

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40

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2 DEAR FRIENDS

Dear Friends,

In the fall of 1822, David Hale, a lawyer, died suddenly in Newport, New Hampshire. He and his wife, Sarah, had four children: David, Horatio, Frances Ann, and Sarah. Their oldest was seven. Two weeks after her husband's death, Sarah gave birth to their fifth child, a boy named William.

She and David had spent many evenings studying together, and he had encouraged her to write. With five children to support, she gathered her poems and published her first book. A few years later, she wrote Northwood, a novel about New England life that took up the question of slavery. She regarded slavery as morally wrong. The novel caught the attention of a publisher who invited her to edit a new Boston magazine for women.

In time, she became the editor of Godey's Lady's Book, one of the most widely read magazines in America. A reader might open an issue to see the latest fashions, find a recipe, or read a story about family life. In those same pages, Sarah often made the case for better educational opportunities for girls and women. And when funds ran short for the Bunker Hill Monument, Sarah helped organize a fair in Boston to raise the money to finish it.

She had another idea that took considerably longer. Americans in many states already celebrated Thanksgiving, though the dates varied. She wanted families across the country to gather on the same day, remember the poor, and thank Almighty God for His blessings. Year after year, she made the case in print. She wrote to governors and other public officials. And on September 28, 1863, with the Civil War in its third year, she went right to the top and wrote to President Abraham Lincoln.

Her proposal was practical. Getting the states to settle on a date by law could take years. The President could name a day by proclamation and invite the governors to follow his lead. She suggested the last Thursday in November. In 1863, that fell on November 26, the very date on which we will celebrate Thanksgiving this week.

"Excuse the liberty I have taken," she wrote at the close of her letter. She signed her name Sarah Josepha Hale. On October 3, 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation inviting Americans to observe the very day Mrs. Hale had proposed as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God. The observance he called for that autumn became an annual American tradition.

I'm glad Mrs. Hale took the liberty. She had a good idea and believed it would serve other people. If you've been thinking about something that could do some good in your parish, your town, your child's school, or your workplace, take a liberty of your own. Sit down and write the letter. Tell someone what you have in mind and why it matters. It could just change history!

And if you're in town on Thursday morning, I warmly invite you to join us for Mass at 8:00 a.m. Before we sit down at our own tables, it will be good to gather at the altar and give thanks to Almighty God together.

A very happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

In Christ,
Fr. Jim

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY – November 21, 2026
8:00am For Our Families
4:00pm † Paul & Elinor Lowe
by their Children
7:00pm (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – November 22, 2026
7:30am Blessings
for Mike & Margie Pallotta
on their 41st Wedding Anniversary
9:00am † Patricia A. Bonci
by Robert & Mary Beth Bonci,
Grandchildren & Great grandchildren
10:30am † Judeth Paldino
12:10pm (Spanish) † Jason &
Jonathan Romero & Sofia Mancia
by Margarita Romero
5:30pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY – November 23, 2026
7:00am † Rick Chambers
6:00pm † Elizabeth Pace
by Joe & Alex Goodwin

TUESDAY – November 24, 2026
7:00am † Poor Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm Novena For the intentions
of the Novena

WEDNESDAY – November 25, 2026
7:00am † Deceased members of the
Clinton High School Class of 1980
6:00pm † Claire Cataldi –
Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY – November 26, 2026 – Thanksgiving Day
8:00am For all Parishioners &
their Families

FRIDAY – November 27, 2026
7:00am † James & Margaret Halloran
by their Grandchildren
6:00pm † Albino Zupicich

SATURDAY – November 28, 2026
8:00am For Our Families
4:00pm † Dennis C. Prinos
by Jane DeWitt Burgoyne &
Karen Burgoyne Albert
7:00pm (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – November 29, 2026
7:30am † Pamela Philbin
9:00am † George, Sr. Anne &
George, Jr. Giansanti by their Family
10:30am † Sr. Anna Sheridan, OSF
12:10pm (Spanish) † Petronila
Machado by Yanni Linares
5:30pm For the People of the Parish





ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thanksgiving Eve, Wed, Nov 25: Adoration ends at 3:00 PM.
Thanksgiving Day, Thurs, Nov 26: No Adoration.
Adorers are needed for:
Thursdays at 4 PM & 5 PM, and Fridays at 4 PM.
To sign up or for more information,
please contact Sue Belfield at 508-869-0508.

Sacraments & More

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To have your child baptized and/or to register for the Baptismal Preparation class, contact the Parish Office at 978-368-0366 x201.

Marriage
Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance by calling the Parish Office at 978-368-0366 x201.

Streaming Mass
Daily and weekend Masses with Fr. Jim and Fr. Longhini can be viewed on our website www.stjohnsclinton.org

Please join us downstairs for **coffee & donuts** immediately after the 7:30, 9 & 10:30am Masses each Sunday.
All are welcome!



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Social Services

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Thursday | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul
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1st & 3rd Tuesday | 7:00pm

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND

Get ready to *pray together.*

Join our parish on Hallow now so you're ready for Pray25 from day one.

Saint John Guardian of Our Lady Parish
Clinton, Massachusetts

Hallow
Catholic Prayer & Meditation App

Over **100 parishioners** have already joined! This Advent, we'll pray **Pray25**, Hallow's 25-day prayer challenge inspired by *It's a Wonderful Life*, reflecting together on hope, faith, and how God works through ordinary lives.

Take two minutes this week *and you'll be all set*

1. **Scan the QR code** with your phone camera, or download the purple Hallow app.
2. Open the **Church** tab.
3. Search for **St. John Guardian of Our Lady** and join our parish.
4. Look for **Pray25** when Advent begins.

SCAN TO JOIN

It's free. No Hallow Premium subscription is needed to join St. John.

Hallow is officially launching at St. John next weekend!

Hallow staff will be here to help everyone download the app as we celebrate the full launch in our parish. Want a head start? **Download now** and you'll be ready for **Pray25**.

SAVE THE DATE · ADVENT 2026



Join Our Advent Discussion Group

Three Fridays to pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, starting December 4.

THREE FRIDAYS, THREE THEMES

DEC 4 — **Hope**
Where do we find hope when life feels uncertain?

DEC 11 — **Peace**
How can we experience Christ's peace amid the challenges of everyday life?

DEC 18 — **Joy**
How can we recognize and share the joy of Christ's coming?

FRIDAYS	TIMES	WHERE
Dec 4, 11 & 18	11:00 AM or 4:00 PM	Rooms 11/12

No registration or preparation required. **Just come as you are!**

Need a visit?

Anyone needing encouragement, comfort, or a sense of belonging would profit from a visit from one of our homebound volunteers!

If you are homebound because you are:

Shut-in due to age, illness or a recent hospitalization or elderly or disabled

Call us!

We would love to send a member of our homebound ministry team to come and sit with you.

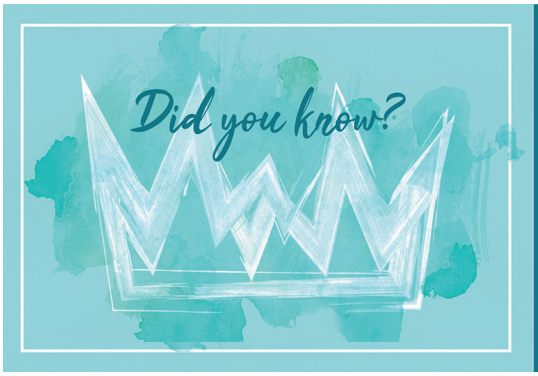
To arrange a visit or become a volunteer, you can reach us at the Parish Office 978-368-0366 or email us at homeboundministrysjp@gmail.com.

The volunteers will be available in the Parish Hall after each Mass to answer questions.









The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

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Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Este domingo celebramos la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, con la que concluimos un año litúrgico más. Pero ¿qué clase de Rey es Jesús? A diferencia de los reyes de este mundo, Cristo no gobierna por la fuerza, la riqueza o el poder. Su Reino está fundado en el amor, la verdad, la justicia y la misericordia.

En el Evangelio de este domingo (Mt 25,31-46), Jesús nos presenta el criterio por el cual seremos juzgados: el amor que demostramos a nuestros hermanos, especialmente a los más necesitados. Nos enseña que, cuando alimentamos al hambriento, acogemos al extranjero, visitamos a los enfermos o ayudamos a quienes sufren, estamos sirviendo al mismo Cristo.

La historia de la Iglesia nos ofrece testimonios extraordinarios de esta fidelidad. Durante la persecución religiosa en México, el Beato Miguel Agustín Pro, sacerdote jesuita, continuó ejerciendo su ministerio clandestinamente. El 23 de noviembre de 1927 fue ejecutado y, ante la muerte, proclamó su fe con las palabras: «¡Viva Cristo Rey!»

Su testimonio nos recuerda que reconocer a Jesús como Rey significa permanecer fieles a Él, incluso en medio de las dificultades.

Sin embargo, no necesitamos enfrentar el martirio para dar testimonio de nuestra fe. Podemos proclamar que Cristo es nuestro Rey cuando perdonamos, ayudamos a los pobres, defendemos la dignidad humana y ponemos a Dios en el centro de nuestras familias.

Al concluir el año litúrgico, hagámonos una pregunta sincera: ¿Reina verdaderamente Jesús en mi corazón y en mis decisiones?

Que Cristo, Rey del Universo, transforme nuestras familias en lugares de fe, caridad y paz.

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

P. Longhini

Queridos irmãos e irmãs,

Neste domingo, celebramos a Solenidade de Nosso Senhor Jesus Cristo, Rei do Universo, encerrando mais um Ano Litúrgico. Mas que tipo de Rei é Jesus? Diferentemente dos reis deste mundo, Cristo não governa pela força, pela riqueza ou pelo poder. Seu Reino é construído sobre o amor, a verdade, a justiça e a misericórdia.

No Evangelho deste domingo (Mt 25,31-46), Jesus nos apresenta o critério pelo qual seremos julgados: o amor que demonstramos aos nossos irmãos, especialmente aos mais necessitados. Ele nos ensina que, quando alimentamos quem tem fome, acolhemos o estrangeiro, visitamos os enfermos ou ajudamos quem sofre, estamos servindo ao próprio Cristo.

A história da Igreja nos oferece testemunhos extraordinários dessa fidelidade. Durante a perseguição religiosa no México, o Beato Miguel Agustín Pro, sacerdote jesuíta, continuou exercendo seu ministério clandestinamente. Em 23 de novembro de 1927, foi executado e, diante da morte, proclamou sua fé com as palavras: “¡Viva Cristo Rey!” Viva Cristo Rei!

Seu testemunho nos recorda que reconhecer Jesus como Rei significa permanecer fiel a Ele, mesmo diante das dificuldades.

Entretanto, não precisamos enfrentar o martírio para testemunhar nossa fé. Podemos proclamar que Cristo é nosso Rei quando perdoamos, ajudamos os pobres, defendemos a dignidade humana e colocamos Deus no centro de nossas famílias.

Ao encerrarmos o Ano Litúrgico, façamos uma pergunta sincera: Jesus realmente reina em meu coração e nas minhas escolhas?

Que Cristo, Rei do Universo, transforme nossas famílias em lugares de fé, caridade e paz.

Viva Cristo Rei!

Pe. Longhini

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, bringing another liturgical year to a close. But what kind of King is Jesus? Unlike the kings of this world, Christ does not rule through force, wealth, or power. His Kingdom is built upon love, truth, justice, and mercy.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Mt 25:31–46), Jesus presents the standard by which we will be judged: the love we show to our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. He teaches us that when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit the sick, or help those who suffer, we are serving Christ Himself.

The history of the Church offers us extraordinary examples of such faithfulness. During the religious persecution in Mexico, Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, a Jesuit priest, continued to carry out his ministry in secret. On November 23, 1927, he was executed, and in the face of death, he proclaimed his faith with the words: “¡Viva Cristo Rey!” — Long Live Christ the King!

His witness reminds us that recognizing Jesus as King means remaining faithful to Him, even in the midst of difficulties.

However, we do not need to face martyrdom to bear witness to our faith. We can proclaim that Christ is our King when we forgive others, help the poor, defend human dignity, and place God at the center of our families.

As we conclude the liturgical year, let us ask ourselves a sincere question: Does Jesus truly reign in my heart and in the choices I make?

May Christ, King of the Universe, transform our families into places of faith, charity, and peace.

Long Live Christ the King!

Fr. Longhini

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