

Your Majesty

This is an interesting form of address. It is not really a title like *Queen* or *Lord*. Nor does it identify a function ascribed to royalty, as does *ruler*. It refers to a status of excellence. It belongs to the position of royalty itself rather than the person in that position. Just what is majesty and why do we attribute it to some people? Originally people believed that royal individuals were descendants of the gods. This probably explains the notion of royal majesty. The readings for today's feast show that Jesus turned the ideas of kingship and royal majesty upside down.

The son of man in Daniel was a heavenly being upon whom "dominion, glory, and kingship" (7:14) were bestowed by God. The kingship of this figure is universal and everlasting. In the Gospels, Jesus frequently identifies with this title. When he does so, he is making a claim about his identity. The passage

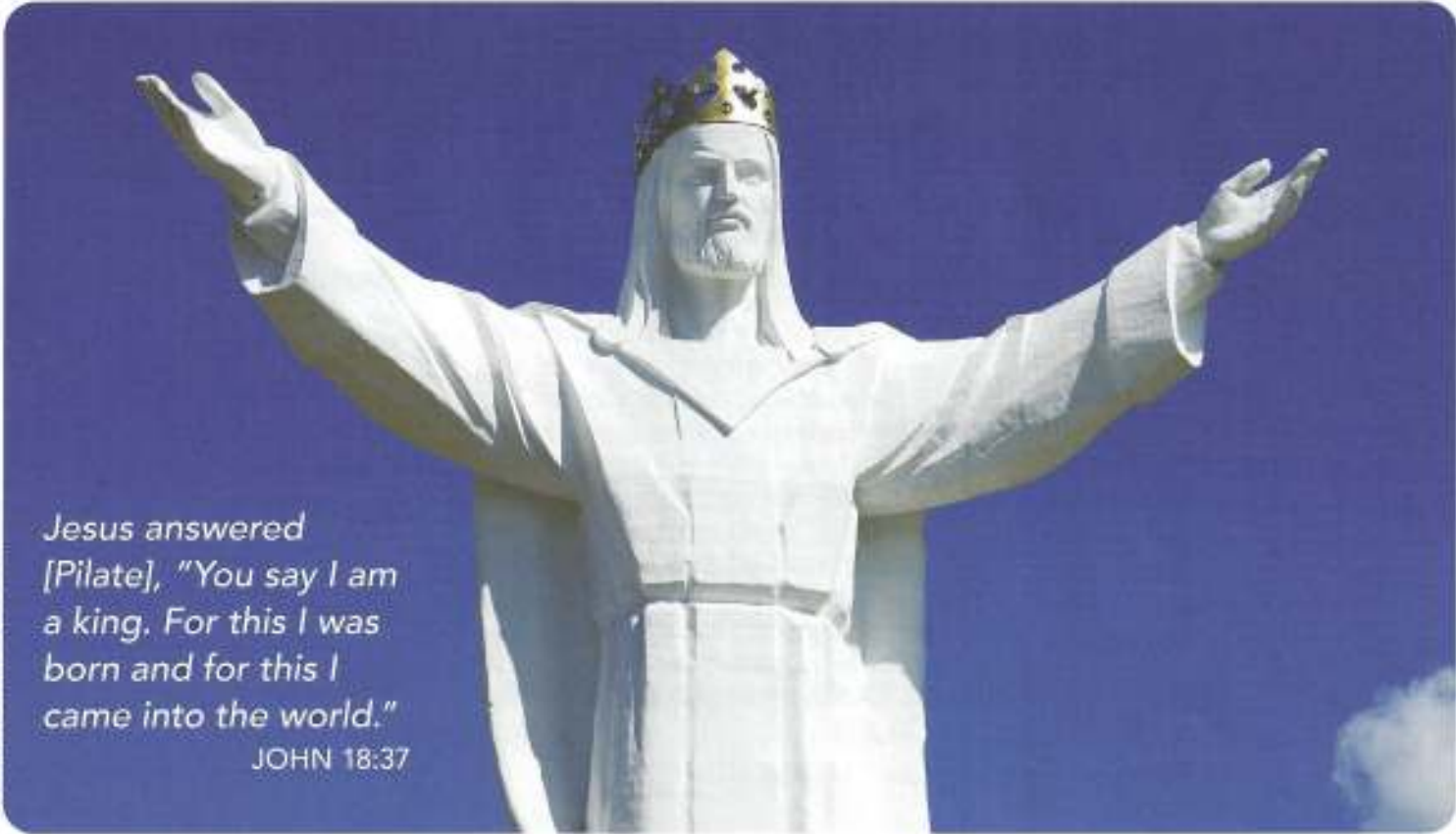
from Revelation depicts Jesus like this son of man, a heavenly being who comes "amid the clouds" (1:7) as "the ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5).

In the Gospel scene, Jesus is interrogated about his identity. He insists that his kingship springs from love and service, not power and force. It's clear that his royal majesty flows from who he is, not from any political position he might hold. To call him king, as we do with today's responsorial psalm, was a very dangerous political statement for his early followers, for it claimed that Jesus is Lord, not Caesar.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Do you think Jesus was naive about power politics? Why or why not?*
- ✦ *What influence does Jesus exercise over your life as your king?*



*Jesus answered
[Pilate], "You say I am
a king. For this I was
born and for this I
came into the world."*

JOHN 18:37



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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and
Thursday - 9:00am
Saturday Confessions - 10:30-11:15
AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

****Upcoming Events At Church****

CCD November In-Person @Hall

CCD 11/21—5th-8th



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

Emergency Number

779-248-2164

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.
Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -
Tues. & Fri. - 8:00am
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass-5:00pm

Adoration Room

TIME CHANGE

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

Ravioli Making—Call to order
Phone # 815-252-2215

*CCD Classes @HT Church Hall



St. Patrick Catholic Church

St. Patrick Church **(Office at Holy Trinity Church)**

106 Church St.
Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mail To: P.O. Box 159 Cherry 61317

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More (Hrs may vary)
Wed - 9AM - 12PM

**Facebook: Use Link on Home
Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

****Upcoming Events At Church****

CCD Class time 9:30-10:30

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of Nov. 22, 2021

Monday
Tuesday 11/23** 800AM**STM
Wednesday 11/24**5:30PM **HT Mass/Rosary
Thursday 11/25**9:00AM**HT
Friday 11/26** 8:00AM **STM

Offered For

† No Mass
† Betty Newhalfen
† Wayne Pinter
† Thanksgiving -Parishioners
† Olivero Families

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions Weekend of Nov. 27-28, 2021

Saturday: **4:00PM **STM
Sunday: **www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 8:30AM**HT
St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM
**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM

Offered For

† Janice Rynkewicz
† Felix & Eileen Bonucchi
† Dec. Membs Chris & Rosaria Taylor Fam
† For The Parishioners

Online masses WILL CONTINUE to be available @HT www.bureaucatholic.org

Latest Offering's

Weekend Nov. 14th

Holy Trinity - \$877.00
St. Patrick - \$385.00
St. Thomas More - \$947.00

In Sympathy...

Remember in prayer family and friends of

† Linda Orlandi

† Medie Guisti Luckey

May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Fundraising

HT Pick 3 Tickets \$20 Drawing Dec. 11th for 1 \$2,000 Winner

SP Sausage Sales \$20—5lb bag

Dec. 4th—Call Lauren @ 815-638-2224 or Ann 815-638-2691

ADA Goals & Update 2021

Holy Trinity -\$14,062
\$5830.00

St. Patrick—\$8,619
\$6,470.00

St. Thomas More -\$9,485
\$4,040.17

Fundraising Updates

STM Ravioli/Tortellini and/or Tortellacci \$8 per bag

Sales Update: Total as of 10/31/21 \$5,072.00—1,085 Bags

Antipasto Sales \$8.00 /pint - To order call Mary Jean 815-878-2063



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King November 21st

The Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King, also called the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, on the last Sunday of the Liturgical year.

The Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas*, to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism. Pope Pius hoped that the establishment of this feast would bring about the following:

- That this annual celebration would assist the faithful to gain strength in their true King, Jesus Christ;
- That leaders and nations would recognise that they are bound to submit and give respect to Christ the King;
- That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state. In these times when we are challenged in our faith and our ability to worship together, let us remember that Jesus Christ is Our King who reigns forever. That individuals should honour and recognise Jesus as their 'Sovereign King' and emulate his total gift of self, perfectly embodied on the Cross. In imitation of their thorn-crowned King, individuals can help bring love and relief to those who suffer and help to proclaim the Good News of the Reign of Christ in the world today.

Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - Nov. 27th 10:30-11:15am - at St. Patrick in the Chapel



In 1863, President Lincoln designated the last Thursday of November nationally 'as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father.' President Johnson in 1867 and Grant in 1870 continued the practice. The fourth Thursday of November would continue as the national day of Thanksgiving until 1939, when President Franklin Roosevelt moved it one week earlier to help businesses by lengthening the Christmas shopping period. Finally in 1941, Congress legislated that Thanksgiving would be observed on the fourth Thursday of November and would be a federal holiday.

As we celebrate this great American custom this year, we must not forget God. We should pause this Thanksgiving Day and take time to pray, reflect on our lives, and give thanks. Each Catholic should make a real effort to attend Mass and come to the Banquet of our Lord to lift up our hearts in Thanksgiving and to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. Yes, we give thanks for the gifts of family, Church, and Sacraments. We give thanks for the loved ones who are entrusted to our care and those who care for us. We give thanks for our country which has provided such great opportunities, security, and peace. In all, we give thanks and rejoice in the Lord who has blessed each of us with so much and in so many ways. To read more info visit www.catholiceducation.org

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church continue to use the image of a king to describe Jesus? He didn't act like a king or expect his followers to treat him like one.

Hereditary kings ruled most nations in the ancient Near East. In Egypt, the king was actually recognized as a god. In Israel, God was considered the one true king, and God's covenant was the treaty that united God and the people.

But the time came when the Israelites thought they needed to strengthen themselves militarily and politically. Then the elders came to Samuel and asked him to appoint a king to govern them like other nations (1 Samuel 8:5). The three great kings of Israel (Saul, David, and Solomon) were considered instruments of God but were also subject to existing legal codes.

Throughout the New Testament runs the theme that Jesus, a descendant of the royal Davidic line, is a ruler or king. The Magi first proclaimed Jesus king, saying they were looking for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2).

At the heart of Jesus' message was the good news that all people could enter the kingdom of God if they rejected sin. Jesus used the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32) to show that his kingdom will grow until everyone can be embraced within its branches. This kingdom, first manifested in simplicity and love in the Galilean countryside, is to reach its fulfillment in a great love among all people. Jesus as king is an image that should lead us to recognize our commitment to love and service to others in his kingdom.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus asks us to allow him to become our king....But we must not forget that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He will give new meaning to our life—at times even put us to difficult tests through our mistakes and our sins—merely on the condition that we not follow the logics of the world and of its "kings."

ANGELUS, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecilia,
Virgin and Martyr
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 23

Weekday
Dn 2:31-45
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lac,
Priest, and Companions,
Martyrs
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17,
23-28
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 25

Weekday
Dn 6:12-28
Lk 21:20-28

Friday

NOVEMBER 26

Weekday
Dn 7:2-14
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

NOVEMBER 27

Weekday
Dn 7:15-27
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

NOVEMBER 28

First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14-16
1 Thes 3:12-4:2
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons. Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.