

Hail, Christ Our King

The readings for today's feast create a collage of images that capture different characteristics of Christ's kingship. "Shepherd" assures us his kingly rule is characterized by tenderness. "King of Israel" locates him squarely within human time and space. "Image of the Invisible God" acclaims his divine origin. "Firstborn of all Creation" places him over the entire created world. "Source of all Created Things" acknowledges him as the model after which all things were fashioned. "Head of the Body, the Church" underscores the intimacy and interrelationship between him and all those joined to him through faith and baptism. "Firstborn of the Dead" acclaims his resurrection and guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death.

The Gospel's image of Christ as the crucified king clearly interprets all the other images. He is a shepherd who protects his flock with his life, a king who rules with dedication despite shame and defeat, divine yet accepted death on a cross. He was God who became a

vulnerable child of earth, a simple man who offered himself as sacrifice, the one through whom we will all enjoy resurrection from the dead.

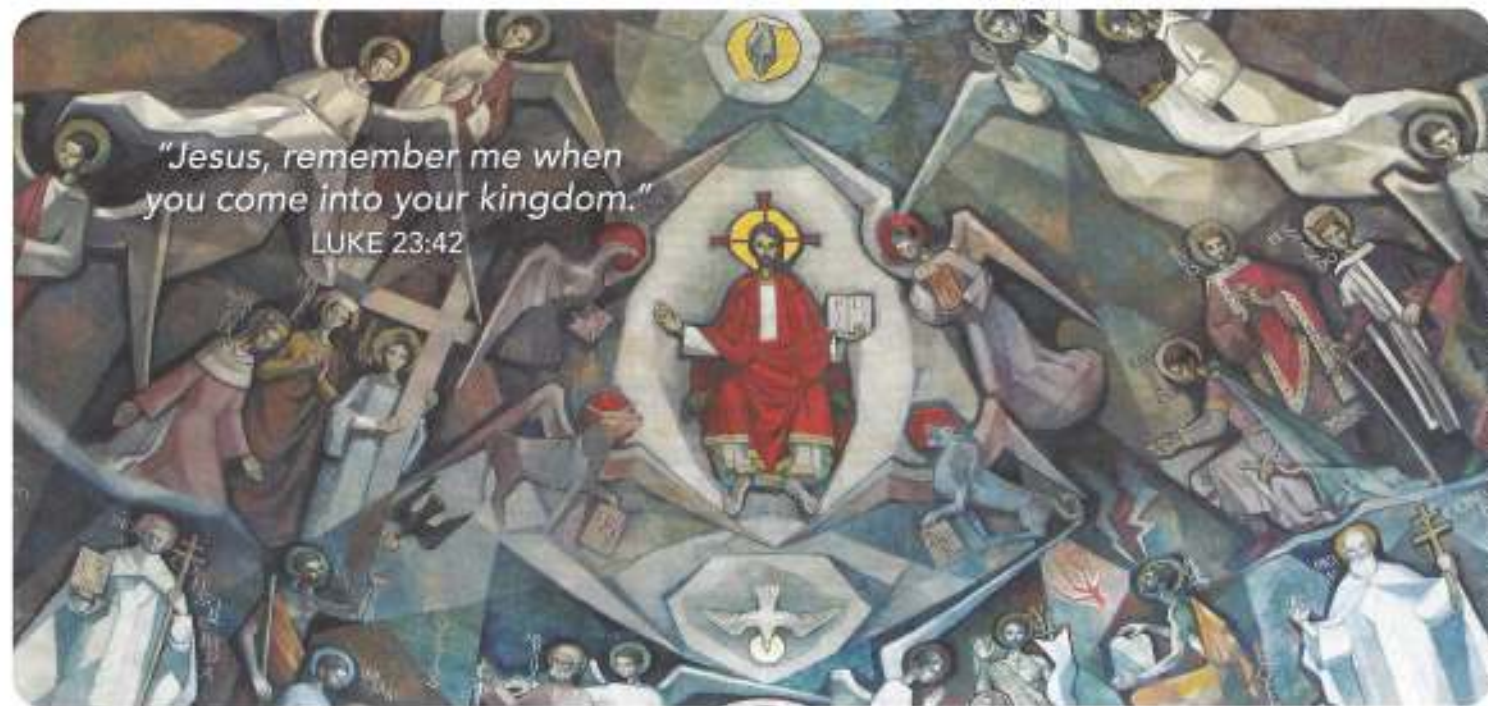
In the last words of the Gospel, Jesus opens the gates of his kingdom to a repentant sinner: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." This is what all of us long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Editor's note: This is Sr. Dianne Bergant's final reflection for *Our Parish Community*. She will continue to serve as professor of biblical studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. When a new liturgical cycle begins on November 27, 2022, we will welcome a new reflections writer, Fr. Joseph Juknialis. The people of Liguori Publications thank Sr. Dianne for her three years of insightful reflections. We wish her well.

FOR Reflection

- ✦ Which image of Christ inspires you? Why?
- ✦ What must you do to allow Christ to have sway in your life?





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9:30 am - 10:30 am at Cherry Church Hall
Sunday, November 20th - 5th thru 8th grades (held in the church)
Sunday, November 27th - Happy Thanksgiving - No Class
Sunday, December 4th - K thru 4th grades / Card & Craft Day following class

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of November 21, 2022

Monday	11/21			† No Mass
Tuesday	11/22	8:00 am	STM	† The Olivero Families
Wednesday	11/23	5:30 pm	STM (Rosary before mass)	† Connie Lauer
Thursday	11/24	9:00 am	HT - Thanksgiving	† Justin & Elizabeth Legner
Friday	11/25	8:00 am	STM	† Pete Fiocchi

Mass Intentions for the weekend of November 26-27, 2022

Saturday	11/26	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More	† Dec Mem Lavern Eiten Fam
Sunday	11/27	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Wayne Pinter
		10:30 am	St. Patrick	† Angela & Dave Miller
		5:00 pm	St. Thomas More	† For the Parishioners

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 to respond to growing secularism and atheism. This solemnity reminds us that, while worldly governments and kingdoms come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 1st - last day to donate to the **Toy Drive** sponsored by the Hall Twp Food Pantry

Dec 3rd - St Patrick **Sausage Fundraiser** pickup date

Order by Mon Nov 28th thru Ann Hunter 815-638-2691 or Lauren Koch 815-638-2224

\$20 for 5# packages of bulk or cased. Volunteers welcome to help make the sausage on the 3rd.

Dec 4th - **Card and Craft day** at HTC hall from 10:30 am - 11:30 am

All are invited. Refreshments will be served!

SPECIAL CCD HEADS-UP:

Christmas will be here before we know it. Like previous years, we will have a 4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass. Fr. Thaddeus and the CCD Team would like to have a 30 minutes "Special CCD Christmas Program" before the mass. Hence, we hope to have as many of our CCD students who are able to take part in this Special Christmas Program as possible. Parents, please help make this Christmas a long-lasting memory for your kids by allowing them to participate. Church location for the above program and Mass will be decided during the upcoming CCD Team meeting.

Christmas
Children's
Mass

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



Please be sure to sign up for **BCR Alerts** if you haven't done so already. This will let parishioners know if there are any cancellations or changes to mass times. If you need help getting signed up, please contact Julie in the office at 815-894-2006 and she can help you. Please be cautious when coming to church in inclement weather, we care about your safety. Mass can be watched online by clicking "watch the mass" or Facebook link on bureaucatholic.org.

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND NOV 13TH
HT- \$2,995.00
ALL SOULS CANDLES \$110
SP- \$601.00
ALL SOULS CANDLES \$90
STM- \$965.00
ALL SOULS CANDLES \$130

"Remember the past with gratitude.
Live the present with enthusiasm.
Look forward to the future with
confidence." - M. J. O'Connell

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!



CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS
WILL BE SAT. NOV 26TH.
10:30-11:15 AM AT
ST PATRICK IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

Can all good people go to heaven after they die, even if they haven't been a Christian? My dad is from India and grew up with another religion. The rest of my family is Catholic. I am afraid that we won't see each other again after we die.

Put your mind at ease. A person who is not a Christian can go to heaven. Heaven is not just for Christians, but for everyone who loves God and responds to God's will in his or her life.

We know that God wants all people to be saved, not just Christians. Jesus began a Church to help people achieve salvation. The Church teaches that those who seek "the truth and [do] the will of God in accordance with their understanding of it can be saved" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1260). What we know as Catholics is that God called us into the Church. It is there that we will work out our salvation. "Since Christ died for all, and since all are called to one and the same destiny, which is divine," we must believe that the Holy Spirit makes a way for everyone, a way that only God knows (CCC 1260).

You should pray for your dad and be a faithful Catholic. Perhaps your good example will help him become a Christian. Even if he never becomes a Christian, your prayers will help him work out his salvation without the benefit of the sacraments and a believing community. If he does what is right, God will reward him.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The face of God revealed by Jesus is that of a Father concerned for and close to the poor....We do not find him when and where we want, but see him in the lives of the poor, in their sufferings and needs, in the often inhuman conditions in which they are forced to live.

MESSAGE, WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 22
St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Rv 14:14-19
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 23
Weekday
Rv 15:1-4
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 24
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;
19:1-3, 9a
Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day (US)
Sir 50:22-24
1 Cor 1:3-9
Lk 17:11-19

Friday

NOVEMBER 25
Weekday
Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

NOVEMBER 26
Weekday
Rv 22:1-7 / Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

NOVEMBER 27
First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5
Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44