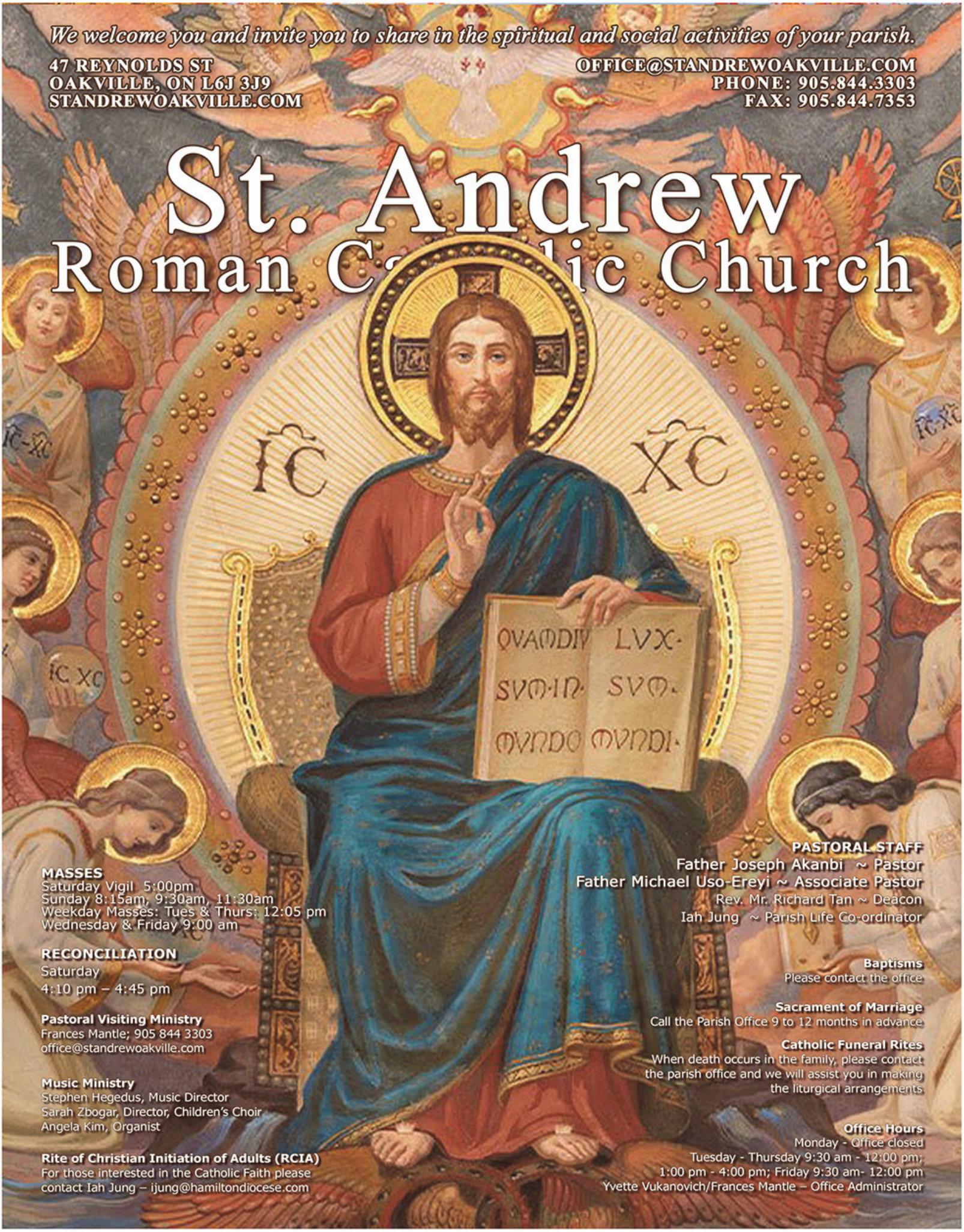
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When death occurs in the family, please contact the parish office and we will assist you in making the liturgical arrangements

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Monday - Office closed
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whatever you did for one of these … you did for me"



In one of the few times that Our Blessed Lord speaks during his trial, he responds in the affirmative to Pilate's question, "So you are king?" Our Lord says, "*You are the one saying I am a king. This is why I was born....*" (John 18:37). Before we begin Advent and a new year of grace, the Church asks us two fundamental questions: **What kind of King is Jesus? Who reigns in our hearts?**

When we hear the word "king," we might imagine crowns, palaces, armies, and power. But Jesus presents a very different picture of kingship. In the Gospel, the King is not seated on a throne surrounded by riches. Instead, He identifies Himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned.

Christ says something astonishing: ***"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*** It means that the measure of our lives will not be how powerful we were, how much money we accumulated, or how successful we appeared. At the judgement seat, the King will ask a much simpler question: **Did you recognize me in those who were in need and served me in them?**

The Fathers and Saints Speak of the King and the Kingdom

Saint John Chrysostom once said, *"If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice."* The fathers of the Church continually reminded believers that worship and charity belong together. The Christ whom we adore on the altar is the same Christ who waits for us in the poor, in the lonely, and in the forgotten little ones.

This feast also reminds us that Christ's kingdom is already among us, though not yet present in its fullness**. His kingdom is not built by force but by love.** It grows whenever forgiveness triumphs over resentment, whenever generosity overcomes selfishness, and whenever the dignity of a human person is respected and defended.



In a world that often celebrates power, status, and self interest, Jesus teaches that true greatness is found in service. The King of the universe washed the feet of His disciples. The judge of all humanity died on a cross for sinners. His crown was made of thorns, and His throne was the Cross.

Saint Augustine reflected that Christ reigns first from the wood of the Cross before He reigns in glory. His kingdom is founded on sacrificial love. Therefore, if we wish to belong to His kingdom, we must allow His love to shape our lives.

Holiness is Faith in Action

The saints understood this well. Saint Teresa of Calcutta saw Christ hidden in *"the distressing disguise of the poor."* Saint Vincent de Paul recognized Jesus in abandoned children and the suffering. Their holiness was not found merely in prayer—although they did pray deeply—but in allowing prayer to turn into action.

While Christ does call us to an awesome mission and a great responsibility, we must remember that the King who judges us, is the same Shepherd who loves us. He is not searching for reasons to condemn; he desires, rather, to gather his sheep into the house of His Father. Every act of kindness, every hidden sacrifice, every visit to someone who is lonely, every word of encouragement given in love is noticed by Him.

Many of us may feel that our efforts are small and insignificant: that we cannot solve every problem or eliminate all suffering. Yet Christ does not ask us to do everything. He asks us to love the person He places before us today.

A Holy Hour to Christ the King - We hope that many of you can join us in Eucharisitic Adoration of Jesus for an hour following the 11:30 am Mass on Nov. 22nd to mark the Solemnity of Christ the King. It will be a great opportunity to offer praise and thanks to Our King for yet another liturgical year of grace and its blessings. **Please, note that incense will be used for the concluding Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.**

A New Liturgical Year - Next Sunday, November 29th will be the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of another Liturgical calendar year. It is the year of St. Mark. The Scripture Readings for Sundays and Solemnities are of Year "B" and Year "1" for weekdays.

Holy Communion to The Sick and Homebound

Many thanks to the dedicated family members of our homebound parishioners who take communion on behalf of this Community of faith to our sisters and brothers who are

unable to join us around the table of the Sunday Eucharist. Your sacrifices of love are greatly appreciated.

"The obligation to visit and comfort those who cannot take part in the eucharistic assembly may be clearly demonstrated by taking communion to them from the community's eucharistic celebration. This symbol of unity between the community and its sick members has the deepest significance on the Lord's Day, the special day of the eucharistic assembly" (Excerpt from the Pastoral Care of the Sick, n. 73)

Please note that the Diocesan approved Norms for Communion to the Sick and Homebound (NCSH) does allow family member or other delegated members of the Parish community to exercise this ministry of love. However, the norm insists that: "At no time is the Eucharist to be placed in a pyx presented by a communicant during the Communion procession." (cf. NCSH n. 5, October 19, 2026).



To this end, those family members who intend on taking Holy Communion to the homebound should endeavour to come to the sacristy with their pyxes before Mass and place an appropriate number of unconsecrated hosts within them. The pyxes will then be placed on the credence table for consecration at Mass. They will be handed back to you by the priest during the concluding rite of the Mass, or you can pick them up after Mass in the sacristy.

Those who might not be able to make it in time for Mass may approach the Deacon or any of our priests after Mass. This takes effect **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 2026.**

New Parish Website – Coming November 22nd

St. Andrew Parish will be launching a new website on November 22nd as part of the Diocese of Hamilton's Parish Website Project.

The new website will follow a shared format used by other parishes across the Diocese, making parish information easier to find and navigate. It will also provide a stronger and more secure website platform, with improved backend support and better protection against cybersecurity risks. We will continue to use our existing website address: www.standrewoakville.com.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions for our new website. For updates or questions, please email Iah Jung at ijung@hamiltondiocese.com

When Life Changes (Grief Support Program) Special Video Presentation

Coping with Christmas – Saturday, December 12, 2026 from 10:30 – Noon

Christmas is often referred to as "the most wonderful time of the year". But after bereavement, the "Season to be Jolly" can feel anything but. What can we do to cope with the grief we feel? How can we survive the season and possibly even find ways to make it meaningful? Dr. Bill Webster's "When Life Changes" video series offers some helpful hints on handling the holidays. There is no cost/pre-requisite to attend, however, registration is required. To register please email: gspstandrew@gmail.com

CWL BOXES OF HOPE



The St. Andrew's CWL is in urgent need of more 'boxes of hope' for seniors! If you can contribute a box, please get it in as soon as possible. Suggested items include toiletries, perfume, creams, jewellery, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, small decorations or ornaments, colouring books, puzzles and games. If you can not put together a full box, you may also leave items for our boxes of hope in the containers at the entrances of the church.

Masterworks of Oakville Chorus & Orchestra presents G.F. Handel's MESSIAH

Saturday, November 28th at 8 pm
Sunday, November 29th at 3 pm
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Tickets at www.masterworksofoakville.ca

🎄 🎄 Join This Year's Christmas Pageant! 🎄 🎄

The St. Andrew Children's Choir is looking for children to participate in this year's Nativity play! The performance will take place on Sunday, December 20th at 5 pm, with rehearsals held on Thursday evenings and weekends leading up to the event. No acting or singing experience is necessary!

If your child is interested in participating, or if you have any questions, please contact Samantha Cox at samanthascox@icloud.com by Thursday, November 26.

New Appointment for Bishop Wayne Lobsinger



We are pleased to share the news of the appointment of the Most Reverend Bishop Wayne Lawrence Lobsinger as the 14th Bishop of Peterborough who up until now was the Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton Diocese and was scheduled to lead our Lenten Mission. We wish Bishop Lobsinger well and we thank him for all he has done for the Diocese.

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