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Sunday Mass

Saturday	4:00 P.M.
Sunday	8:30 and 10:00 A.M.

Daily Mass

Monday through Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Sacrament of Penance

Monday—Saturday	8:30–9:00 A.M.
Saturday	3:00–3:30 P.M.

Adoration

Fridays 9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

Sacrament of Baptism

A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care.

Sacrament of Marriage

The bride or groom must be an active registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding at St. Helena.

Nursery

Services available during the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass.

Parish Registration

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form and return to the Parish Office. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the Church. Return completed form to the Parish Office.

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Website: www.sainthelena.us

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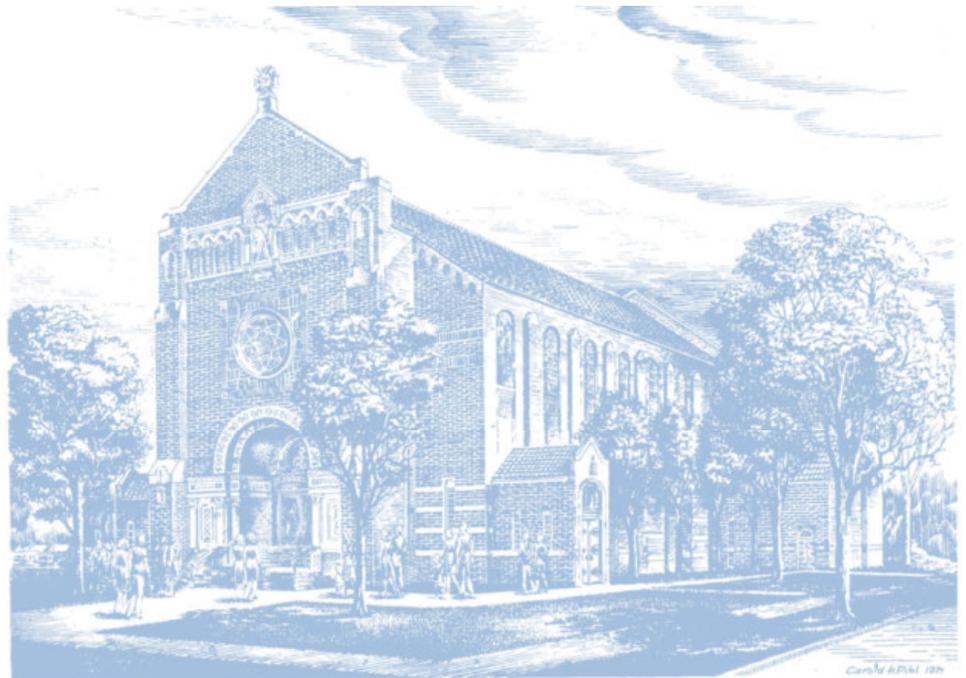
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 21, 2021

So Pilate said to him, “Then you are a king?” Jesus answered, “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.”

-Jn 18:37



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THE WORD

In 2013, I was able to chaperone a group of young people to the World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where the famous statue of Christ the King on a hill towers over the city. We were able to go up to the base of the statue and look out over Rio de Janeiro. It was impressive.

In its placement that statue is symbolic because it overlooks the city; and that's what a king does. He overlooks his kingdom, and that's precisely what Christ the King, whose Solemnity we celebrate this Sunday does in our lives, our families, workplaces, neighborhood, city, state, country and world.

He oversees and governs us, but His government is one that invites our free participation in His reign. He watches over us, and any harm, illness, injury, or death in His Kingdom can be ultimately for our good, because as Jesus relates in the Gospel for this Sunday, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." And, in the end Our Lord can draw good for us from that harm or injury. Yet, in our turbulent world Christ the King, wants us to renew the face of the earth and bring every talent, profession, and enterprise to His reign so that everyone will know of His Kingdom which is governed by the principle of "I have come not to be served, but to serve."

But notice, to really serve always involves the cross. That's because love involves an outpouring of "self," and not to

focus on self invariably involves a death to self. Don't forget our Lord's first crown was a crown of thorns before He was given a crown of glory.

Of course, we are given nourishment in the Holy Eucharist Mass to imitate the Lord in wearing our own crown of thorns. And in this upcoming Advent we are given an opportunity to reflect on that Eucharistic presence during the many hours available for Eucharistic Adoration. As Mark Shea says in his book *Mary, Mother of the Son*, "For where the King of heaven is, there is heaven, and where the Eucharist is, there is the King." (Vol III, page 82)

In 1927, Blessed Miquel Pro was executed in Mexico under an anti-Catholic government. He had served the Mexican Catholics as a priest incognito, but was eventually found and executed. As he stood before the firing squad, he stretched out his arms and shouted, "*Viva Christo Rey!*" (Live, Christ the King!)

In our lives we don't shout out the phrase, but every day we pray the "Our Father," and we say "Thy Kingdom come." Our Lord wants us to use every opportunity to work with His grace to bring about that Kingdom. *Viva Christo Rey!*

John Sondag
Director of Religious Education

FR. DALY BREAD—Centrality of the Eucharist: *Advent Adoration*

The Old Testament tabernacle of God, which held the Bread of the Presence, was kept in the Holy of Holies in the center of the Temple. We too are returning the tabernacle, which holds the Bread from Heaven (Jesus), to the center of the sanctuary because the Eucharist is the cornerstone and capstone and *center* of our revealed faith. "The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble," says **Pope Pius XII**, "because it has God as its object; the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is sweetness itself."

Since the side altar space would be vacant, we hope to return the Mary and Joseph statues to their respective side altars. We would then fill the side shrines that Mary and Joseph currently occupy (which used to be confessionals), with a devotional area to Our Lady of Guadalupe and Divine Mercy. On the Marian-side shrine, we pray Our Lady of Guadalupe warmly welcomes our Latino brothers and sisters, whose children make up almost *half* of our grade school! More importantly, She is the Patroness of the Americas and Star of the New Evangelization for the Universal Church! On the Joseph-side shrine, the image of Jesus' Divine Mercy can inspire hope and healing in God's Ocean of Mercy.

We will begin **Advent Adoration** (M-F) in the newly designated "Bethlehem Adoration Chapel" (also known as the "cry room" and which used to be the Baptism Chapel, see 1946 photo). This location is necessary because we cannot have the Church space be unavailable for 12 hours, especially for school Masses and funerals. The new chapel location will



keep the Saint Helena's tradition of a side altar tabernacle "for a more intimate private devotional prayer of the faithful." Since adoration does not occur during Mass times, the chapel (aka cry room) can still be used by families during Mass.

(Please reverence the Eucharist upon entering the room by genuflecting to the tabernacle)

So please prayerfully consider becoming a **Eucharistic Adorer**. We need 120+ adorers to:

Sign up *online* for one hour of weekly adoration
For the 4 weeks of Advent (December)
Mondays-Fridays 9:00AM – 9:00PM

And as you adore, please pray for our new **Principal Search Committee** and that Jesus brings us the right candidate swiftly and clearly. The principal position will be posted December 1 and open through February 4. The persons on the Search committee are as follows:

Rev. Michael Daly (Parochial administrator)
Jane Hileman (Interim principal)
Gayle Stoffel (Archdiocese rep.)
Tom McCarr (Trustee)
Carmela Kotchevar (Latina representative)
Krysta Niznick (School parent)
Julie Parker (School parent)

O Come, Let us Adore Him,
Fr. Michael

YOU ARE INVITED TO DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE AFTER THE 8:30 AND 10:00 A.M. MASSES—EVERY SUNDAY—Everyone is invited to “Doughnuts and Coffee” downstairs in Rowan Hall after the 8:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Masses on Sunday mornings. Meet parishioners.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? The Church of St. Helena offers a program that prepares people to become Catholic. It is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Office Building. To take the program does not mean that you must become a Catholic. Also, if Tuesday evenings are impossible to make, another time can be arranged. For more information, call Fr. Daly or John Sondag at 612-729-7344.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—LAS POSADAS—St. Helena Church is again celebrating Las Posadas on Sunday, December 12, at 5:00 P.M. There will also be a bilingual Mass to honor our Lady of Guadalupe at 3:30 P.M. in the Church before the Las Posadas. All are welcome.

BAND PRACTICES FOR THE LAS POSADAS PARADE—If you play a band instrument, you’re invited to play and march in the St. Helena Las Posadas Band on Sunday, December 12, at 5:00 P.M. Practices for this event are on Monday, November 29; and Thursday, December 9, at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Office Building. You can be young or old to march with this band. If interested, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

ARE YOU A PARISHIONER WHO NEEDS HELP?—Parishioners who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties can receive help from the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish which reaches out to individuals and families in the parish who are having difficulties. (Your name will be kept confidential.) If you need more information or help, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE NEEDY—Because of the Coronavirus and possible store shortages, we are not having parishioners buy gifts and selecting the persons anonymously through the giving tree. However, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference is asking for donations of gift cards which they will give to needy families. They are requesting the gift cards be \$25, \$50, or \$75 from Target or Kohls, food cards from Cub Foods, and gas cards for \$25 from Speedway or Holiday. If anyone would rather make a financial gift, they may do so and the St. Vincent de Paul Conference will purchase gift cards. Donations and gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Gifts and put in the collection or brought to the Parish offices before December 8. For questions, call Barb Blomquist (612-518-3150).

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE—The St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish reaches out to individuals or families who need assistance. The next meeting this Thursday, December 9, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

ADVENT ADORATION SIGN-UP—

Visit www.sainthelena.us
or call Shirley Balster at 612-723-9533.

ARE THE STORES OUT OF STOCK FOR SOME OF YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?—Go online and buy many Post Festival items for sale prices. There’s some good Christmas gifts! Go to: <http://bidpal.net/autumndaze2021>

WINE SALE—THIS SUNDAY—Buy some wine for Thanksgiving Dinner in Rowan Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 A.M. Masses on this Sunday, November 21.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS EVE—We will have a Christmas Eve Party in Rowan Hall on December 24th after the 4:00 P.M. Mass. There will be appetizers and desserts plus musical entertainment. Everyone is welcome.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE—All volunteers who have regular interaction with youth and vulnerable adults need to be certified under the Archdiocesan Safe Environment standards. Together we can work to protect God's children and the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for your shared commitment to the achievement of this goal. In addition, the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance line is 651-291-4475.

FOOD SHELF—Thank you all for your generous donations to our local food shelf. Thanksgiving will soon be here. As we give thanks for all that is given to us, let us remember those that are in need of the simple essentials for their Thanksgiving table. Items such as; Stove Top Stuffing, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, jello, muffin and corn bread mix, canned cranberries, pumpkin and apple filling, gravy packets, oil, spices, napkins and other paper products. *"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."* 2 Corinthians 9:11

CALLING ALL BAKERS AND KITCHEN MAGICIANS!— Save the date! The CCW’s annual Advent Bake Sale will be Dec 11 & 12. We will have your goodies available at all four Masses this year: 4:00 P.M. on Sat., Dec 11; 8:30 A.M., 10:00 AM and 3:30 P.M. Sun, Dec 12.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK—Our beautiful St. Helena Church deserves a thorough cleaning (pews & walls) before Christmas. Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 4, from 9:00 A.M. to Noon and join fellow parishioners for this project. Coffee and rolls will be served after the 8:00 Mass.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- November 22: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20, Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b], Lk 21:1-4
 November 23: Dn 2:31-45, Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b], Lk 21:5-11
 November 24: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28, Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b], Lk 21:12-19
 November 25: Dn 6:12-28, Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b], Lk 21:20-28
 November 26: Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, Lk 21:29-33
 November 27: Dn 7:15-27, Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, Lk 21:34-36
 November 28: Jer 33:14-16, 1 Thes 3:12—4:2, Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



SCRIPTURE # 1209

**Dn 7:13-14
Rv 1:5-8
Jn 18:33b-37**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	8:00	† Micheal Villano
Tuesday	8:00	† Lorraine Douglass
Wednesday	8:00	† Richard Bruce
	9:30	Tim Highland
Thursday	9:00	Thanksgiving
Friday	8:00	† Dolores Nelson
Saturday	8:00	† Mark Snaza
Saturday	4:00	For Our Priests
Sunday	8:30	St. Helena Parish
Sunday	10:00	Ann Gibney

SACRISTY LINENS—Rose Fritz

PARISH CALENDAR

November 22

- Women's Prayer Group, Church, 8:30 am
- Quilting, Parish Office Building, 9:00-11:30 am

November 23

- Catechumenate Reception Program, Parish Office Building, 7:30 pm

November 24

-No School

November 25 - Thanksgiving Day

-Parish Offices Closed

-No School

- Mass, Church, 9:00 A.M.

November 26

-Parish Offices Closed

-No School

- Adoration, Church, 9:00 am—5:00 pm
- Virtual Rosary, 7:00 pm

November 27

- Confessions, Church, 3:00 pm
- Mass, Church, 4:00 pm

November 28

- Mass, Church, 8:30 am & 10:00 am
- Doughnuts & Coffee, RH, after 8:30 & 10:00 Masses

November 29

- Women's Prayer Group, Church, 8:30 am
- Quilting, Parish Office Building, 9:00-11:30 am
- Band Practice, Parish Office Building, 6:00 pm

Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday, Church, 8:00 am
Confessions, Mon.-Sat., Church, 8:30 am - 9:00 am

ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS

Third Grade News

I cannot believe that we are halfway through November! This school year is going by so fast and I am wanting it to slow down as I am enjoying the third graders so much. We have been learning lots and the students enjoy being upstairs in spite of having to climb all the stairs. We have a new phonics program this year, and it is called Believe and Read. It is a reading based program that focuses on phonics. I have seen progress in the student's reading fluency, and I am looking forward to them continuing to grow.

A new concept for the third graders is multiplication. We spent some time learning what multiplication is through arrays, equal groups, number lines, and skip counting. We have used counters, pompoms, and other manipulatives to help us understand what multiplication is. This is a tricky skill, but the third graders have done a great job so far. This year, the third graders each have their own laptop, which is exciting. We have used the laptops in order to enhance their understanding of different skills and concepts. A website the children like is Prodigy. Prodigy is a math website that improves the children's math skills.

Thank you for all the prayers!

Blessings,
Mrs. Kriefall

Principal Update

Do you remember that wonderful Autumn Daze Festival and the \$10,000 Raffle? Parishioners Dan and Barb Ruble were the lucky couple whose name was drawn. Because of their generosity, we have all been blessed with their good fortune. They gave \$3,000 of their winnings to the school, and the gift was multiplied by a matching grant from Medtronics for \$3,000. Dan was a teacher at St. Helena for 26 years. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for this magnanimous gift to the school and for all that you do for our community.

The Principal Search has begun in earnest. My first assignment is to help the Archdiocesan professionals to design a Search Prospectus that will help to entice great candidates to the job. I provide our school logo, pictures, mission statement, short history, and comments or statistics that are unique to our school and clearly demonstrate our vision and goals. Then the professionals make it look beautiful. This along with the job description will be posted at the beginning of Advent. The Search Committee will be trained by Gayle Stoffel from the Archdiocese. That training will occur on November 30. After that we hope to be watching a lot of applications come rolling in. The application window will be open until February 1. Please pray for the success of this process and for a great leader to emerge.

Jane Hileman
Principal



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