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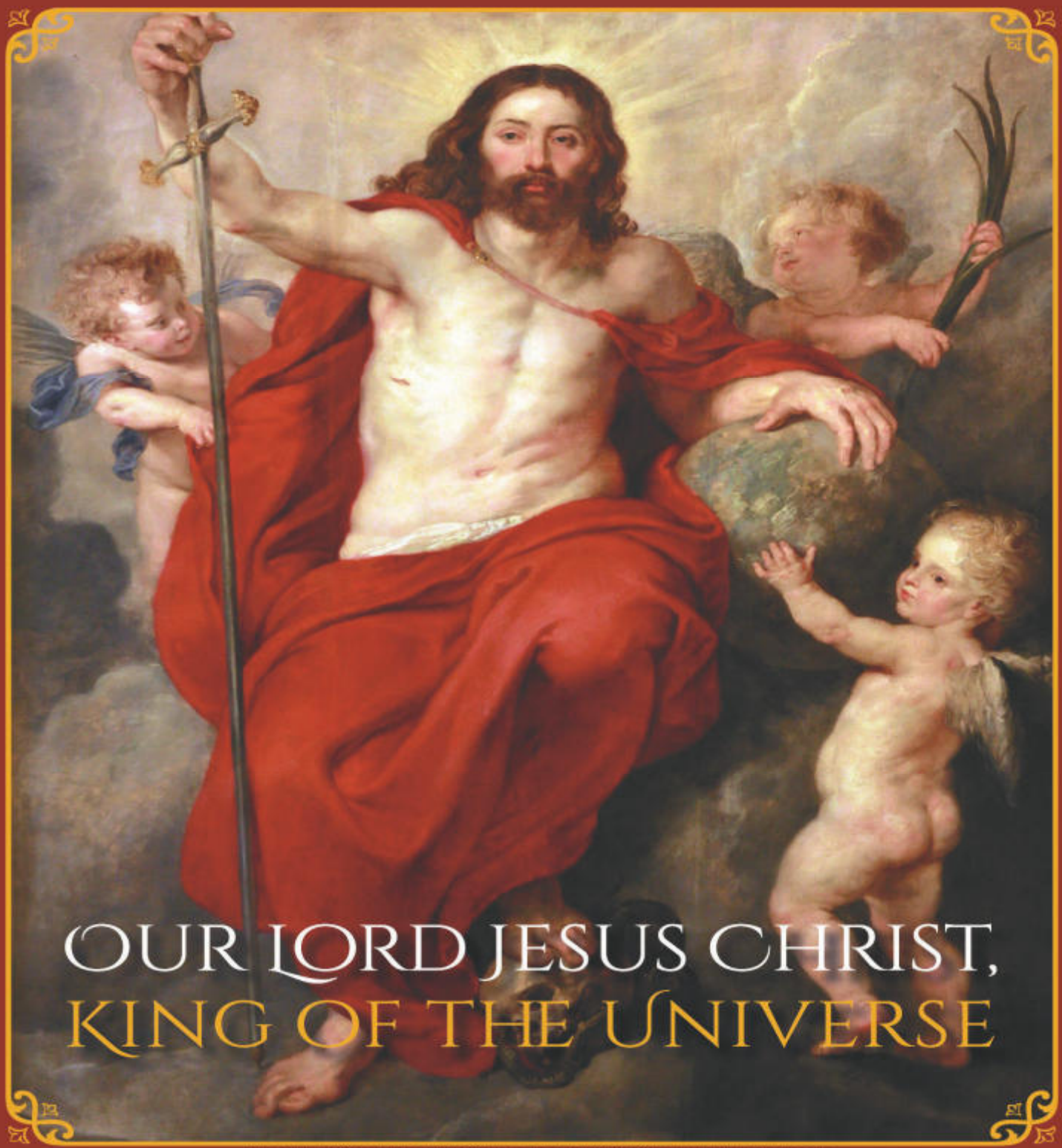

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Liturgy of the Eucharist
4:00PM Saturday
8:00AM, 10:00AM Sunday

Weekday Masses
7:30AM Monday thru Thursday

Holy Days of Obligation
Please consult parish bulletin

Confessions
Saturday 3PM to 3:30PM or by appointment

Sacraments
Please call the office

Cemetery
Please call the office

New Parishioners
If you have just moved to the area, we welcome you to Saint Joseph Parish. If you have any question, please call the office. To register please visit our website: stjosepheppingnh.com

Has Something Changed?? Have you moved, or changed your phone number, email address? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call the Parish Office at 679-8805 or email nh337@comcast.net to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records! Thanks

Monday, November 22ND
No Daily Mass

Tuesday, November 23RD
No Daily Mass

Wednesday, November 24TH
No Daily Mass

Thursday, November 25TH
9AM Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners

Saturday, November 27TH
4:00PM William & Christine Woodhouse, Requested by Woodhouse Family

Sunday, November 28TH
8:00AM John Kaneb, Requested by Colford Family

10:00AM Trevor Boehlert, Requested by John & Judy Nester

Readings for the week of November 21, 2021

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
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BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

We welcome all **Parents** and **expecting Parents** to our Baptismal Preparation Class here at St. Joseph Parish.

Classes will be held the **third Thursday** of every month beginning at **6:30PM**. And is a **requirement** Prior to scheduling a date for your child's baptism.

The class will help answer many of your questions and help prepare you for your child's reception of the Sacrament of Baptism. You will find it very informative and interactive. Please contact Deacon Terry Sullivan at saintjosephdeacon@comcast.net.

From the Desk of
Deacon Terry
November 21, 2021
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ: "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, / to testify to the truth."

Jesus stands before Pontius Pilate, accused of proclaiming himself "King of the Jews" and therefore threatening Caesar's rule of the land of Israel. This is not the nature of Jesus's kingship, however. He has no designs on political control and yet, his power extends over every nation of the earth.

Earlier in John's Gospel, in the Last Supper discourses, Jesus revealed to his disciples, "I am the way the truth and the life." Jesus's kingship is written into the laws of reality as certainly as the sun rises and sets each day.

Jesus tells Pilate, "I came into the world. / to testify to the truth. / Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." In our lives as disciples of Christ, we are called to proclaim the reality of Jesus's kingship in word and deed. In this way we hold fast to the truth that Jesus came to testify to.

God Bless your Heart!!
Dc. Terry

GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be in the Narthex beginning Nov. 27-28, the first Weekend of Advent. The gifts will benefit area foster children, residents of the Rockingham County Nursing home and parishioners in need throughout the year.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE TAG WITH THE GIFT AND DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS. If you would like to include the gift bag or wrapping paper that would be appreciated. **All gifts must be returned by DECEMBER 13TH.**

THANKSGIVING FREE-WILL OFFERING - Weekend of Nov. 20-21 and on Thanksgiving there will be a basket in the Narthex for monetary or gift card donations for the local Food Pantries. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those in need.

THANKSGIVING MASS - VIRTUAL BLESSING OF BREAD AND WINE TO BE SERVED AT YOUR THANKSGIVING MEAL. Again this year we ask that you NOT bring your Thanksgiving meal bread and wine to the Thanksgiving Day Mass. A general blessing will be given.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Rather than providing food baskets as we have traditionally done we ask that you make a donation via the Holiday Basket envelope or give a gift card for the local grocery stores (Hannaford, Market Basket or Walmart). There are envelopes in the Narthex. All donations may be returned in the box marked "Food Baskets."

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS ENVIRONMENT - It is that time again! Are you able to help with the church preparations for Advent and Christmas? There are many tasks, some of which can be done at home. If you would like to lend a hand, please see/contact Nancy King or Kathy Bean, or leave your name and number with Jackie in the office.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

We warmly welcome Mason Anastasoff who was given new life through Water and the Holy Spirit in our Parish Community. To his parents and Godparents, we extend our congratulations and prayerful support as they live out the commitment they made to be "the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith".

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOLARSHIP

Saint Joseph Parish would like to make you aware of the Saint Joseph Educational Fund. This year four scholarships will be awarded to children of Parish members. Two scholarships for $1,000 will be presented to students pursuing a Catholic education in elementary and middle school. A $2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a Catholic education in high school, and a $3,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a college degree. Scholarships will be awarded based upon various criteria including academic performance, Parish involvement, and community involvement.

We are extending the application deadline to December 31st. We encourage all interested students to apply, **even if you were awarded one last year.** Guidelines and an application are available in the narthex. Additionally, you can get them at www.stjosepheppingnh.com or by calling (603)-679-8805.

COLD AND FLU SEASON

It's Flu Season! The following are prevention tips from Center for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov)

Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading the illness to others.

If you know you are not feeling well, please consider others.

WEEKLY COLLECTION
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Not available due to early publication

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - 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.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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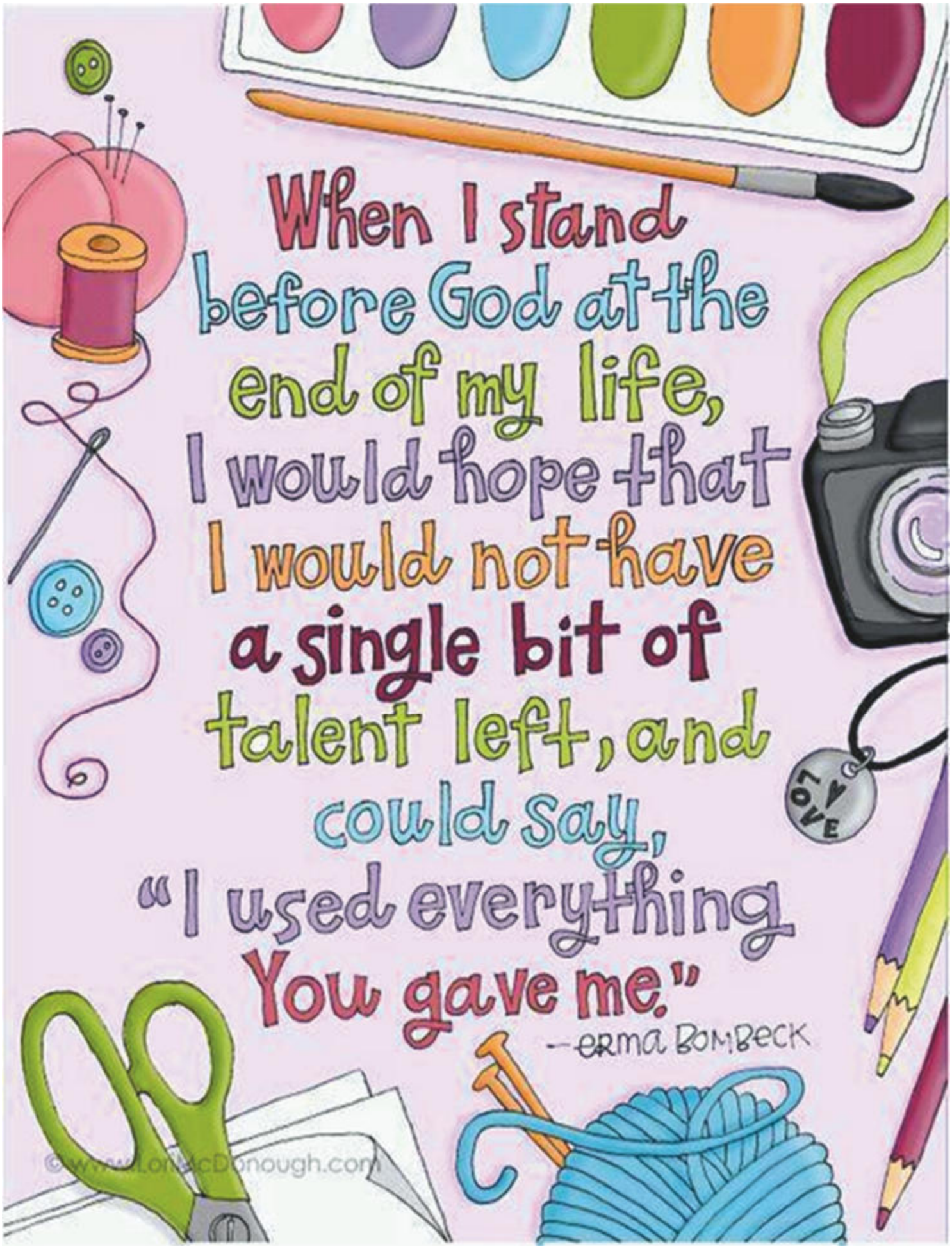
Men of St. Joseph

"The men of St. Joseph" builds the community of Men, by building a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and leading our families to him.

The men of St. Joseph will be gathering the 3rd, Saturday of every month at 7:00AM "May St. Joseph grant us the heart of the father and the soul of a warrior."

Please email John McCormack if you plan to attend so we have correct count for breakfast. Email: mccormack07@concast.net

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe - November 21, 2021 That Christ the King will draw all men and women to the truth of their vocations by listening to His voice in prayer and then actively following His call to the praise of His glory, we pray to the Lord.


When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything You gave me."
-Erma Bombeck
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