

# November 21, 2021 St. John XXIII



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## MASS TIMES

Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 8am & 10am

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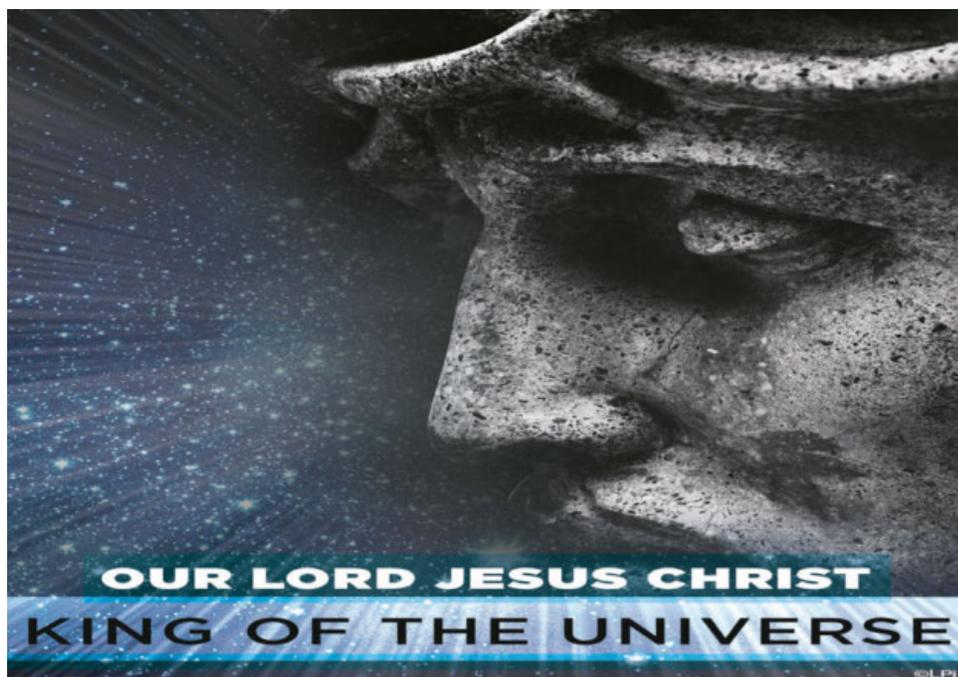
## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:00-4pm

Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of St. John XXIII,  
commit to be disciples of Jesus  
through prayer, Worship, study and service.



### NEW PARISH REGISTRATIONS

Registration form can be found on the front page of parish website or contact parish office.

### BAPTISM

Must attend (2) Baptism Classes **prior** to scheduling Baptism. Call parish office to register for classes.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 2:30 pm, by appointment or before or after weekday Masses.

### MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor eight (8) months before your wedding.

## From the Desk of Father Richmond

My Beloved Parishioners:

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

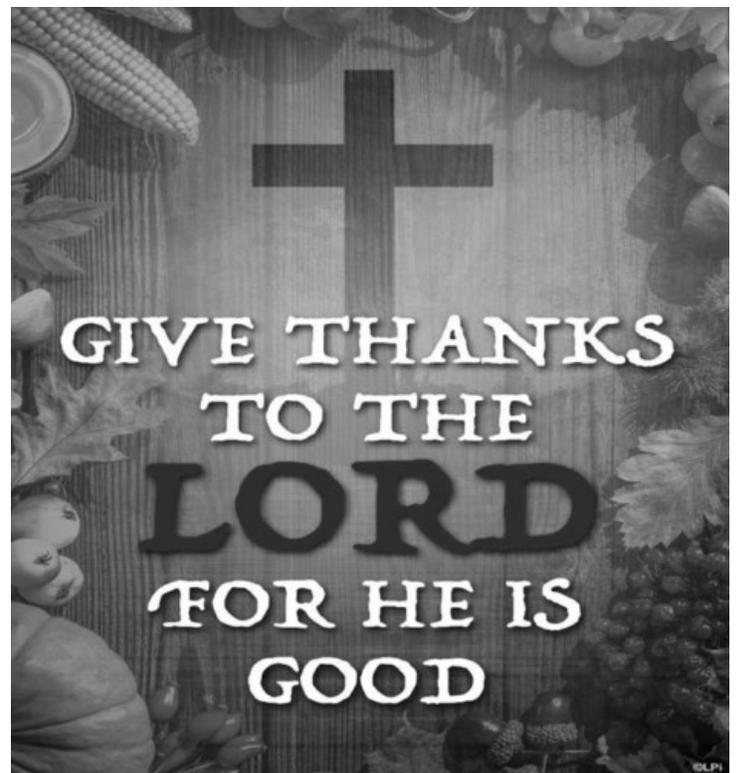
Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters.

Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever. ©LPi

Happy Feast day of Christ the King!

In prayer with you,  
Fr. Richmond



## Your Shared Treasure

*For: November 6-7, 2021*

Adult Budget (124).....	\$7,273.23
Adult Budget EFT (77).....	2,694.33
Offertory .....	155.00
Visitor .....	315.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$10,437.56</b>
Extending the Dream.....	\$105.00
Extending the Dream EFT (34) .....	654.21

*Thank You For Your Support!*

## First Reading

Dn 7:13-14

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel  
As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. (1a) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

The LORD is king, in splendor robed; robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

**R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

And he has made the world firm, not to be moved.  
Your throne stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O LORD.

**R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house, O LORD, for length of days.

**R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

## 2nd Reading

Rv 1:5-8

A reading from the Book of Revelation  
Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

John 18:33b-37

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



## Mass Intentions

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

### **Saturday, November 20**

4:00 pm Jim & Greg Rump

### **Sunday, November 21**

8:00 am Pat Davidson

10:00 am All Parishioners

**Monday, November 22** - St. Cecilia - No Mass

**Tuesday, November 23** - Weekday

7:30 am Frances Hall

**Wednesday, November 24** - St. Andrew Dung-Lac

7:30 am Donna Zabokrtsky

**Thursday, November 25** - Weekday

9:00 am Joseph Vassallo

**Friday, November 26** - Weekday

7:00 am Edward Kulhavy

*First Sunday of Advent*

**Saturday, November 27**

4:00 pm Kathleen McNamara

**Sunday, November 28**

8:00 am All Parishioners

10:00 am Jake & Marcella Stallman

## Meetings & Happenings:

**Sunday, November 21**

Baptism, 11:30 am

2nd grade RE class, 4:00 pm



**Monday, November 22**

Cleaning crew, 8 am

Cancer support group, 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, November 23**

Men of Action, 6:30 am & 6:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration, 8 am - 7 pm

Rosary & Benediction, 7 pm

Zoom Formed study group, 8 pm

**Wednesday, November 24**

Formed study group, 10 am

**Sunday, November 28**

Children liturgy of the Word, 10 am

Baptism class, 3 pm

Confirmation large group, 6 pm

## **J23 Potluck Group**

Let's start our Christmas season with good food and fellowship. Come on Wednesday, December 1 at noon. Meat and potatoes will be provided. Drinks and tableware also provided. Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert if you can or make a small donation. We will have some live musical entertainment to put us in the Christmas spirit. For planning purposes please call Karen Schulte at 319-846-2049 if you think you might come. We just need an approximate count.

## **Holiday Social at St. John XXIII**

Grandmothers, mothers, daughters, granddaughters - all ages welcome! Please join us to celebrate the holiday season with sweets, treats, fun and laughter at a Holiday Social get together! Date: December 11. Time: 9:00 am. We will be doing an ornament exchange, so please bring a wrapped \$5 ornament if you would like to participate. Cash donations will be accepted. Proceeds will go to parishioners suffering from financial hardship. Space is limited, so please sign up at the back of church to reserve your seats. Please call Shirley Kilts at 319-846-3138 with questions.

## **Adult Faith Formation**

We are seeking someone who is interested in leading a study group during Advent on the subject of Mary. We will assist in finding a good study to use. The church is open on Sunday afternoons for such a study at 1:00 PM. Please contact Marcia Musser at [Marcia.musser@gmail.com](mailto:Marcia.musser@gmail.com) or (319) 845-3044, if you are interested in leading this study group, or if you would like to participate.

## **Are you up for a challenge?**

This Advent season the Social Concerns Committee would like to challenge you to participate in a Reverse Advent Calendar. The challenge is to donate 1 item for each day on the Advent calendar. Of course, you are welcome to donate any item, we have only provided suggestions. Just bring your donated items whenever you are attending daily or weekend Mass. Donation boxes will be located by the Social Concerns board. All donated items will go to the Metro Catholic Outreach food bank.

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