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·Newsletter of The Immaculata Church·

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

November 21, 2021

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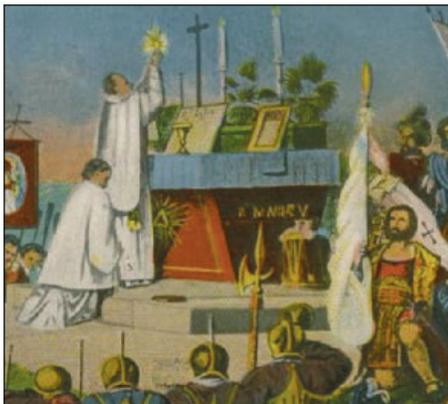
The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.  
-Psalm 93

Welcome to  
The Immaculata



## The Catholic Origins of Thanksgiving!

by Taylor Marshall, [catholiceducation.org](http://catholiceducation.org)



History books will tell you that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the pilgrims in 1621. Not true.

An interesting bit of trivia is that the first American Thanksgiving was actually celebrated on September 8, 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida. The Native Americans and Spanish settlers held a feast and the Holy Mass was offered.

A second similar "Thanksgiving" celebration occurred on American soil on April 30, 1598 in Texas when Don Juan de Oñate declared a day of Thanksgiving to be commemorated by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Catholic origins of Thanksgiving don't stop there. Squanto, the beloved hero of Thanksgiving, was the Native American man who mediated between the Puritan

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# Immaculata Music Ministry

## Black Catholic History Month's Music

by Dr. Steven Van Wye, Music Director



## Black Catholic History Month

**John W. Work III**  
(1901-1967)

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Our featured hymn is "He Is King of Kings" by John W. Work III (1901-1967). Here is the text for this powerful hymn:

*He is King of Kings, He is Lord of Lords.  
Jesus Christ the first and last, no one works like Him.  
He built his throne up in the air, no one works like Him.  
And called his saints from ev'ry where, no one works like Him.  
He pitched his tents on Canaan's ground, no one works like Him.  
And broke the Roman kingdom down, no one works like Him.*

Composer John W. Work III came from a family of professional musicians. His grandfather, John Wesley Work, was a church choir director in Nashville, where he wrote and arranged music for his choirs. Some of his choristers were members of the original Fisk Jubilee Singers. His father, John Wesley Work, Jr., was a singer, folksong collector, and professor of music, Latin, and history at Fisk. His mother, Agnes Haynes Work, was a singer who helped train the Fisk group. His uncle, Frederick Jerome Work, also collected and arranged folksongs, and his brother, Julian, became a professional musician and composer.

Work received a Bachelors music degree from Fisk University and a Masters in Music at the Institute of Musical Art in New York City, which is now called Juilliard University. Work began composing while still in high school and continued throughout his career, completing over one hundred compositions in a variety of musical forms. He was awarded first prize in the 1946 competition of the Federation of American Composers for his cantata The Singers, and in 1947 he received an award from the National Association of Negro Musicians. In 1963 he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Fisk University.

Having myself been inspired by the music of many black composers, I have had the privilege of composing an arrangement on this hymn for today's liturgy in honor of this month. We will be singing my new arrangement for "He Is King of Kings" today at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses. It is dedicated to all parishioners here at The Immaculata.

*("The Catholic Origins of Thanksgiving!" continuation from page 1)*

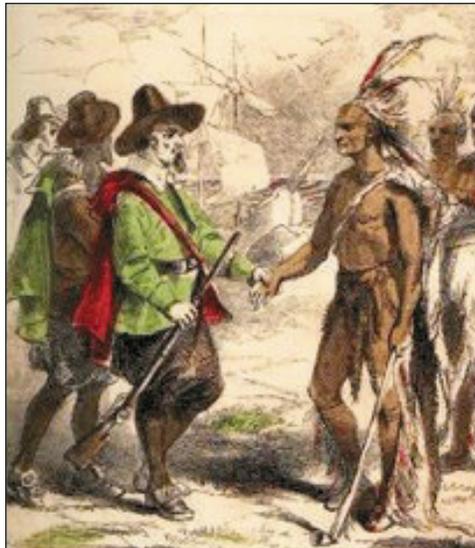
Pilgrims and the Native Americans. Squanto had been enslaved by the English but he was freed by Spanish Franciscans. Squanto thus received baptism and became a Catholic. So it was a baptized Catholic Native American who orchestrated what became known as Thanksgiving.

All that being said, Thanksgiving is traditional Protestant and marks the tradition of religious toleration (something in which the Puritan pilgrims did not actually believe — they set up a "theocracy").

My wife once taught at an high-church Episcopalian/Anglican classical school in Philadelphia. The school consciously played down the significance of Thanksgiving. Why? The reason is simple. At root, Thanksgiving commemorates the good fortune of political and ecclesiastical rebels against the Church of England and the Anglican tradition as a whole.

It all started with Richard Clyfton who was a Church of England parson in Nottinghamshire in the early 1600s. Clifton sympathized with the Separatists of that era. Separatists were Calvinistic non-conformists to the doctrine and liturgy of the Church of England. The Hampton Court Conference held by King James I (1604) condemned those who would not conform to the more outwardly Catholic usages in the Church of England (e.g. robes, candles, bowing the head at the name of Christ, processions). The result was that Richard Clyfton was "defrocked" and stripped of his clerical status in the Church of England. Shortly thereafter Richard Clyfton went to Amsterdam and was followed by his disciples: the Pilgrims.

These Pilgrims moved around a bit until finally coming to America in 1620. An interesting bit of trivia is that one child was born on board the Mayflower while at sea. The child was given the rather lame name: "Oceanus". Poor child.



In 1621, the Pilgrims allegedly celebrated a happy meal with the Native Americans and the rest is history. So why would an Anglican school be against Thanksgiving? It celebrates those who defied the Church of England and the Crown of England.

Now that I'm no longer an Anglican and now a Catholic, things are a bit different. The penal laws of England regarding non-conformists affected not only the rigorous Calvinistic Puritans in England, but also the English Catholic recusants. The Pilgrims shared the same lot as the Catholic faithful of England. Interestingly enough, the Catholics who lived in Nottinghamshire where the Pilgrims originated were persecuted mercilessly.

So while Thanksgiving may celebrate the Calvinists Separatists who fled England, Catholics might remember the same unjust laws that granted the crown of martyrdom to Thomas More, John Fisher, Edmund Campion, et al. are the same injustices that led the Pilgrims to Plymouth.

And let everyone remember that "Thanksgiving" in Greek is Eucharistia. Thus, the Body and Blood of Christ is the true "Thanksgiving Meal".

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### Mission Statement of The Immaculata

Inspired and strengthened by the Sacraments, Scripture, and Liturgy, we are a vibrant, diverse Roman Catholic community called to serve as faithful disciples of Christ in our lives and ministries. With our Blessed Mother to guide us, we strive to be a beacon of faith and a spiritual home to all who seek God.

### MASSES

**Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.**  
(inside the church & livestreamed)

**Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.**  
(inside the church)

**Sunday 7:30 a.m.**  
(inside the church & livestreamed)

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**  
(inside the church)

**Sunday 11:00 a.m.**  
(inside the church)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Tuesdays: 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturdays**  
**3:30 p.m.– 4:15 p.m.**  
(Inside the church)

### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

**Closed on Saturday**

**Sunday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

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## Mass Readings & Intentions

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**November 21, 2021**

#### First Reading

One like a Son of man received dominion,  
glory, and kingship.  
*Daniel 7:13-14*

#### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.  
*Psalms 93*

#### Second Reading

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead.  
*Revelation 1:5-8*

#### Gospel

For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.  
*John 18:33-37*

#### Intentions:

7:30 a.m. For an end to the pandemic  
& for its victims  
9:00 a.m. For the sick of the parish  
11:00 a.m. For all parishioners

#### Monday, November 22

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

#### Intentions:

8:00 a.m. +Gene Grabbe

#### Tuesday, November 23

Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

**Intention:** +Attilio DiGiacobbe

#### Wednesday, November 24

Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

**Intention:** +George Canning

#### Thursday, November 25

Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28  
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24;  
Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

**Intention:** Thanksgiving

#### Friday, November 26

Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

**Intention:** +Joachim Than Phan

#### Saturday, November 27

Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

#### Intentions:

8:00 a.m. + Sallie Graber  
4:30 p.m. Steve Lantsberger

## Ministries & Programs

### Councils

Finance Council

Pastoral Council

### Evangelization

New Parishioner Welcome

### Faith Formation

#### Adult

Adult Faith Formation  
Becoming Catholic (RCIA)  
Book Club  
Immaculata Young Adults  
Vocations

#### Youth

High School Youth  
Infant Baptism  
Middle School Youth  
Family-Centered Faith Formation

### Family Life & Spirituality

Bereavement Ministry  
Childcare  
Divorce Support  
Homebound Ministry  
Knights of Columbus  
Ladies of The Immaculata  
Marriage Enrichment  
Men's Chastity

Mental Health Ministry  
Parent Faith Sharing  
Parish Rosary  
Prayer Support for the Engaged  
Sacred Shuttles: Rides to Mass  
Witness to Love Marriage Preparation  
Senior Ministry

### Liturgy

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Altar Linen Care  
Altar Servers  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Kids Pew Krew  
Lectors

Liturgical Environment  
Music Ministry  
Ushers/Greeters  
Youth Music Ministry  
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

### Parish Fellowship

Divine Diners

Donut Ministry

Parish Events

Creation Care Team  
Food Pantry  
Give-Back Sunday Team

Safe Families for Children  
St. Vincent de Paul

### Stewardship

### Other

Mailing Volunteers

Safe Environment

**For more information on how to get involved in any of our parish ministries & programs contact the parish office (619) 574-5700 or visit [themaculata.org](http://themaculata.org) and click on the Ministries tab**

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## Catholic Social Teaching: The Dignity of Work and the Rights of the Worker



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*"Work is about more than making a living; it is a form of participation in the creative work of God. People have a right to decent, meaningful work and fair wages. Work should promote the dignity of the worker. Our economy exists to serve people, not vice versa. Our faith calls us to demand justice for all workers and a just economy that serves the life and dignity of all."* -United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003, "In the Footsteps of Jesus: Catholic Social Teaching at Work Today"

Pope Leo XIII is considered the first Pope to take a significant stance on the social teachings of the Catholic Church. In 1891, he wrote the encyclical "On the Condition of the Worker" (Rerum Novarum). The rights and responsibilities of workers have been repeated many times in papal encyclicals. Typically every ten years over the past 130 years, the current Pope has issued a major statement about the importance of the way workers are regarded in our society. And yet the wealth gap between wealthy nations and poor nations, between wealthy owners and poor laborers has widened. We have personally witnessed how lowest paid "essential workers" sustained the economy through their efforts while experiencing the greatest risk of exposure to the Corona virus.

In the 1970's Pope Paul VI gave us a clear "Call to Action" in which he directed individual Christians to work for social and political reform to promote social justice. We are reminded that short term charity is not enough; long term change in justice must be our Christian mission as well. If we "see" God in the work of each human person, we "hear" the call for dignity and respect for each worker in God's creation.

Let us ask ourselves:

1. When possible, do I buy products produced by workers whose rights and dignity were respected?
2. Addressing the rights of all workers, do I support adequate wages, health insurance, vacation and sick leave?
3. Do I affirm the right to form unions or worker associations?



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### Wisdom from Pope John XXIII

*"...both workers and employers should regulate their mutual relations in accordance with the principle of human solidarity and Christian brotherhood."*

- Encyclical on Christianity & Social Progress, Paragraph #23 - May 1961



[Read now...](#)

## WATCH



**As consumers, do we think about the workers that created each**

**product?** This short video on **Dignity of Work and Workers** speaks to the importance of the rights of all workers to fair wages and working conditions.

[Watch now...](#)

## PRAY



In their **Prayer for the Elimination of Racism**, the Augustinians pray

to "abolish social structures and systems which inhibit economic, educational and social advancement of the poor."

**Let us join them in prayer.**

[Pray now...](#)

## READ



**The right to meaningful work** is often difficult to find for those completing their

prison sentences. "**Worth Taking A Chance**" shares the importance of programs of rehabilitation and restoration for people after prison.

[Read now...](#)

## Immaculata Announcements

### 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass Update

Sunday, November 21 will be the last 7:30 a.m. Mass. Beginning November 28 the 9:00 a.m. Mass will be livestreamed instead of the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

### Father Joe’s Villages 5 K Walk



**Important Information:** Your event registration includes race admission, a Thanksgiving 5K shirt, and a bib number. Please plan on picking up your race packets on Wednesday, November 24 between 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Road Runner Sports, 5553 Copley Drive, San Diego, CA. **We will also be handing out the Immaculata Parish Community t-shirts at this time.** Please look for an Immaculata Parish Community t-shirt pick sign.

**Day of Walk Information:** There is a pre-race Mass which begins at 6:30 a.m. in front of the Museum of Art in Balboa Park. **Please scan the QR Code above for location details.** It’s a beautiful way to start Thanksgiving and we hope that you will join in the celebration. If you are unable to do so, please plan on meeting our Parish Community at the Museum of Art by no later than 7:00 a.m., as we will want to take a team photo before the race. The race/walk starts promptly at 7:30 a.m.

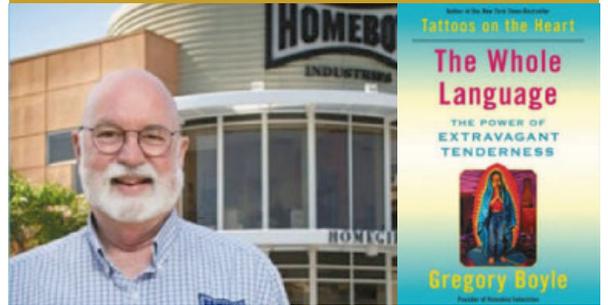
## Courtesy Announcements

### Not Alone—A Christ-centered Support, Recovery, and Process Group For Women

For women recovering from physical, emotional, or sexual trauma integrating one’s faith and spiritual practices while growing a personal relationship with God has helped many in recovery from the effects of emotional, physical, or sexual trauma. The complex consequences often create hidden and ongoing psychological and spiritual wounds impacting one’s life captivated by past hurts and difficulties. Problems may affect personal growth, contentment, and one’s ability to cope and fully enjoy relationships. Sharing stories in a small group while inviting Jesus into brokenness can support the healing process to grieve and release the pain of the past. Participants will be able to share in a safe, confidential small group while developing awareness of how such experiences may impact one’s life and wellbeing. Topics will include: Being the beloved, trusting God, fear, worry, anger, shame, addictions, healthy relationships and forgiveness.

Twelve sessions. January-May. Exact dates TBD. Via Zoom Thursday afternoons. Exact time TBD. Fee: Cost of the books. \$50 donation to Generate Hope, a recovery house for victims of sex trafficking. For more information and or to obtain an application, please contact Anne at [annerichardson58@gmail.com](mailto:annerichardson58@gmail.com). Or visit [www.annemarietherichardson.com](http://www.annemarietherichardson.com).

## Courtesy Announcements



### Gregory Boyle Discussing “The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness”

Come join us as we tackle trash along the Tuesday November 23 at 7:00 p.m. Shiley Theatre. 5998 Alcala Park San Diego, CA 92110. Warwick’s, in partnership with USD’s College of Arts and Sciences presents New York bestselling author of Tattoos on the Heart & founder of Homeboys Industries. Cost: \$27 +tax and fee. Includes one general admission & one copy of The Whole Language. Check-in doors open at 6:15 p.m. / Seating first-come, first-served.

**For more information, visit [warwicks.com](http://warwicks.com).**

## Stewardship of Treasure

*For where your treasure is, There also will your heart be. -Matthew 6:21*

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# The Last Word



"Adoration is homage of the spirit to the 'King of Glory,' respectful silence in the presence of the 'ever greater' God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church (2628)

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

at the Immaculata Church

Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. &

Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Sunday Live-stream Mass Update

Starting November 28, Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass will be live-streamed instead of the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Look for the live-stream button on the top menu at [theimmaculata.org](http://theimmaculata.org)

## Keep in Your Prayers

*Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly father.*

Matthew 18:19

## Healing

Alma Church  
Lucia Yandell  
Sandy Perretti  
Bruce Perretti  
Riley Manahan  
Leonard Hayden  
Dawn Pathman  
Marion Griffin

Michael Ebipane  
Gina DeLapa  
Marian Oddo  
Rita Winrow  
Millie Prior  
Bruce Boorman  
Guy Riddle

The sick list is updated on a monthly basis. Please call the parish office to add a parishioner to the list.

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## Words of Wisdom

### THANKFUL HEART

**A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.**

—Cicero