

Sunday, November 21, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 AM
Monday & Tuesday	9:00 AM
Holy Days	9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS - upon request

BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office well in advance.

WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Tuesday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Dee Daly
Administrative Assistant

FINANCE COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 5:45 PM

PARISH COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 6:30 PM

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

21 SUN Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe
Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

✠ 9:00 AM **Todd Mitchell (5th Anniversary)** by Mom

22 Mon Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

NO 9:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM OVCC Thanksgiving Mass in Brandon

23 Tue Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot
Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

✠ 9:00 AM **Queen Family** by the Estate

24 Wed St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

25 Thu Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr;
Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28 (or, for Thanksgiving Day, Sir 50:22-24/
Thes 5:18/LK 17:11-19)

26 Fri Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

27 Sat Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

28 SUN First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

✠ 9:00 AM **Decease members of the Lawrence Family**
by Bill & Elaine Ryan

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP —LPi

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Long Live the King

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian who puts in extra hours on the weekends.

There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was.

Church Offertory

Offertory for 11/21 will appear in next weeks bulletin.

Thanks for making up your envelopes.

**Sunday Nov 21st 2nd Collection
Campaign for Human Development**

**Please return your Christmas Flower
Offering by December 8th**



THANKSGIVING MASS The Otter Valley Catholic Community, the Parishes of Saint Alphonsus and Our Lady of Good Help, will gather for Eucharist on Monday, November 22nd, in Our Lady of Good Help at 7:00pm. All are encouraged to participate in this celebration. Those attending the liturgy are asked to bring canned goods or nonperishable food items and to place them in front of the Altar of Sacrifice when entering the church. The food collected will be donated to the Brandon Food Shelf. Please join us in expressing our gratitude to God for his many blessings we have received.



Fr. Moe

Saint Catherine of Alexandria—November 25th

According to the Legend of St. Catherine, this young woman converted to Christianity after receiving a vision. At the age of 18, when the persecutions began under Maxentius, she went to the emperor and rebuked him for his cruelty. The emperor summoned 50 of the best pagan philosophers and orators to dispute with her, hoping that they would refute her pro-Christian arguments, but Catherine won the debate. Several of her adversaries, conquered by her eloquence, declared themselves Christians and were at once put to death.

Unable to defeat her rhetorically or to intimidate her into giving up her belief, the emperor ordered her to be tortured and imprisoned. Catherine was arrested and scourged. Despite the torture, she did not abandon her faith. Word of her arrest and the power of her faith quickly spread and over 200 people visited her. According to some legends, the emperor's own wife, Valeria Maximilla was converted by Catherine. The emperor eventually executed his own wife over her conversion. However, this is not mentioned in the historical record and may be a legend.

Following her imprisonment, Maxentius made a final attempt to persuade the beautiful Catherine to abandon her faith by proposing marriage to her. This would have made her a powerful empress. Catherine refused, saying she was married to Jesus Christ and that her virginity was dedicated to him.

Sentenced to be executed on a spiked wheel, Catherine touched the wheel and it shattered. She was beheaded. According to legend, angels are said to have carried the body of Saint Catherine to a monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai.

The pursuit of God's wisdom may not lead to riches or earthly honors. In Catherine's case, this pursuit contributed to her martyrdom. She was not, however, foolish in preferring to die for Jesus rather than live only by denying him. All the rewards that her tormentors offered her would rust, lose their beauty, or in some other way become a poor exchange for Catherine's honesty and integrity in following Jesus Christ.

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe



On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

The feast of "Christ the King" was first established in 1925, and Pope Saint Paul VI expanded its name to "King of the Universe" in 1969. Jesus is not just a King of Hearts. He is more than a Universal Coach, Teacher, or Consoler of mankind. By "King of the Universe" the Church is communicating Jesus' metaphysical scale, that God encompasses all of reality, not just man's reality. We say in the Nicene Creed that God created all things visible and invisible. So Jesus is King over all the planets, stars, black holes, quasars, and exploding suns in the blackest corners of remote space. He is King over the earth and all its waterfalls, rainforests, mountain peaks, desert plains, and dark sea floors. He lords over all creation because He is its source. Saint Thomas Aquinas taught correctly when he wrote that God is not the most perfect being inside of creation but Being itself. God is reality, not just the most impressive being inhabiting the reality bubble.

It means that He is not found only in Church. Sunday Mass? Of course. But we need not have our fingers on the rosary to be close to God and Mary at all times. God is found inside of the daily duties that are the stuff of life. This is consoling. We are not distracted from the higher things as we manage a family, earn a living, exercise, raise the kids, or take care of the house. When the Lord is King of Everything, mundanities are not banalities. The world is richer and more alive when our life is an all-inclusive vocation. Jesus reigns and we are His subjects. "We" means our souls, minds, consciences, goals, loves, work, desires, disappointments, and all that makes up our lives. We should be glad to be subject to such a benevolent Monarch.

Christ the King, Your sovereignty over all creation is not heavy. You order all reality toward Yourself and govern Your creatures with justice and humility. Help us to be faithful and subservient to what You desire, so that we can live one day in Your heavenly kingdom. (exert from My catholic life)

THERE ARE VOTIVE CANDLES in front of the Statue of Mary. Feel free before or after Mass to light a candle in honor of Mary, our Mother, and to ask for her powerful intercession.



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