

A large background image of a sunset over a mountain range. The sky is filled with vibrant colors of orange, red, and purple, transitioning into a clear blue sky. A bright sun is low on the horizon, and a simple red cross is superimposed on the right side of the image, partially overlapping the sun's glow.

[Jesus answered Pilate,]  
"For this I was born and for  
this I came into the world,  
to testify to the truth.  
Everyone who belongs to  
the truth listens to my voice."

JOHN 18:37

## His Life as Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e are bombarded by many statements professing to be true. Advertisers seek our endorsement, political parties seek our allegiance, and friends seek our agreement. Each purports to offer truth. In the Gospel this week, Pilate asks Jesus whether he is a king. Jesus replies, "You say I am a king. For this...I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37). What is Jesus' truth?

We tend to go through life taking stands on various issues: how to raise children, what kind of exercise is best, which political approach to endorse, and countless others. Once we decide, we often make that stance one of life's truths and proclaim all others

false. Jesus, on the other hand, offers his life as truth, much bigger than our petty truths. His truth stretches us beyond what we already are, more than life issues that change daily. His life's truth declares that meaning is found only by living for others, that loving someone can heal their pain, that wisdom is found in the struggle, that less is more. Jesus' ultimate truth is doing his Father's will. The fact that it is difficult or that we tend not to live it very well makes it no less the truth. ●

### Reflect

***How does your life witness to the truth  
Jesus' life reveals?***



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### CCD Classes

Sunday, November 24th - 6th & 7th graders (9:45am-11:15am)

Sunday, December 1st - No Class



### Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of November 25, 2024

Monday	11/25			† No Mass
Tuesday	11/26	9:00 am	STM	† Phil Maggio
Wednesday	11/27	5:30 pm	HT	† Daisy Kopek
Thursday	11/28	9:00 am	HT	† Wayne Pinter
Friday	11/29	9:00 am	STM	† No Mass

### Mass Intentions for the weekend of November 30 - December 1, 2024

Saturday	11/30	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Liz Olivero
Sunday	12/1	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† For the Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Richard Pommier

# Jesus, The True King of Our Heart

Today is the celebration of the solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe. This gospel is a reminder for us all that our lives are not random. We are not aimlessly walking but Jesus is guiding us as our King. However, His kingdom is not an earthly one, as indicated in His reply to the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, when He was asked "Are you a king?"

The readings reveal that the fullness of Jesus' kingdom will be revealed only at the End of Time. Yet, Jesus acknowledges that His kingdom is present now: "You say I am a king. For this, I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Jesus longs for His voice to be heard. And the voice of Jesus does resound universally throughout the world inscribed forever in the inspired words of the New Testament and passed on throughout the ages by the proclamation of the Church.

But even more wonderfully, the "voice of Jesus" resounds personally within the hearts of believers. Through the sending of the Holy Spirit, we become temples of the Spirit -- born again through water and the Spirit. Now the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd arises also in our own hearts, "Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out" (Jn 10:2-3).

The One True King is Jesus Christ. Hence, knowing that there are still so many parts of our own life that we haven't yet allowed Jesus to be the King of, today each of us is encouraged to examine our heart, to find the places where we try to be, where we have tried to be the king of our own heart or allowed the idols of this world to become that for us. And then, take His hand and allow Him to lead us to fullness.

*(Excerpted from igniteyouth.com)*

## Continuing Prayers For the Souls in Purgatory

As the month of November is coming to an end, it should not mean that we stop our prayers and forget about the Poor Souls in Purgatory. The souls depend on our continued prayer in any way we can. Some suggestions are to pray an extra rosary, do some kind of sacrifice or the best way to help them is to have a Mass offered. Christians believe that the Holy Souls for whom they pray will continue to pray for them after they have been released from Purgatory.

## Growing Disciples:

As we try to meet the bishop's deadline, and per diocesan requirement, two members from each church will be appointed by Fr. Thaddeus to do a structural assessment of church's buildings, and a written report will be submitted to the bishop.

## Inclement Weather Information

It is that time of the year to be sure you are signed up to the Flocknote texting service installed on your cell phone so that you may be properly informed in case Masses and/or church activities are cancelled. Please be cautious when coming to church in inclement weather; we care about your safety. Flocknote sign up tip: once your cell number is entered, you will receive a text informing you that your number was added to the group. There is no need to reply or be sure not to text Stop as this will inactivate your number. Contact the office with any questions.

## LATEST OFFERING'S

NOV 17TH WEEKEND

HT - \$821.00

SP - \$301.00

STM - \$928.00



## CONFESSIONS

CONFESSIONS WILL BE ON

SAT. NOV 30TH AT

ST. PATRICK

IN THE CHAPEL

# Dear Padre,

**When receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, I feel the need to respond, "Thank you, Jesus. Amen." Is this OK or should I just stick to "Amen"?**

"Amen" is an appropriate response, in and of itself. An emphatic, heartfelt "Amen" is an affirmation of faith meant to capture our feelings of profound gratitude and awe in the presence of God. It's also a statement of belief, roughly translated as "truly," "most assuredly," or "so be it" to what has been said.

For example, when we conclude the Creed with "Amen," it repeats and confirms the first words "I believe." "To believe is to say 'Amen' to God's words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the 'Amen' of infinite love and perfect faithfulness" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1064). "Jesus Christ is...the definitive 'Amen' of the Father's love for us. He takes up and completes our 'Amen' to the Father.... That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God" (CCC 1065).

Sharing in the one bread and the one cup is a time of unity with God and with God's people. Each individual communicant's "Amen" is also meant to be an expression of our unity together in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Responding with something other than "Amen" may serve to disrupt that unity and draw attention to yourself. So, yes, stick with a sincere, mindful "Amen!" ●

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**The best proof that Christ is our king is detachment from what pollutes life, makes it ambiguous, opaque, sad.... When we live under the lordship of Jesus, we do not become corrupt, we do not become false, inclined to cover up the truth. We do not live double lives. Remember this well: all of us are sinners, yes; corrupt, never.**

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#### Monday

November 25

Weekday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5

Lk 21:1-4

#### Tuesday

November 26

Weekday

Rv 14:14-19

Lk 21:5-11

#### Wednesday

November 27

Weekday

Rv 15:1-4

Lk 21:12-19

#### Thursday

November 28

Weekday

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 29

Weekday

Rv 20:1-4, 11-

21:2

Lk 21:29-33

#### Saturday

November 30

St. Andrew,

Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

#### Sunday

December 1

First Sunday

of Advent

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28,

34-36