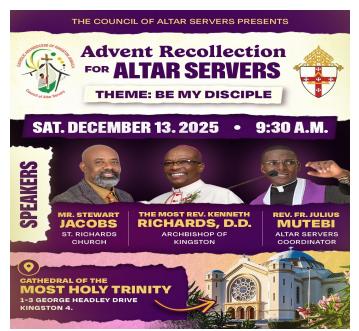
The Archdiocese of Kingston is asking that a special collection for the 'Hurricane Melissa Relief Fund' be taken up at all Masses on Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd, The Solemnity of Christ the King. Please give what you can to assist our brothers and sisters in need, to help rebuild their lives. All proceeds from this collection will be a part of the \$5,000.000.00 target from our Light of Hope Tree Lighting effort. Hope empowers us to rebuild, to comfort, and to believe that God has not abandoned us.

ARCHBISHOP'S DEVELOPMENT FUND

The date for collection of funds for this year's Archbishop Development Fund will be on Sunday, **December 28, 2025**. There will be a walk up collection at all Masses on that weekend for this purpose. Our target has remained the same as last year. We thank you for your generosity last year and once again ask for your support in giving what you can to assist us in meeting our target. When making contributions via bank transfer please indicate Archbishop Development Fund.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

AFF session will be held in the church this week Sunday, November 23rd at 11:00am. The discussion will be on the parables and how they have impacted our lives. Do come and share in this session.



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MASS TIMES: Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday – Saturday 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Appointment/Announced

Christ the King



Year C - November 23, 2025

Today's Readings

1st Reading: 2nd Reading: Gospel Reading:



2 Sm. 5: 1-3 Col 1: 12-20 Lk. 23: 35-43

Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."



Reflection for the Feast of Christ the King - Year C

The Feast of Christ the King brings the Church year to a close with a powerful reminder: God's idea of kingship is nothing like the world's. The Gospel for Year C takes us directly to Calvary. It is a surprising place to celebrate kingship, yet Luke wants us to understand that the Cross is the true throne of Christ.

In the crucifixion scene, Jesus is mocked as "King" and "Saviour," but the irony is unmistakable. The soldiers speak more truth than they know. Throughout Luke's Gospel—from the angelic announcement at his birth to this final moment—Jesus is revealed as the Saviour who brings God's mercy to a broken world. Even in his suffering, he continues this mission of forgiveness.

He forgives his executioners before they even think of asking. He welcomes the repentant thief, promising him a place in paradise. The crowds leave the scene beating their chests, aware of their own share in the world's sin. Here, at the foot of the Cross, we see the full reversal of values that Luke has been teaching all year: the true King reigns not in worldly splendour, but in self-giving love.

This feast also brings to mind another king—David. Scripture presents David as a complex and charismatic leader, full of both grace and ambition. He inspired loyalty, united the tribes, and laid the foundations for Israel's worship. God made enduring promises to David, promises of a kingdom that would last forever. Yet David himself was deeply flawed, a reminder that human kingship always falls short.

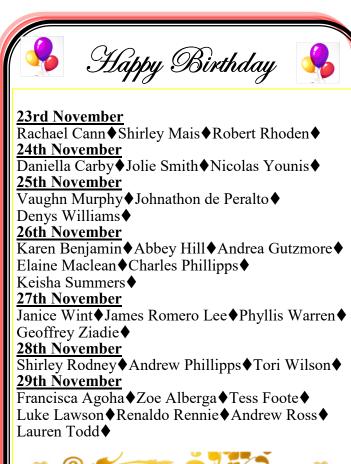
The early Church understood that these ancient promises pointed beyond David to Jesus. Where David's kingship was marked by both strength and weakness, Jesus' kingship is marked by mercy, humility, and fidelity to the Father's will. Where David gathered the tribes of Israel, Jesus gathers all humanity. Where David reigned from Jerusalem, Jesus reigns from the Cross—a throne of forgiveness, compassion, and hope.

As we celebrate Christ the King, we affirm that his kingdom is unlike any earthly one. It is a kingdom where the lowly are lifted up, where sinners find mercy, where peace conquers violence, and where love is the final word.

May we, as disciples, allow Christ to reign in our hearts and in our community—by choosing forgiveness over resentment, service over power, and hope over fear.

Christ our King, teach us to live your kingdom here and now.

Fr. Richard Brown





24th November 25th November 27th November

- **24th November** ❖Dwight & Stephanie Richards
- **25th November** ❖ Stephen & Anna-Kaye Shirley
- **27th November** ❖Steven & Keisha Cross
 - ❖David & Senya Brown
 - ❖David & Simone Mullings

