

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

The HBO series Game of Thrones is a critical and ratings success. It has now completed two seasons and a third is on its way in the spring. The genre show has gained wide appeal, something that doesn't always happen in the convoluted world of fantasy genre. Since the beginning, fan sites have sprung up alongside the official HBO website to help new viewers keep track of the characters. The HBO site even includes a family tree so that viewers can remember who is connected to whom. The basic plot of the show involves the struggle to hold on to power in a kingdom that is threatened by internal strife and natural disaster. Various heirs and other nobles form and reform alliances in an attempt to stay alive. The court intrigue is shown in all its bloody detail.

The Gospel on this feast of Christ the King gives an entirely different picture of kingship. We only have a small snippet from John's Passion narrative, but it is enough to remind of the entire story that we hear on Good Friday. In John's Gospel, Jesus is completely in charge. He is no victim of the crowds. He willingly lays down his life and he takes it up again. Unlike the characters in Game of Thrones, the members of Christ's family are not scheming for power behind the back of the ruler, because his kingdom is not of this world. He reigns beyond the power of any foe to depose him.

Being an attendant of Christ (to use the word from the Gospel) is to listen to the voice of the King. As our prayers tell us today, he rules over "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." So many television viewers are enamored of Game of Thrones. Hopefully our example will invite others to be a part of the kingdom of Christ.

Mass Intentions for the Week

November 24-December 2

Saturday, 11/24, 4:00 PM – Verna Davis

Sunday, 11/25, 8:00 AM – Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, 12/2, 10:00 AM – For St. Andrew Parishioners

*****DATES TO REMEMBER*****

Monday, November 26:

12:05 PM - Daily Mass

Tuesday, November 27:

12:30 PM - Bible Discussion Session

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 28:

12:05 PM - Daily Mass:

Thursday, November 29:

12:05 PM – Daily Mass

Friday, November 30:

12:05 PM - Daily Mass

7:00 PM - Ultreya

Saturday, December 1:

7:30 AM -Men's Group -"Saturday Morning Disciples"

*****READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



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." - Jn 18:36